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Patricia Daniels, Director  
Supplemental Food Programs Division  
Food and Nutrition Service USDA  
3101 Park Center Drive, Room 520,  
Alexandria, VA 22302.

Comments on this notice should be clearly labeled 'Revisions to the WIC Food Package'.

Dear Patricia Daniels,

My wife and I recently applied and received WIC coupons as she is pregnant. Our grandmother had received WIC coupons that were redeemable at the local farmer's market and we felt it was a great way to get the nutrition our family needed as well as a way to support local farmers. We were dismayed to find out that Fresno County had no farmer's market WIC coupons.

**Our suggestion for revising the WIC Food Package is to include coupons that are redeemable at farmer's markets.** We see this as a way to encourage expectant families to shop smart and healthy.

**We also ask that Organic Milk be included as an option.** There is research that shows that milk produced conventionally contains anti-biotics and hormones that can be harmful to the mother and especially the child.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to make these suggestions,

Jeremy and Christine Hofer

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