

MARKET MATCH

MARKET MATCH OVERVIEW

- Market Match is a Supplemental Nutrition
 Assistance Program (SNAP) dollar for dollar matching program available at farmers' markets in Lawrence, KS
- Market Match provides a doubling, or match, of SNAP food assistance dollars spent at the farmers' market up to \$25 per day/per Vision Card

MARKET MATCH GOALS

- To make healthy, locally produced food more affordable and accessible for low-income individuals and families
- Increase fruit and vegetable consumption among low-income populations
- Generate the opportunity for economic development by supporting local food producers

MARKET MATCH 2014 FUNDERS

- Douglas County
- City of Lawrence
- LiveWell Lawrence







A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Just Food
- Harvesters
- Lawrence Douglas County Health Department
- Douglas County Food Policy Council



































MARKET MATCH BY THE NUMBERS

- Number of markets participating: 2, Lawrence Farmers' Market & Cottin's Farmers' Market
- Number of days available at markets: 67
- Number of vendors impacted by Market Match: LFM-80, Cottin's-20
- Number of SNAP participants who participated at least once: 118 (participants spent an average of \$17.88 per shopping trip)

- Total SNAP dollars matched: \$8,881.00
- Total SNAP dollars leveraged: \$17,933.94
- Total local economic impact: \$32,101.75

MARKET MATCH USER EVALUATION RESULTS

- 80% of Market Match participants strongly agreed that Market Match influenced their decision to shop at the farmers' market
- 62% strongly agreed that their fruit and vegetable consumption increased because of Market Match
- 73% indicated that the incentives offered by Market Match are very important in their decision to shop at the farmers' market
- Participants spend an average of 54% of their SNAP benefits at the farmers' market

INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

- "We spend more than we used to at the farmers' market and less at the grocery stores.
 We do as much as we can at the market and we appreciate it."-Market Match user
- "I am really appreciative of the program and it is really unique. It is a nice service-twice the bang for your buck makes it worth coming down [to the farmers' market]."-Market Match user

- "I am able to buy a lot more healthy food now. It is actually cheaper to buy healthy food so I can buy more fruits and vegetables and we definitely eat a lot healthier now."-Market Match user
- "I used to come to the market occasionally, now I make it a weekly thing."-Market Match user
- "I feel so much better [because of eating food purchased at the market] and it tastes better."
 - -Market Match user

VENDOR SURVEY DATA

- 83% of vendors surveyed strongly agreed or agreed that there was an increase of SNAP customers visiting their stand compared to previous years
- 100% of vendors surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that Market Match had a positive influence on their revenue generated from the farmers' market

MARKET COORDINATOR FEEDBACK

 "Because of Market Match, we saw vendor sales increase exponentially. Our SNAP sales more than tripled some weeks and there were many new faces at the market!"

-Sally Sanko, Lawrence Farmers' Market

 "We saw an increase of Vision card purchases, both from new-to-market patrons and from patrons who were already shopping at the market. Everyone was very excited about the program and happy the community contributed to such a valuable program."

-Linda Cottin, Cottin's Farmers' Market

Plans for 2015

- Expand Market Match to other Lawrence farmers' markets as well as regionally to markets in Baldwin City and Eudora
- Market Match 2015 funders:
 - City of Lawrence: \$10,000
 - Kansas Health Foundation: \$15,000
 - Topeka Community Foundation: \$8,000