

Making Food Benefits Go Further

People who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in Oregon will see their money go twice as far with a new Double Up Food Bucks program.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is aiming to see more fruits and vegetables in the hands of disadvantaged households by matching up to \$10 worth of food stamp benefit money when it's used to purchase produce at local farmers' markets.

"It's helping to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for families who are working a little harder to put food on the table," says Katie Furia, Double Up Bucks program manager. "Also, it's helpful for farmers."

Over 50 farmers markets in Oregon participate in the Double Up Food Bucks program, serving Oregon's more than 700,000 residents that receive SNAP benefits, officials said.

To receive the food bucks, recipients must go to their farmers' market info tent where they'll swipe their Oregon Trail Card in exchange tokens for the SNAP qualified food and Double Up match.

Fresh cut herbs, legumes and beans, vegetables, mushrooms and fruits all fall under what can be covered by food bucks, and recipients can still use their SNAP benefits like usual for other food items at the markets like breads, cheeses, meats and eggs.



Double Up Food Bucks is matching SNAP benefits at more than 50 participating farmers' markets in Oregon. (Photo by Mack Male/Flickr)

Pet Station Opens at PDX

As part of ongoing efforts to provide a top-notch customer service experience, Portland International Airport has opened a pet relief area on the south end of the Concourse Connector, which connects the north and south sides of the airport.

The space allows a convenient post-security location that is not immediately adjacent to any shops, restaurants or waiting areas, ensuring a pleasant experience for all travelers—those with animals and those without, airport officials said.

While designed and intended for

service animals, the station may also be used by the many people traveling through the airports with their pets. In the interest of pet safety and passenger comfort, non-service animals should remain in their carriers at all times while in the terminal.

Changes and improvements at the airport continue as the airport undertakes a suite of major airport improvement projects aimed at providing award-winning comfort and convenience for travelers, operational efficiency, and safety

and security. In 2016, PDX won Travel + Leisure's "America's Best Airport" award for the fourth consecutive year.



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Oregon Guide Dogs for the Blind trainers LaCrisha Kaufman (left) and LaniJo Bachmann bring their canine companions to check out the new pet relief area at Portland International Airport.

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