

## **FNS provides funding for wireless EBT transactions at farmers markets**

The U.S.D.A. Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has allocated \$167,535 to the State of Michigan to offer wireless EBT devices to newly approved farmers markets (markets approved after November 18, 2011).

The funds are to be used ONLY for the devices and network access for farmers markets that are FNS-approved and desire to use the wireless device. The transaction charges are not paid out of these funds; the markets are responsible for those costs. DHS is working with its EBT vendor, Xerox (ACS); the Department of Community Health; the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MiFMA); and several of our other food partners to meet stringent deadlines.

DHS must have an estimate of the number of markets and costs to FNS by July 15, 2012.