

Resources for Market Managers and Vendors

Farmers Market Workshop
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EBT/Debit Machines

Applying for EBT/Debit Program

1. Federal Application
2. State of Illinois, Department of Human Services Application

EBT/Debit Application Process

- State approval needed for federal approval
- Process for redemption must be approved by State
 - How the customer makes purchases
 - How the market will account for Link sales
 - How will vendors be paid (and how often)
 - What is method of transaction- are tickets or tokens used

Utilizing EBT

- Point of Sale (POS) terminal
 - Wired
 - Wireless
- EBT machine ownership
 - Purchase
 - Rent
- EBT machine logistics
 - Tokens, Coupons
 - Staffing

Buy Fresh Buy Local Central Illinois



Why BFBL?

- Raise Consumer Awareness
- Outreach/Education
- Marketing Tool
- Link Producers to Consumers, Retailers, Food Buyers
- Creates Network of Local Food System Counterparts
- Easy to Implement
- Professional, Appealing Design

How it works

- Steering Committees
- Directory
- Outreach/Education
- Graphics
- Activities

BFBL Members

- Farmers
- Farmers Markets
- Restaurants
- Retailers
- Processors
- Distributors
- Institutions

BFBL Central Illinois Counties

- Cass Ford Marshall
- Champaign Fulton Mason
- Christian Iroquois McLean
- Coles Knox Menard
- DeWitt Livingston Montgomery
- Douglas Logan Morgan
- Edgar Macon Moultrie
- Ford Macoupin Peoria

Counties Continued

- Piatt
- Sangamon
- Shelby
- Stark
- Tazewell
- Vermillion
- Woodford

Plant-a-Row

- Central Illinois Foodbank and University of Illinois Extension
 - Drop donations off at the Central Illinois Foodbank at 2000 E. Moffat Ave. in Springfield. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or arrange for your produce to be picked up or other collection options by calling the Foodbank.
 - **For Food Donation or Agency inquiries:**
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