

2020 Illinois Products Farmers' Market Explanation of LINK Benefits

At no time may a retailer exchange food stamp benefits for cash. Any retailer who exchanges food stamp benefits for cash, allows a customer to purchase ineligible items with their food stamp benefits or purchases an Illinois Link card for cash, may lose the privilege to participate in the Food Stamp program and could be subject to federal and state civil or criminal prosecution.

Eligible Food Purchases

The following is a review of those food categories that can be purchased on the food stamp program with the EBT card:

- Any food intended to be eaten at home by people, including snacks, beverages, and seasonings.
- Seeds and plants to grow food (not flowers or birdseed).
- Cold prepared items, such as salads and sandwiches, intended to be eaten at home.
- Food purchased cold, then heated in the store and consumed outside the store.

Ineligible Food Purchases

Funds in the recipient's food stamp account cannot be used to purchase the following items:

- Alcoholic beverages and cigarettes/tobacco products.
- Hot foods ready to eat.
- Hot or cold food to be eaten at a lunch counter, in a dining area, or anywhere else in the store.
- Vitamins or medicines.
- Pet foods.
- Any non-food items such as tissues, soaps, or other household goods.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs or disability.

Please Check One:

- I have read the above form and agree to follow all rules associated with LINK. I understand that failure to follow these rules may result in removal from the Illinois Products Farmers' Market.**
- I defer participation in the LINK program. I understand that accepting LINK benefits may result in removal from the Illinois Products Farmers' Market.**

****By typing your name below, you agree that this is valid as your signature.***

Signature

Date