

Since 2015, the Washington State Department of Health and dozens of partners have implemented Fruit and Vegetable Incentive programs at farmers markets and grocery stores to make healthy food more affordable for low-income families in Washington.

With funding from Washington State, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and local and private entities, the Fruit and Vegetable Incentives Program helps Washington families on limited budgets afford more fruits and vegetables. The Fruit and Vegetable Incentives Program Includes:

SNAP Market Match

At participating farmers markets and farm stands, shoppers who use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits get extra benefits to spend on fruits and vegetables.

"The program is a great opportunity for me to eat fresh fruit and veggies. It was absolutely a blessing. It really helps to ensure that I can choose the healthier food. Otherwise I cannot." -participant

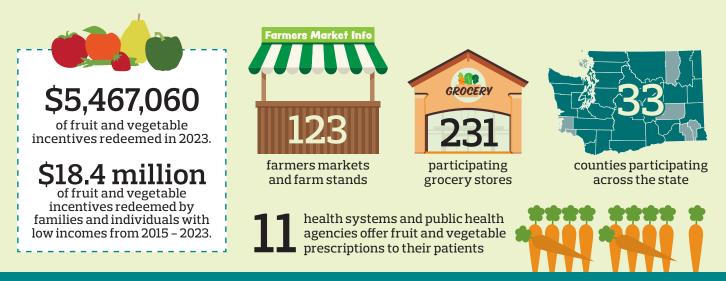
Fruit & Vegetable Prescriptions

At select healthcare sites, providers are prescribing fruits and vegetables to patients. The prescription is used like cash to buy fruits and vegetables at participating retailers.

"I can actually have options and I can debate on what I want to get. And that's actually really nice to have for somebody, because that gives them a lot of freedom and power in such a small tiny way, but it's big overall." —participant

SNAP Produce Match

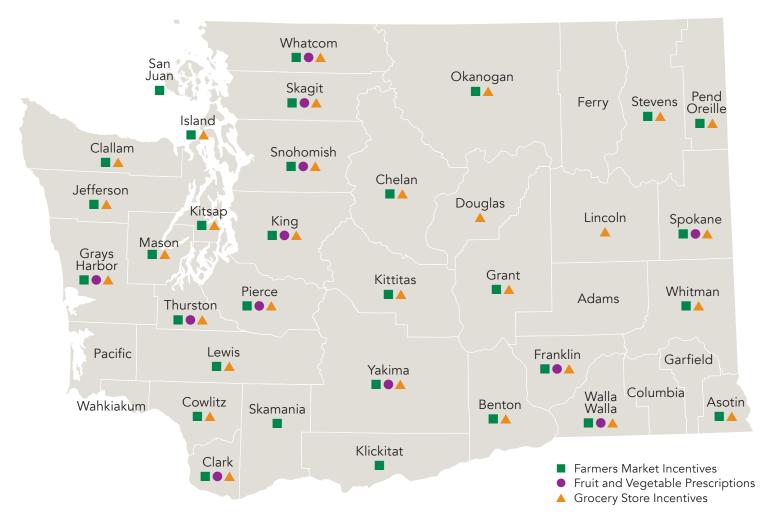
At participating grocery stores in Washington, customers who use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase fruits and vegetables receive a discount or coupon for their next fruit and vegetable purchase.



For more information, contact FVIP@doh.wa.gov or visit doh.wa.gov/FVIP.



Locations of Washington State's Fruit and Vegetable Incentives Strategies



Fruit and Vegetable Incentives Program Community Advisory Network

The Community Advisory Network (CAN) is made up of people across the state of Washington who use SNAP benefits. Members provide input and share first-person expertise that shape FVIP and SNAP-Ed's program development. The network was started in 2021 and is coordinated by Northwest Harvest and, in 2023, included 12 members from 7 counties.



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