TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Encouraging Food Stamp Recipients to Use Their Coupons at Farmer's Markets

ATTACHMENTS: Information Sheet On The USDA Effort - not available online

This is to notify all local social services districts that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking assistance from this Department and the State Department of Agriculture in initiating an effort to encourage:

- farmers and farmers' markets to become authorized to accept food stamps; and
- food stamp recipients to use their coupons at authorized farmers' markets.

Attached is an information sheet on the USDA effort. Questions concerning this memorandum should be directed to your district's food stamp representative at 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-9225.

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