

# Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition Program Checks (WIC & Senior)

## 2016 Update for Farmers

The **Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition Program (FDNP)** is a state-administered USDA nutrition program that will bring over one million dollars to Oregon farmers in 2016. FDNP funds take the form of pre-printed checks and go to some of the nutritionally at-risk young families enrolled in the WIC (Women, Infants & Children) program, and to eligible low-income seniors.

FDNP recipients will receive green \$4 checks to spend with authorized farmers who sell their own produce at farm stands and farmers' markets. (See below for a picture of the check.)

FDNP checks are for locally-grown fresh, unprocessed fruit, vegetables and cut herbs. The FDNP checks are good from June 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

**If you were authorized last year to accept the green FDNP checks:** Look for a packet in the mail from the Oregon Department of Agriculture, starting March 1!

**If you are new to the FDNP:** Please call the Oregon Department of Agriculture at 503-872-6600 for an application packet.

The image shows a sample check from the Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition Program. The check is green and features the Oregon State Seal in the center. Key details include:

- Program Name:** Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition Program
- ACCT#:** 2072110873
- Check Number:** 64-1968 611
- Amount:** 3000000 (written in red)
- Value:** \$4.00 (written in large black font)
- Text below value:** Four Dollars, No change given
- Validity Dates:** First day to use: June 1, 2016; Last day to use: Oct. 31, 2016
- Pay to the order of:** Authorized Farmers (Not valid at grocery stores)
- Usage Instructions:** Use to buy locally grown, unprocessed fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs only.
- Farmer Stamp Area:** Farmer stamp here
- Deposit Deadline:** Farmer must deposit by Nov. 30, 2016
- Bank Information:** UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512. Sponsored by the US Dept. of Agriculture, Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Dept. of Agriculture.
- Barcode:** A barcode at the bottom with the number 30000000400.

Sample FDNP check (for Senior and WIC recipients)