

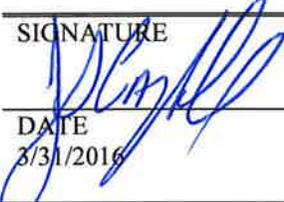


DELBERT HOSEMANN
Secretary of State

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Economic Impact Statement must be attached to this Form and address the factors below. A PDF document containing this executed Form and the Economic Impact Statement must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

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ADDRESS P.O. Box 1609	CITY Jackson	STATE MS
EMAIL purvie@mdac.ms.gov	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Mississippi Farmers Market Nutrition Program Regulations	
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Miss. Code Ann. §69-1-13/7 CFR §248.16	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Subpart 2 Administrative Rules, Chapter 07 Farmers Market Nutrition Program	

SIGNATURE 	TITLE Deputy Commissioner, MS Dept. of Agriculture & Commerce
DATE 3/31/2016	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 5/28/2016

1. Describe the need for the proposed action: There have been a few changes with the operation of the state's WIC program that also affect some aspects of the coordination of the FMNP. In addition, there was a need to update some responsibilities of participating farmers market managers that would make monitoring and operation of the FMNP more effective.
2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action: The purpose of the amended rules and procedures is to improve the coordination of the Farmers Market Nutrition Program at participating markets. In addition, more coordination between cooperating agencies also improves certain aspects of the program for Senior and WIC participants and participating farmers.
3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: The proposed action will improve access to locally or directly grown nutritious food for low income residents participating in certain supplemental food programs.
4. Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues: None

5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action: Cost is moderate (\$10.00) and Economic Benefit is minimal.
6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business: Moderate (\$10.00)
- a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: 200-400
 - b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record: The administrative cost will not change from previous recorded regulations.
 - c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: Will require attendance for training more routinely.
 - d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis: None
 - i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
 - v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations:
7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule: The benefit is that participating farmers will be more aware of any rules and operating procedure changes for the program and participation will improve at the farmers market as compared to the cost will only occur with farmers needed replacement stamps to deposit redeemed benefits by recipients.
8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law: None
9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency: None
10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above: N/A
11. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection: Price estimates for printing and producing new self-inking stamps.