

Food Coupons for Veterans in New York State

New York State, under the new Fresh Direct program, the State is sending directly to qualified veterans a group of \$2 coupons that supplement the SNAP benefits those veterans and their families receive.

Those coupons may be used at participating farmers' market where Farm Market Nutrition Coupons are accepted and SNAP benefits are available. The Warwick Farmers' Market on South Street every Sunday is one of these participating locations. The coupons may be used on any food item that is covered under the SNAP program (taking it home to prepare is the criterion).

WV Farmers' Market now is approved to accept SNAP benefits and issue tokens to customers. Our vendors will also be able to accept the \$2 coupons (slightly larger than a dollar bill). The State has made it very easy for vendors to redeem the coupons.

SNAP and Fresh Direct are fairly simple to use, and help both the farm/vendor and the customer. They are programs that should be used and not allowed to simply be window dressing.