

SB 1567: Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program

Supporting good nutrition and health for our seniors,
and the economic health of our farmers.

Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program (S-FDNP) vouchers for fruits and vegetables allow low-income seniors to eat a more nutritious diet while supporting local farmers. State investments, along with significant federal dollars provide vouchers worth \$32 for seniors. Currently, only 53% of eligible* seniors receive vouchers.



Fixed incomes put seniors at particular risk to experience hunger.

Healthy eating habits and food values support us throughout our lives. Improved access to fresh produce increases food security in local communities, helps seniors stay healthy, and supports Oregon agriculture.

* A senior is considered eligible if they meet the following criteria on April 1 of the current year: are at least 60 years of age, participate in SNAP or Medicaid and make below 135% of the Federal Poverty Level.

The Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program Helps Oregon

- SB 1567 provides an additional investment of \$350,000 that will provide vouchers to approximately 10,000 eligible seniors.
- In 2011, over \$800,000 was paid to Oregon farmers through the Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program.
- This program supports local agriculture by providing additional customers for more than 600 farmers across the state.
- It also, promotes the growth of family farms by creating a larger market for local fruits and vegetables.

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