

Accepting Bridge Cards at Michigan Farmers Markets

Everyone should have access to fresh, local food. Farmers markets are a great place to purchase local food and connect with the community. These training sessions are organized for market organizers, managers, farmers and vendors to provide step by step information for accepting Bridge Cards at your farmers market.

Half-day Training Sessions:

- **Tuesday, January 26, 2010 from 1-4 PM**
Traverse City Chamber of Commerce
- **Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 1-4 PM**
Kalamazoo Public Library
- **Monday, February 22, 2010 from 1-4 PM**
Executive Office Building, Waterford
- **Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 1-4 PM**
Online webinar



Topics Covered Will Include:

- Completing the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Application to become an Authorized Retailer
- Preparing a Proposal for the Department of Human Services
- Alternative Redemption Systems
- Acquiring a Point of Sale Device
- Record Keeping
- Program Promotion and Community Outreach

Registration is required.

Sessions are FREE to members of the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA), Michigan Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS) and the Michigan Land Use Institute (MLUI).

A \$15 fee is required for all other participants to cover the costs of resource materials. To register, complete the form on the back and return with a check as indicated. For more information, contact Amanda Segar at 517-432-3381 or segarama@msu.edu.

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Registration

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization or Farmers Market: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Web site: _____

Sessions are FREE to MIFMA, MIFFS and MLUI members and \$15 for non-members. Please check your payment option below:

- Free - I am a proud member of one of the above organizations.
- \$15 - I am not a member of one of the above organizations.

Please indicate which session(s) you plan to attend, then return your registration form and payment (if applicable) to the MIFMA office.

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Total Cost: _____

Please make all checks payable to Michigan Food & Farming Systems, and indicate MIFMA Workshop in the memo line. Questions? Contact Amanda Segar at 517-432-3381 or segarama@msu.edu.

Please send this registration form and your completed check to the Michigan Farmers Market Association, 172 Natural Resources, East Lansing, MI 48824 .