



Farmers' Markets and Urban Agriculture

The SHIP – Minneapolis Farmers' Market and Urban Agriculture Projects support community residents' efforts to grow and purchase more fresh fruits and vegetables by expanding access to EBT at farmers' markets and by making more land available for urban food production and distribution.

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Homegrown Minneapolis

Recommendations from Homegrown Minneapolis informed the strategies described here. For more information, please visit:
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/dhfs/homegrown-home.asp>

Accessing Healthy Food in Minneapolis

- Minneapolis has over 80 community gardens used for food production but these gardens are not equally distributed across the city and most have waiting lists to join.
- Minneapolis has 21 farmers' markets, including 12 mini-farm stands, but only 1 accepts EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer). All markets currently accept Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) coupons.

Strategies to Increase Access to Healthy Foods

- **EBT at farmers' markets:** MDHFS will work with two markets to implement EBT in 2010 so that residents can use food stamp dollars to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at the markets. MDHFS will encourage additional markets to sign on in 2011, eventually establishing a coordinated city-wide system of EBT at all markets.
- **Urban Agriculture Plan:** The City of Minneapolis will develop a comprehensive policy to guide land use decisions related to urban food production and distribution. The policy will help make more land available for growing food (through community and commercial gardens and urban farms) and for distributing food (at farmers' markets, food co-ops, and other retail locations).



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Initial Activities

- **EBT at farmers' markets:** MDHFS is supporting the Northeast Farmers' Market and the Main Minneapolis Market in their efforts to implement EBT for the 2010 market season. Both markets will kick-off their EBT programs in mid-July 2010! These markets will join the Midtown Farmers' Market which already offers EBT to its customers.

Main Minneapolis Farmers' Market - 312 E Lyndale Ave N

Fridays, 6am – 1pm and Saturdays & Sundays, 6am – 2pm

April 24th – mid-Nov

Northeast Minneapolis Farmers' Market – University Ave NE & 7th Ave E (Boniface Church)

Saturdays, 9am – 1pm

June 3rd – Oct 16th

Midtown Farmers' Market – E Lake St & 22nd Ave S (next to YWCA)

Saturdays, 8am - 1pm (May 1st – Oct 30th)

Tuesdays, 3pm – 7pm (June 1st – Oct 26th)

- **Urban Agriculture Plan:** As part of the Plan, the City of Minneapolis has launched a Community Gardens Pilot Program and has identified 17 parcels of city-owned land that are available to start new community gardens! Many are located in areas of the city with few existing gardens. Interested organizations can apply to lease one or multiple parcels at a low cost. Please visit the Homegrown Minneapolis website (see sidebar) for application materials and resources.

City Parcels Available for Community Gardens

1508 25th St E	3246 Emerson Ave N	4169 Washington Ave N	2445 15th Ave S
1313 Golden Valley Rd	308 6th St N	918 26th Ave N	2640 17th Ave S
1912 36th Ave N	2820 18th Ave S	1213 Spring St NE	
2510 Penn Ave N	2928 18th Ave S	4641 Hiawatha Ave	
2516 Humboldt Ave N	3437 15th Ave S	2213 Chicago Ave	

