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What: Workshop for Fruit and Vegetable Growers interested in becoming authorized EBT retailers

When: 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2015

**Where: Forestry Building, Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum
Jackson, Mississippi**

MDAC to Host Workshop for Farmers Markets and Growers Interested in Becoming EBT Retailers

The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce is hosting a workshop for farmers markets and fruit and vegetable growers who are interested in becoming Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) authorized retailers at farmers markets throughout Mississippi.

The workshop will take place April 1 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in the Forestry Building. The workshop will begin with an information session on the SNAP Program and becoming an authorized EBT retailer at farmers markets. Following, farmers markets and fruit and vegetable growers interested in becoming EBT retailers will be able to apply for authorization approval. Participants will receive one-on-one assistance with completing USDA and payment processing applications with the help of the program affiliated team leaders. Those authorized will receive free wireless equipment to accept EBT, debit and credit transactions at farmers markets which will be sent following the workshop.

There is no cost to attend the meeting. The deadline to register is March 25. For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact Purvie Green at (601) 359-1168 or purvie@mdac.ms.gov or visit the Alerts and Announcements section at www.mdac.ms.gov.

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