

For help finding a food pantry, assistance in applying for SNAP benefits or referrals to other resources, call

1-888-544-8773





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## Food Access and affordability Programs for Allegan, Ionia, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana Counties

<u>Bridge Cards</u> provide eligible families with food benefits to support a families food budget. In addition to stores, Bridge Card/SNAP food benefits can be used at participating farms and community farmers markets. <u>www.westmichiganfarmmarkets.org</u>.

How to apply for Bridge Card Food benefits: at DHHS / www.michigan.gov/mibridges, some non-profits and 1-888-544-8773 Food Bank Council over the phone in English and Spanish.

<u>Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) Program</u> doubles up to \$20 a day in purchases with Bridge Card food benefits at participating Farm Stands, Community Farmers Markets and some stores with **FREE Michigan grown fruits and vegetables** <u>www.westmichiganfarmmarkets.org</u>.

Fruit Ridge Country Market Guide www.fruitridgemarket.com 35 farms and orchards nearby.

## **Traditional Food Pantries** 211

Feeding America Mobile Food Trucks (Like 1-day mobile food pantry) Feeding America or 211

<u>WIC Women Infants and Children</u> is a food benefit program for eligible pregnant women and children up to 5 years of age. This program specifies which healthy foods can be purchased. WIC fruit and vegetable monthly benefits can be used approved farms.

<u>WIC Project Fresh</u> is an electronic program where <u>some</u> WIC families get \$25 in food benefits for fresh fruits and vegetables that can only be used at participating farms.

<u>Senior Project Fresh</u> is an electronic program where <u>some</u> lower income seniors (60 & over) get \$25 in food benefits that can only be used at participating farms.

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## **Use your EBT Bridge Card**



at participating Farmers Markets to get tokens to purchase SNAP eligible items.

Get an equal amount in **FREE** Double Up Food Bucks (up to \$20/day!) for Michigan grown fruit & vegetables.

No registration required!

## How to use your EBT Bridge Card at participating Farmers Markets and get Double Up Food Bucks Tokens:

- 1. Go to the farmers market information table and use your EBT Bridge Card to purchase (wooden tokens) that are good for <u>SNAP eligible food items</u>.
- 2. You'll also receive a match of **FREE** *Double Up Food Bucks (*silver tokens) to purchase <u>Michigan grown fruits & veggies</u>.
- 3. Look for participating vendors and shop using your tokens.

Note: Farmers Market tokens are not interchangeable between markets.

No change is given if total is not used at time of purchase.





