



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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SENATOR BONACIC ANNOUNCES THAT 42nd SENATE DISTRICT SENIORS ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR FREE PRODUCE AT LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

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(Middletown, NY)- Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) is pleased to announce that seniors in Sullivan, Orange, Delaware and Ulster counties will have access to free produce at local farmers markets, as part of NY State's Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. The program gives \$20 coupons to low-income seniors that can be redeemed at certain farmers markets across the state. The funding for this initiative was included in this year's state budget as a way to boost nutrition, and increase access to farm-fresh fruits and vegetables.

"Having access to fresh, quality, locally sourced produce has tangible benefits not only for those consuming the food, but those supplying it," said Senator Bonacic. "By providing locally grown fruits and vegetables to seniors, we are helping ensure that they are receiving the necessary nutrition that they need."

Coupon booklets will be made available over the next few weeks through local county Offices for the Aging. The coupons can be redeemed at participating farmers markets in Sullivan, Orange, Delaware and Ulster counties.

For information on the distribution in Orange County, call 845-615-3700

In Sullivan County, call 845-807-0241

In Delaware County, call 607-746-6333

In Ulster County, call 845-340-3456

For a complete list of the participating farmers markets, visit Senator Bonacic's website, bonacic.nysenate.gov.

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