

# News from the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders

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## Office on Aging Offers Farmers Market Vouchers

### *Eligible Residents Can Safely Pick Up Vouchers at Curbside*

**SOMERVILLE NJ**– The Farmers Market Voucher Program has returned. The Office on Aging and Disability Services is offering farmers market vouchers worth \$30 to eligible applicants. Vouchers can only be used at participating farmers' markets for the purchase of fresh New Jersey produce up until **November 30**. Vouchers will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis and eligible recipients will be able to obtain their vouchers at curbside pickup. For a list of curbside pickup sites, visit <https://bit.ly/CurbsidePickup2020>. Social distancing and masks are required.

Residents who are interested in applying must contact the Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning July 13, 2020. County staff will be available to answer residents' questions by phone toll-free at 1-888-747-1122 or call 908-704-6346.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

Individuals must reside in Somerset County and be 60 years of age or older. An individual's income cannot exceed \$23,606, and a married couple's income cannot exceed \$31,894. Applicants will be required to sign a Self-Declaration of Income form, which states that he or she meets the income guidelines. To receive vouchers, applicants will also be required to fill out a registration form. This year, Individuals **will not** have to provide proof of identity/residency or income.

#### **Proxy (A Representative for Applicant)**

If participants are unable to visit any of the voucher pickup sites, they may send a representative to fill out their paperwork and get his/her vouchers. The representative must be at least 16-years of age or older. A proxy can represent as many individuals as they would like. The proxy **will not** have to provide identification.

#### **Participating Farm Stands**

Farmers Markets that are accepting vouchers this season are Ripple Hill Farms, Basking Ridge; Bernardsville Farmers Market, Bernardsville; Bridgewater Farmers Market, Bridgewater; Hillsborough Farm County Market, Hillsborough; Dukes Farm to Table Market, Hillsborough; Norz-Hill Farm & Market, Hillsborough; Manville Farmers Market, Manville; Montgomery Farmers Market, Montgomery; John H. Drake Farm, Skillman; North Plainfield Farmers Market, North Plainfield.

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