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§ 248.10 Coupon and market management.

(a) General. This section sets forth State agency responsibilities regarding the authorization of farmers, farmers’ markets, and roadside stands. The State agency is responsible for the fiscal management of, and accountability for, FMNP-related activities for farmers, farmers’ markets and roadside stands. Each State agency may decide whether to authorize farmers individually, farmers’ markets, roadside stands, or all of the above. All contracts or agreements entered into by the State agency for the management or operation of farmers, farmers’ markets and roadside stands shall conform with the requirements of 7 CFR part 3016, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

(1) Only farmers, farmers’ markets and roadside stands authorized by the State agency may redeem FMNP coupons. Only farmers authorized by the State agency or that have a valid agreement with an authorized farmers’ market may redeem coupons.

(2) The State agency shall establish criteria for the authorization of individual farmers, farmers’ markets and roadside stands. Any authorized farmer, farmers’ market and roadside stand must agree to sell recipients only those foods identified as eligible by the State agency, in exchange for FMNP coupons. Individuals who exclusively sell produce grown by someone else, such as wholesale distributors, cannot be