

Dear Oregon Lawmakers:

As a coalition of farms, farmers markets, small grocers, community partners, and advocates we are writing to **request your continued support of the Double Up Food Bucks program in the Oregon Department of Human Services' Self Sufficiency Budget (SB 5526)**. Supporting Double Up Food Bucks (Double Up) means investing in families, farmers, and local economies all over our state. This vital program helps individuals using SNAP to access more fresh fruits and vegetables. For every dollar spent on SNAP-eligible foods at participating sites, shoppers receive an additional dollar to spend on Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables. There are 216 farmers markets, farm stands, CSA programs, and small, culturally specific grocers who offer Double Up in 34 of Oregon's 36 counties.

"Double Up remains a vital program for families, farmers, and local economies across Oregon." says Rachael Ward, the Executive Director of Farmers Market Fund (FMF). "FMF is thrilled to partner with ODHS to offer this program in conjunction with our CSA and grocery partners. In the coming biennium, we will focus on expanding Double Up to every county in the state and growing our outreach efforts to attract new shoppers, while sustaining benefits for returning customers."

For over a decade, Double Up has connected SNAP participants with Oregon grown produce, facilitating almost **\$19 million in SNAP and Double Up sales** since 2016. A recent economic impact assessment showed the power of Double Up to strengthen localized economies. Providing incentives helped families on tight budgets to free up funds for spending on other vital purchases like housing and health care. In 2024 over **\$6 million in Oregon labor income** was created due to the additional spending that Double Up made possible.

Double Up is a highly cost effective health care intervention, with participants **eating more fruits and vegetables than the average American** and reporting improvements to their physical, mental, and social health. A recent study found that Double Up dollars redeemed in 2024 alone created up to **\$8.8 million in avoided healthcare costs to the state** over a participant's lifetime.

Continued investment in Double Up from the State is essential to leveraging federal matching dollars and growing the impact of the program. As the farmers, ranchers, small businesses, and community members in your districts we urge you to fully fund the Double Up Food Bucks program within SB 5526.

Sincerely, 291 Food System Stakeholders in Oregon



- 1. **211 Info:** Gabby Valdes SNAP program coordinator. NE Ambassador PI Portland 97220. "Double Up Program helps people purchase more produce for their families, and for the produce vendors who work hard to provide fresh options for our locals."
- 2. A Greater Applegate, Angelique Stewart: Hwy 238 Ruch, 97530. "Applegate Valley has a high percentage of people living below the poverty line. We need this assistance to help our vulnerable, food-insecure community members."
- 3. **Abigail Kaplan, Community member.** Portland 97212. "The farmers market builds local community, supports small businesses, and provides fresh produce. It's the highlight of my week. The Double Up program makes it accessible to more people and those people deserve to enjoy those benefits. I started going to the farmers market because of the Double Up program at the time, I was in an AmeriCorps program making 13k per year and would not have been able to afford it otherwise. Now that my financial situation has improved, I've continued going to the market and gladly pay full price. The farmers market should be for everyone, including and especially low income folks. The Double Up program bridges the gap between farmers being paid fairly for their work and pricing that is accessible to more people."
- 4. **Abigail Oswald, Community member.** 97239. "Local farmers are an important backbone of our economy and this program allows low income families to participate in and drive impact in this space, while keeping fresh healthy food on the table."
- 5. **ACCESS**: Marcee Champion, Food Programs Director. Aviation Way Medford, 97504. "As the regional Food Bank for Jackson County, we understand the importance of increasing affordable access to food. DUFB is an elegant way to increase such access to fresh produce specifically and has the added benefit of helping local farmers and grocers."
- 6. Aidan Balbona, Community Member. Eugene 97402. "DUFB provides low income folks with fresh local foods and helps their limited dollars go further!"
- 7. Aimee Powell, community member. Hillsboro 97123
- 8. Alder Street Consulting: Richard Schwartz, Principal Consultant, SE Alder St. Portland, 97214 "I am a consultant who provides business support services to many of Oregon's family farmers and ranchers that sell locally and regionally directly to consumers. The Double Up Food Bucks program increases the customer base of my clients, as it makes their products more accessible to community members who would otherwise not be able to afford them. Increased sales to families and individuals helps bolster the financial viability of my clients."
- 9. Alexie Smith community member. SE Stephens St Portland 97214. "Make a large difference in my monthly food bill."
- 10. Alison Sexauer, Community Member. Thompson Creek Rd Jacksonville 97530. "The Double Up Food Bucks program has been a game-changer in Oregon, particularly in the Rogue Valley, where it strengthens local farms, increases access to fresh food, and boosts community resilience. This win-win-win initiative supports farmers by directing more SNAP dollars to local produce, consumers by doubling their purchasing power for fresh, nutritious food, and the community by keeping more food dollars circulating in the regional economy. The program has been so successful that it inspired Protein Bucks, a local expansion funded in part by Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs). Protein Bucks matches the DUFB \$20 with an additional \$10 specifically for eggs, nuts, and meat,



effectively turning \$20 in SNAP benefits into \$50 of the freshest, most nutrient-dense local food, all while ensuring that every dollar supports farmers and ranchers in our region. With \$4.34 million in renewed funding on the table during the 2025 Oregon Legislative Session, now is the time to advocate for continued investment in Double Up Food Bucks—a program that improves health, strengthens farms, and builds a thriving local food economy."

- 11. Aloha Community Farmers' Market: Kyra Ramsay Market Manager: SW Farmington Rd Aloha, 97007 "Our market is the singular gathering space in our community in unincorporated Washington County. The Double Up Food Bucks Program is crucial to our Aloha Community in getting nutritious healthy foods for those facing food insecurity. By increasing the purchasing power of folks facing limited food access, especially fresh produce, which might otherwise be out of reach due to cost constraints. DUFB helps "stretch" limited food budgets by providing a more substantial and diverse diet for those experiencing food insecurity."
- 12. Amanda Wang, community member. West Linn, 97068. "Everyone deserves access to quality healthy food options. Not only does the Double Up program help with this, but it also supports our local growers and business."
- 13. **Amber Nobe, community member.** SE Morrison St. Portland 97216. *"I love my local farmers market and want everyone in my neighborhood to have access to fresh, healthy food and the sense of community that shopping at the market provides."*
- 14. Amy Siwik, community member. SE Knapp St. Portland 97266. "It makes healthy food available to me and others."
- 15. **Amy Vanacore, community member.** SE 64th Ave Portland 97206. "The Double Up program enables low-income community members to eat more vegetables and fruits, which improves their health and decreases the burden on the health care system. This is beneficial to all of us because it can reduce the cost of health care."
- 16. **ANDARES:** Ricardo Contreras, Executive Director. NW McKinley Dr. Corvallis 97330. "The Double Up program is a fundamental program that keeps families from experiencing hunger. I help families learn about how to use the program and have seen how significant this assistance is for the low income community."
- 17. Anita Leipper. Community member. Olive St Eugene 97401. "I rely on the double up program."
- 18. Anna Curtin, Empowered Flowers farmer, Oregon Farmers Markets Association Co-President. SE Langensand Rd. Sandy. "As a SNAP/DUFB recipient, vegetable farmers market employee and OFMA board member, I have seen first hand the impact DUFB has for our small agriculture businesses. SNAP and DUFB are a major source of income for our family farms, market communities and small businesses. The statewide impact of this program cannot be overstated. It is vital, especially for rural and underserved communities with limited or no options for fresh fruits and vegetables within a reasonable distance."
- 19. Anne Richardson, Community member. Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy Portland, 97239. "I am a volunteer at my local farmers' market and I see the folks that come and use SNAP benefits. Young, old, in-between. They come with kids. Or folks bring their elders who need support--helping them shop and have access to healthy food. When we tell them they can "double up," there is often palatable relief on their faces. And gratitude. They leave with their totes filled with an array of



colors--fruits, veggies, grains. What a simple yet effective way to help folks who may be stretching every dollar to feed themselves and loved ones healthy food."

- 20. Anonymous Community member. Grants Pass 97527
- 21. **Anonymous Community member**. E 24th Ave Eugene, 97405. "Double up food bucks encourages the purchase of local fruits and vegetables. With the cost of food rising every day, this program supports community members and local farmers."
- 22. **Anonymous Community member.** N Bank St Portland 97203. "This is a win for consumers and for producers. The money helps people get more food and the producers get more money to better compete with larger producers"
- 23. **Anonymous Community member**. N Michigan Ave Portland 97217. "As a low-income individual, DUFB is my only opportunity to have access to fresh, local food at an affordable price. Without it, I would not be able to engage with the local farming community in a meaningful way."
- 24. **Anonymous Community member.** Bonanza, OR 97623. "It is a way for us elderly retired people to have access to fresh produce and a much healthier diet. I don't know what I would have done last year without double up bucks!"
- 25. **Anonymous Community member.** Lincoln St Eugene 97402. *"It supports farmers and the community."*
- 26. **Anonymous Community member.** NE Shaver St Portland 97230. "Supporting food sovereignty in our communities will ensure our long term resilience. Today that means continuing the Double Up program because we are building community by buying and eating local food. With these connections we can imagine food sovereignty in all of our communities."
- 27. **Anonymous Community member**. Crescent City, CA 95531. "The double up program is very important in my community given a lot of people, including myself, depend on food assistance. Buying organic fresh produce shouldn't be a luxury that only well off people can experience. Food assistance and the double up program helps make it possible for me to feed myself nutritious food, without it I and many others would rely on more processed food. Thank you."
- 28. **Anonymous Community Member.** 97214. "Access to healthy food and food systems is vital to the health of our community members!"
- 29. **Anonymous Community member.** 97540. "Both my local community farmers benefit along with families, and those struggling to make ends meet. Being able to buy the freshest produce supports health and builds community and stabilizes our local economies."
- 30. Anonymous Community member, Farmer and Cook. 97754. "Help provide affordable nutrition."
- 31. Anonymous Community member. McMinnville 97125.
- 32. **Anonymous Community Member.** Kaitlin Ln Medford 97501. "The double up program is the ONLY reason our family is able to afford local and organic groceries. we would be lost without this program, it has truly changed our lives. this program has also helped us to develop sincere relationships with farmers and pursue our own career paths through those relationships. thank you for implementing this program!"
- 33. **Anonymous Community Member.** Cherry St Medford, 97501. "This program has allowed me to completely convert mine and my daughter's way of living. I have completely restructured her diet around natural foods and I believe this is the reason we no longer struggle with behavioral issues, we have a more sound relationship, and we have become a team when it comes to all things food.



This program has changed the structure of our small family and brought life into it. Market day is our favorite day of the week and where we enjoy quality time and socializing. My life, and hers would not be the same without this program. Thank you!"

- 34. **Anonymous Community Member.** 97814. "The double up program is vital food resource for our citizens who are surviving while living with low and extreme poverty in the Baker, Union, will allow our counties of eastern Oregon."
- 35. Anonymous Community Member. River Rd. Gladstone 97027.
- 36. **Anonymous Community Member.** Golden Ave Eugene, 97404. "It's very important to provide people access to nutritional food and especially from local farmers. It's a win all around."
- 37. **Anonymous Community Member.** SE 22nd Ave Portland, 97214. *"I believe in everyone's right to a healthy diet, in the importance of our farming community, and in the overall health benefits of eating fresh, local food."*
- **38. Anonymous Community member.** Eugene 97401. "To make our local farm produce Affordable to our community."
- 39. **Anonymous Community member**, Shopper at Bonanza Farmers Market. Bonanza 97623. "It helps me provide my family with more fresh foods that are often out of our price range. It also helps my neighbors who sell their veggies at the market. So I see this program as a win win for the communities of OR."
- 40. **Applegate Evening Market:** Jaimy Wilkinson, Market Manager. Jacksonville 97530. "As a market manager, I see the direct effect that DUFB has on our community. We are a rural market and accessibility is a challenge. DUFB allows so many folks access to fresh local produce directly from the farmer who grows it."
- 41. Asian Community Farmers Market: Muhammad Ali Juhar Ghoni Ahmad: SE Main St Portland, 97214
- 42. Astoria Cooperative: Matthew Stanley, Retail Manager and Danny Rasmussen, POS Coordinator. Marine Dr. Astoria, 97013 "Double Up has provided an invaluable resource to many of the most food-vulnerable members of our community. It is desperately needed. Our business has built a strong base of shoppers who depend on DUFB and use it regularly as a way to access fresh fruits and vegetables."
- 43. **Astoria Sunday Market:** Brooke McClain farmer and market assistant. Clatskanie, 97016. *"It helps farmers, growers, customers and communities continue to thrive."*
- 44. **Baker City Farmers Market:** Megan Foucht, Market Manager. Grove St. Baker City, 97814. "Double Up Food Bucks is a critical resource for our community as we have higher rates of poverty and child hunger than other counties in the State. As the Farmers Market Manager in Baker City, I see firsthand the excitement that people have for being able to receive these dollars to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables and bring them home for their next meal. This incentive is a critical component for making our farmers market a true resource for our community."
- 45. Barbara Aubin, Community member. West 8th Ave. Eugene, 97401. "I believe it helps me to provide healthy food choices for myself and family members."
- 46. **Barking Moon Farm, Ilc,** Josh Cohen, Farmer/Farm Owner, Thompson Creek Rd. Applegate 97503. "Double up accounts for approx 35% of our growers market sales."



- 47. Bean Metcalf, Farmers Market vendor. London Rd Cottage Grove, 97424. "Increases access to fresh local food a win for students, seniors, low income folks, farmers. . Everyone!"
- 48. **Beaverton Farmers Market**, Ginger Rapport, Beaverton, 97075. "DUFB feeds both our community members in need as well as my small farms and businesses. This is a win-win for everyone!"
- 49. **Bend Farmers Market**, Ann Pistacchi-Peck Bend, 97709. "Every year we see an increase in food insecurity in our community, and an increase in customers shopping at the farmers market with SNAP and taking advantage of the DUFB program. The DUFB program is essential for these customers to be able to afford the healthy, nutritious local produce then need to sustain their health and the health of their family members."
- 50. **Betty Neils, community member**. W 4th Ave Eugene, 97402. "The double up program is an essential part of the Eugene community as it assists in access to affordable and wholesome food for all."
- 51. **Blooming Junction:** Daniel Reaux, Farm Manager. NW Zion Church Rd Cornelius 97113. *"It is an important tool to help bridge the gap between local communities and their farming neighbors."*
- 52. **Bonanza Farmers Market:** Stacia Roberts, Market Manager. Bonanza, OR 97623. "The double up program is important to me and my community because through DUFB community members have been able to provide their families with more fresh produce and even learn to grow their own by being able to purchase plant starts for growing vegetables. The produce vendors at our market are gaining more income allowing them to expand their farms and provide for their families."
- 53. **Boundless Farmstead**, Megan Kellner-Rode, Farmer Walker Rd. Bend, 97701. "Not only does Double Up Food Bucks allow more of our community to access nutrient-dense, locally grown fruits and vegetables, but it also significantly impacts our market sales and our financial viability. It is a win-win for the community and for farmers."
- 54. **Bountiful Backyard**, Philomath Farmers' Market, Mud Oven Pizza, Janel Lajoie Farmers' Market Manager, Philomath, 97370. *"Our community is highly dependent on our market and the Double Up program. We are a food swamp, and our demographic relies on these programs."*
- 55. **Brandon Beins, Lane County Farmers Market Community member**. Candlelight Dr Eugene 97402. "This program has quite distinctly made the difference between being able to get through the week with ingredients on hand to do so, let alone local and fresh produce. It was a genuinely huge help."
- 56. **Brenda Sparks, Farmer at Silverton Farmers Market.** S Meridan Rd Woodburn 97071. "Many community members at Silverton Farmers Market rely on DUFB to feed their families. It is a great relief to them to be able to utilize the program with familiar local growers."
- 57. Brendan Lee Community Member. 97209. "It makes fruits & veggies more affordable. While supporting local small farmers."
- 58. **Brian Mayfield, Community member**, Pioneer St Philomath, 97370. "DUFB brings in important dollars for our Farmers Market and the people who shop there."
- 59. Brian McIntyre, Community member. NW Skyview Dr. Portland 97231. "DUFB provides a great opportunity to provide high quality produce to many who don't have access. The DUFB program is also a great way to support our local Oregon farmers."
- 60. **Bridget, Former PSU Farmers Market Worker, Community member.** 97217. "Having worked at the PSU Farmers Market, and having friends who utilize these tools for weekly sustenance, I've seen



firsthand just how far the reach of DUFB goes. It's truly a cornerstone in the community—more important than the layman knows."

- 61. **Broadus Bees,** Cinder Butte Rd. Bend, 97702. "It's important to give everyone from all demographics access to local good quality food"
- 62. **Cannon Beach Farmers Market:** Tracy Abel, Market Manager. E Gower Cannon Beach 97110. "We have several people and families in our community who use SNAP benefits. With cuts to their SNAP benefits, they need the Double Up Food Bucks Program to help supplement that loss and allow them to purchase healthy fruits and vegetables."
- 63. Caroline McManus, community member. 14th St. Springfield 97477. "Gives access to healthy foods."
- 64. **Casa Latinos Unidos:** Ali Sanchez, Executive Director. Corvallis 97330. "Double up program helps empower our community to make better health choices and providing education to families and children we serve."
- 65. **Cave Junction Farmers Market:** Alisa Ocean, Market Manager. Cave Junction 97523. "The Double Up Food Bucks program increases the ability for food insecure families to eat nourishing healthy foods! This program is also a huge benefit to small local farmers in our area. The Double Up Food Bucks program has a very real impact on our market and community."
- 66. **Cedar Mill Farmers Market**, Jonella Malinowski, Vice Chairman, Mike Nicholls, Farmers Market board member and vendor, Karon Carroll, Farmers Market Manager, and Dean Moberg, member. NW Murray Rd Portland, 97229 "Everyone should have access to healthy food! We have a very diverse community that we serve, including several subsidized housing complexes. DUFB has made a huge difference for the residents of those complexes and they are always so appreciative that we can provide them with this service. We are proud that our market provides fresh healthful produce to a wide diversity of people in Washington County. Each Saturday during the summer, I see folks make use of the Double Up Food Bucks program who would not otherwise be able to buy fresh produce from local farmers. They are grateful for the program. We have many families in our community that count on DUFB to help their families. It is important to get fresh local produce into the hands of these community members. We on the Cedar Mill Farmers Market Board are grateful for the program. Please continue to support this."
- 67. **Charlotte gill, Community member.** Mona Way Cave Junction 97523. *"It allows for community members to better access local quality foods and allows local farms to be better supported."*
- 68. Chris Proctor, Farmer at Umpqua Valley Farmers Market. Roseburgh 97470. "Better access to more healthy food."
- 69. **Christine Rutan, Community member.** Cesar Chavez Blvd Portland 07214. "We live in a place that produces incredible produce, and it's important to me that everyone, especially young families, has access to that food. I also love that this program benefits both consumers and producers, and helps keep local farms in business."
- 70. **Christine Thomas, Community member.** 97703. "Now more than ever food insecurity is on the rise. The very existence of the SNAP program is in jeopardy, so doubling is essential!"
- 71. **Christy Servine, community member**. Harlequin Dr. Bend 97707. "Having access to locally grown and nutritious food is vital for all communities. This option should be available for all, not just the wealthy."



72. Cierra Cegielski, community member. Hood River

- 73. **Circle h Farm:** Sarah Hucka, farmer. Lost Valley Ln Dexter 97431. *"I sell organic fruits and vegetables direct to consumers at farmers markets. The cost of production for a small-scale organic farm is high relative to processed food available elsewhere. I want all members of my community to be able to afford healthy local produce, and Double Up funds make a huge difference for low income consumers who want to buy fresh nutritious food. Double Up funds help SNAP recipients be able to justify the choice of purchasing high value, high nutrition foods rather than less expensive processed foods in the grocery store. And Double Up funds contribute to my financial success as a producer."*
- 74. **Comida KIN food truck/farmers market vendor:** Rodrigo Huerta farm to table food truck owner/ CSA member. Forest Grove 97116. "I've seen people make the conscious decision to buy more fresh vegetables and locally made products because they had the extra allowance. I've also seen them return to vendors with their own money to buy produce and products that they were very happy with. Double up food bucks allows customers to try something they wouldn't try because of finance limitations. Customers naturally return to these products knowing the importance of their health and how buying and consuming fresh produce and locally made products make them feel. Double up food bucks opens the door for them."
- 75. **Community Supported Shelters-transitional shelter**: Holly Holtan-Archer, social worker. Grant St. Eugene, 97402. "In our experience, many of our residents who receive SNAP need incentives to purchase more healthy, but perishable, foods and this can give them an important incentive."
- 76. **Conexión Fénix** nonprofit organization: Maria Eliosa, Executive Director. Otis 97368. "Be part of low income community is important to have resources and access to healthy food, our kids are our future and we need to make sure their eat 3 meals at day and grow up healthy, parents need to have access to put food on their tables."
- 77. **Coos Head Food Co-op,** Patrick Franks, General Manager, S 2nd St Coos Bay, 97420 "The coastal community of Coos Bay/North Bend has been struggling for decades with stagnant economic growth and few job opportunities outside the food service and tourism industries, leaving many folks with very few options to provide their family with an income. Additionally, the demographics of our community skew towards senior citizens on fixed incomes. It is more important than ever to provide our most vulnerable citizens access to healthy food options. The Double Up Food Buck program has been a lifeline for these vulnerable families in my community that only want to provide healthy options of fruit and vegetables to their kids, parents, and for themselves. Like many rural towns, healthcare is going away. Encouraging the most vulnerable citizens of our community to eat more fruits and vegetables will help to lower their risk of developing chronic illnesses. Please keep this program funded so my community can not just survive, but find a path to thriving by staying healthy and well nourished."
- 78. **Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Markets:** Rebecca Landis, Market Director. SW 3rd St Corvallis, D10. "SNAP + DUFB allows local farmers to serve our WHOLE communities with high-quality local food that can help all Oregonians do their best at school, work and family life."
- 79. **Cottage Hill Dairy:** Brenda Johnson, dairy goat farmer and owner. Oregon City 97045. "Enables people to buy and consume nutritious, locally farmed foods they would otherwise not be able to afford."



- 80. **Courtney Brooke, community member and vendor.** W 8th Ave Eugene, 97402. "My snap amount is low so this double up program really helps me stretch what I have! Having access to good local food is not only benefiting me but my local farmers and business owners."
- 81. **Creswell Farm:** Cindy Zog, Farmer. Howe Ln Creswell 97426. "Provides a great incentive for more shopping at local farmers markets which, in turn, supports local farmers and provides the highest nutrition foods to consumers."
- 82. **Crocodile Family Farms:** Krystal Alcaraz, Farmer. Crocodile Ln Bonanza 97623. *"It provides necessary resources to families in need in the community and promotes buying locally."*
- 83. **Cultural Harvest Collective:** Nikita Vincent, Market Coordinator. Main St E Monmouth. "This year will be my first year having SNAP and I'm looking forward to the possibility of having Double Up at market next year!"
- 84. Dairy Creek Farm, NW Highway 47 Buxton, 97109. "It helps the folks that need the help."
- 85. **Dan Swanson, Community Member.** Avery Ln Lake Oswego, 97035. "I don't know the details of Double Up but I support anything that helps family farmers."
- 86. **Daniela Steiner, Community Member.** SE Kelly St Portland 97202. "Double Up helps people feed their families the highest quality food and it helps support farmers who grow the food- everyone wins!!"
- 87. **Dennis Argo, Retired community member.** Elliott Creek Rd Wilderville 97543. "Vital Access to affordable produce."
- 88. **Deschutes Canyon Garlic,** Gia Matzinger, farmer, W Elder Way, Sisters, 97759. "DUFB is an integral way for our lower income community members to buy local, organic and high quality food! It expands our customer base a lot."
- 89. Diane Kelzer, Community Member. S Curry St Portland 97239. "I have seen the benefits of the Double Up program and the impact it has for those who might normally not choose to eat fruits and vegetables either because of the cost or the lack of access. Having healthy choices for participants is vital to ensuring their good health and the health of our community. Healthy citizens leads to less medical costs and the ability to be involved in ones community. Healthy outcomes are good for all of us. This is a vital service that must continue. Thank You!"
- 90. Diane Peterson, Community member. E Alsea Hwy Waldport 97394. "Helping get more fresh vegetables and fruit into our homes is vital to our health. In today's economy, we need the help."
- 91. **Dirty Paws Flower Farm,** Farmer. O'Brien 97534. "There is a huge outreach to help everyone get fresh food and herbs. A lot of people used this resource and were happy to get farm to table ingredients."
- 92. Dolce Farm & Orchards: Ann K Brown- Farmer/Baker. Newberg 97132. "15 to 20 % of our sales at the Thursday market in McMinnville -are from the Double Up program- It enables lower income folks to purchase our organic tomato starts, organic baked goods with freshly milled, whole grains-produce from our farm grown as nature intended and pastured, GMO free eggs. It's a win win for the community and for us farmers!!"
- 93. El Torito Meat Market LLC.- Woodburn: Destiny Mendez, Store Manager. N Pacific Hwy Woodburn, 97071. "Seeing first hand the delight in customers and families' faces when I hand them their coupon, they're never expecting it but I can tell they're gracious that they receive these extra resources of help. This allows families and children to eat more nutritional fruits and vegetables. Not



only children but elderly people who are living on a fixed incomes are extremely limited to what they can purchase and cook at home. We believe Double Up Food Bucks provides resources of access to healthy foods to our whole community not just children and this benefits overall the health of America."

- 94. **El Torito Supermarket LLC.- Salem:** Liliana Perez /owner, Orchard Heights Rd NW Salem, 97304. "Dufb is good for our community because it encourages people to eat healthier and also helps low income families by being able to provide more vegetables and fruits."
- 95. Elise, Community Member. Eugene 97401. "People deserve access to fresh, healthy, local food! Decrease our reliance on fossil fuels!"
- 96. **Eliza Haddleand, Community Member.** SE Ramona St Portland 97206. "The Double Up program empowers customers across Oregon to purchase fresh, local produce, while supporting farmers and the local economy. Every dollar invested in Double Up helps nourish Oregonians and builds healthier communities."
- 97. Eliza Yank, community member. Portland 97217. "Incentivizes lower income folks to access nourishing ingredients while also relocalizing our food system and supporting local farmers, it's a win win! As someone who's faced food insecurity double up food bucks has helped me tremendously."
- 98. Emma Dixon, Community member. Portland 97213. "Buying super fresh, field ripened produce from small local growers can be more expensive than shopping at big supermarkets, but the benefits to our health and communities are worth it! I can afford to make that choice for my family, and I'm glad to support programs like Double Up that make this option available to more of my neighbors."
- 99. **Empowered Flowers Farm:** Adrianna Moreno, Farmer. South Kraxberger Rd. Canby 97013. "Our farm markets and sells directly to consumers at the farmers market and roughly 1/3 of our farm's annual income comes from the Double Up program, we believe this program makes fresh food more accessible to our lower income supporters which in turn improves health and wellbeing in our communities. Limiting this program would not only decrease the accessibility of healthy foods to members of our community but would also threaten the viability of our small farm."
- 100. Erica Silveira, Community member. SE Stephens St Portland 97216.
- 101. **Erika Kennington, Community Member**. Cottage Grove 97424. "It enables community members to support farmers as well as stretch EBT dollars and eat fresh vegetables. It's vital to the community and health."
- 102. **Eugene Cathcart, community member.** Oakridge 97463. "Many people in our community can not afford quality food, and the local farmers market is an AWESOME opportunity to purchase very good quality, healthy, local food. The Double Up program allows low income community members to increase the amount of quality food they are able to purchase."
- 103. Evan, Community member. NE 127th Ave Portland 97230.
- 104. **Evelyn, farmers market employee, community member. E Eighth Ave Eugene, 97401.** "It's provides much needed financial support in a time where food prices are ever increasing. 74,000+ residents of Eugene rely on snap benefits and frankly I think the market customers would riot if they didn't have access to DUFB."



- 105. **Even Pull Farm, Farmer.** McMinnville 97128. "This is an incredible boost to our community and really allows folks using SNAP to maximize their dollars spent with local producers."
- Familias en Acción: Alejandra Gurrola, Nutritional Health Program Manager. Portland 97212. 106. "DUFB helps shoppers bring home more fruits and vegetables and gives family farmers a financial boost, while supporting local economies. Food is critical for our well being and is a huge need in our Latino/x communities. Due to structural racism and a lack of opportunity in the communities that need it most, food insecurity is linked to high levels of toxic stress, and it limits the capacity vulnerable communities of color have to meet their basic needs. Double Up Food Bucks allows community members to access more fruits and vegetables for their families. Hungry adults and children have higher rates of mental health issues like depression and post-traumatic stress syndrome and are at higher risk of having chronic diseases. Food is a human right and many Oregonians struggle and worry about where the next meal will come from due to eligibility, stigma, and misinformation associated with that eligibility. We must take bold steps now to continue to support families around hunger in Oregon. At Familias en Acción, we know that when we all have access to food, our families' health and well-being will improve, and our economy will thrive when our communities are healthy and able to contribute back. This will be true in every corner of Oregon-in rural, urban, and suburban communities alike. When all of our neighbors are getting the food that they need, all of Oregon thrives."
- 107. **Farm For Our Lives:** Korrie Hooper Owner/ Operator. Alsea Hwy Alsea 97324. "Our farm is located in a lower income area and our delivery service combined with the DUFB program allows us to feed so many more in our community."
- 108. **Farmers Market Fund:** Rachael Ward, Executive Director. Portland 97213. "Dignity, social connection, and building more collective spaces of belonging are all aspects of a resilient community that Double Up is building."
- 109. **Farrah Farms:** Steven Cooper, Farmer. S Herman Rd Molalla 97038. "Double Up program helps my community have access to fresh vegetables, while also supporting local farms."
- 110. **Fawn Lily Farm:** Lindsay Goldberg, Farmer. E Woodard Rd. Troutdale, 97060. "Groceries are getting more and more expensive. Double up makes healthy food more accessible and it supports our farmers."
- 111. **Fiachra Farm:** Jade Novarino, Farmer. SE Malcolm ST. Milwaukie 97222. "DUFB helps so many market customers access food they otherwise wouldn't afford. We get to feed ALL the people, not just people who can afford it."
- 112. **Fibonacci Farm:** Aaron Stubbs, Farmer. Eagle Rd Bend 97701. "Double Up has been impactful not only for our farm, but for our whole community. About 10 percent of our income comes from Double Up in some way whether it be farmers markets or through CSA sales. It is important for everyone to have access to local healthy food and the positive impact that double up has on food access is huge. Don't take it away."
- 113. **Fixa Foods,** Barb Myers, Food Founder, NW Marken St Bend, 97703. "The Double Up program gives everyone access to fresh produce and helps support a healthy local food ecosystem."
- 114. **Flor, Community member.** N Mississippi 97227. *"It allows access to food for community members."*



- 115. **Florence Farmers Market:** Jennifer Ledbetter Farmers Market Board President, Mary Shaw, community member/former Market President, Maggie Bagon, SNAP Outreach Coordinator. Florence 97439. "The Florence Farmer's Market has been part of the Double Up program for years and it has only grown in use every year. Without this program many of our community members would lose access to healthy foods. The Double Up program is essential to rural communities with limited food and helps us stop a food desert. It is vital that funding be prioritized for this program. The SNAP/DU programs are the cornerstone of the Florence Farmers Market with over \$8,000 in DU funds distributed in 2024. As SNAP Outreach Coordinator I see every week the benefits to people on food assistance programs, especially those with children and the elderly and disabled."
- 116. **Flying Coyote Farm:** Lili Tova, farmer. Sandy. "This program provides much needed access to fresh local food for low income families. It incentivizes folks who receive snap to use their dollars towards local food which is an investment in small local businesses."
- 117. **Fog Hollow Farm:** Stephen Knox, Farmer. Hwy 126 Walton 97490. "Access to local, sustainable food is critical for the health of our population, our local economy, and our environment. However, purchasing from local small farms can be cost prohibitive for some members of our community. The DUFB program helps level the playing field regarding access to this critical piece of our local food economy."
- 118. **FOOD For Lane County Youth Farm**: Jen Anonia, Gardens Program Manager. Bailey Hill Rd Eugene 97402. "Food insecurity is high in my community and access to fresh produce is difficult due to expense and that it doesn't store long. I love that the Double Up program gives access to many households who otherwise couldn't afford fresh produce, and its supports our farm, other local farms and in turn or local economy. So many wins!"
- 119. **Fossil Mercantile Company**, Joe McNeill, owner Fossil 97830. "These dollars contribute tremendously to help our community members stretch their limited budgets further. This is also a great tool to offer incentives to our residents to make healthier decisions at the grocery store too."
- 120. **Fresh & Local, First!; Slow Food Corvallis:** Joan Gross, Professor Emerita, 501c3 president. NW Taylor Ave Corvallis 97330. *"It supports local farmers by providing healthy, delicious food to low-income community members. There are no down sides to this program."*
- 121. **Friends and Family Farm:** Linea Brink Andersen, Farmer. Hwy 126 Walton, 97490. "The benefits of the DUFB are manifold. It secures farm income, it increases financial accessibility to nutritious produce for SNAP receivers, and it boosts local economies by shortening the distance between consumer and producer."
- 122. **Friends of Family Farmers,** Alice Morrison, Co-Executive Director, Hatton Ln Junction City, 97448. "Double Up Food Bucks is a win for communities, economies, and local farms. What's not to love about increased access to local food?"
- 123. **Fubonn Supermarket:** Michael Liu, Owner. SE 82nd Ave Portland 97266. "The Double Up program has been a success at our grocery store. It provides our customers with nutritional fruits and vegetables that are specific to the culture of our residents. It is a great program that reaches those in need without the need for any added infrastructure."
- 124. **Full Cellar Farm**: Emily Cooper, Owner. SE Stone Rd Boring 97009. "Double Up Food Bucks helps more people in our community have access to local produce, and ensures farmers are paid a fair price for the food the produce."



- 125. **Full Farm CSA and Deck Family Farm:** Laura Wayte, CSA Manager. Junction City 97448. "This program helps our neediest clients to purchase more healthy food than otherwise possible."
- 126. **Gabriel, Community member.** E 1st St Oakridge 97463. "The Double Up program has given me access to fresh whole foods and a way to participate in my community that I would never have been able to afford without it. Every weekend I'm able to meet with neighbors, farmers, and friends to have fun while helping our local economy and every weekend I've come home with a smile, fond memories, and more fresh and healthy groceries than I've ever had growing up poor in the city."
- 127. **Gayle Ford, community member.** Pierce St. Eugene, 97405. "Accessible Good food is good for our people."
- 128. **Genevieve Kessler, Community Member**. Portland 97236. "WE NEED IT!!!! I have two jobs full time & still need support buying groceries"
- 129. **Gentle Rain Farm**: Sue Nackoney, farmer. Beavercreek 97004. "Gentle Rain Farm is a farmer's market vendor. We have many customers who purchase using Double Up and I believe they buy more vegetables than they would normally be able to afford without the program. This is a vital health support for many people whose welfare concerns me greatly."
- 130. Good Rain Farm: Michelle Week, Farmer. SE Division Dr Troutdale 97060.
- 131. **Grace Dietrich community member** & former SNAP + DUFB beneficiary. SE Powell Blvd Portland 97206. "Up until about 2 years ago I was on SNAP. For the first 4 & 1/2 years of my sons life the farmers market double up bucks was a crucial resource that allowed me as a single mother to afford fresh produce and other nutritional food items for me and my son. Please don't take this away from other families who deserve healthy food options but struggle to afford them."
- 132. **Grants Pass Growers Market**, Kia McQueary, Market Manager, Grants Pass, 97526. *"We live in a depressed economy county. Our market customer base truly depends on DUFB program as do the 53 farmers that grow the crops that provide the essential nutritious food for our community."*
- 133. **Gresham Farmers Market:** Greg Charland Market Manager. Gresham 97030. "The DUFB program is so valuable to our SNAP customers. It allows them to purchase quality Food when they might note be able to afford without it. The program is such a blessing to these customers. We are honored to offer at our market!"
- 134. **Half Moon Trading Company (mushroom farm):** Stacey Van de Graeff. Kann Springs Rd. Keno 97627. "As a farm, our mission is to feed people. Last year we had a lot of customers buy our mushrooms at the farmer's market using Double Up Food Bucks. This program helps our community have access to fresh local produce and also helps the farmers and keeps those dollars in our community."
- 135. Hannah Martin, Community member. N Hendricks St Portland 97203.
- 136. **Hannah Peters, community member.** Taylor Ave. Hood River 97031. *"I have been a SNAP recipient for part of this year after losing my job and the Double Up Food Bucks program has been life changing. I am able to access so much fresh, local, delicious food at the Farmers' Market that I would not otherwise be able to afford. Not only that, but I am also able to support my community by spending dollars locally rather than at the grocery store."*
- 137. **Hannah Veith, community member.** Eugene 97402. *"Farmers hold such a key roll in providing good, clean, local food to the community. DUFB makes purchasing farm direct so much more*



possible for members of the community to access quality local food, and provides opportunity to lower income demographics that wouldn't otherwise have the option to shop this way."

- 138. **Healing Tides Midwifery:** Tiffany Van Maren, Midwife. Chetco Ave Brookings 97415. "Pregnant women need access to good food and food scarcity in pregnancy hurts the next generation. It makes pregnancy riskier and babies weaker."
- 139. **Heather Loechle, community member**. Emily PI Oregon City 97405. "Farmers markets help make food systems local and sustainable. Their prices are closer to reflecting the true cost of the food including environmental and societal costs that are often externalized in grocery stores. Double Up Food Bucks help make Farmers Markets affordable for everyone."
- 140. **Heather's Family Farm:** Heather Rudolph, farmer. Old Hwy 30 Baker City, 97814. *"It provides incentive for local consumers, who otherwise may not even try eating local food, to interact with their community members who grow their food, in a positive environment. It goes both ways.It encourages farmers to meet their fellow community members and know, personally, who they are providing healthy food for."*
- 141. **Heidi Hougard, Community member**. SE 59th Ave Portland 97280. "Oregon needs to take care of our people since the federal government is too distracted by Trump."
- 142. **Hidden Owl Farmstead,** Karen Angell-Mendez , Farmer, Spires Ln Eugene, 97402. "This program allows access to locally produced food products and provides some offset to inflationary food prices."
- 143. **High Desert Food and Farm Alliance**, Sharon Maier-Kennelly, Abby Kellner-Rode, Farmer & Board Member. NE High Desert Ln. Bend, 97701. *"HDFFA is a non-profit that believes everyone deserves good food. We believe the DUFB program is essential for Central Oregon community members experiencing food insecurity to be able to access the healthy, nutritious produce they need to support positive health outcomes. This is a great way to help SNAP recipients access nutritious and delicious local food while also supporting farmers and the local economy."*
- Hillsdale Farmers' Market, Lacey Waldon, Farmers Market Manager, Adam Sunshine, 144. Assistant Farmers Market Manager (Hillsboro 97124), Claire Halling, Market Assistant, and Bennett Battaile, Board Member and Volunteer. SW Vermont St Portland, 97219. "Double Up Food Bucks provides critical financial assistance to our lower-income community members who would not otherwise have affordable access to fresh, healthy foods sold at farmers markets. The program helps us connect our neighbors to the farmers who grow their food, increasing our community health and vitality. It helps provide access to healthy, locally grown food to our community while supporting local farmers. I meet people every week who rely on the double up program to feed their families. From retired adults to young families, double up in integral to providing access to fresh produce." "I hand out DUFB cards at our market, which gives me direct feedback weekly of how much this means to the shoppers and how grateful they are for the program. Also, what an unexpectedly large number of people rely on this program even in this relatively affluent neighborhood." "As a farmers market organizer I have seen the economic, health, and environmental benefits of DUFB for shoppers, local farmers, and farmland itself. DUFB makes locally grown, healthy food available for low-income shoppers that they would not have otherwise. The prices farmers need to charge to stay on their feet can be too expensive for many people, and DUFB helps bridge that gap."



- 145. **Hollywood Farmers Market**: Kyrsten Williams, Executive Director. NE 45th Ave Portland 97213. "As a farmers market organizer I have seen the economic, health, and environmental benefits of DUFB for shoppers, local farmers, and farmland itself. DUFB makes locally grown, healthy food available for low-income shoppers that they would not have otherwise. The prices farmers need to charge to stay on their feet can be too expensive for many people, and DUFB helps bridge that gap."
- 146. **Home Orchard Education Center**: Tonia Lordy, Farmer. John Adams Oregon City 97045. "Double up food bucks drastically increases access to organically grown fruit for our most vulnerable neighbors. This program is the only way many of these folks would be able to afford to eat healthy, locally grown produce."
- 147. **Hoodland Farmers Market**, Kate Brauner, Executive Director. E Hwy 26. Welches, 97067. "We have been able to support our community in an impactful way by providing DUFB for our low income families."
- 148. **How We Roll Bakery**: Jennifer Olsen, Owner/Manager. Hamer Rd Siletz 97380. *"I wasn't familiar with the program when we started our bakery booth at Newport Farmer's Market. I was immediately gratified once I did and began accepting SNAP. Especially when a woman approached me with her produce and asked if there was any way she could also get a baked item with her EBT tokens. I kid you not she got teary when I told her "Of course". She was so happy and grateful to have that bun. So important to our community."*
- 149. **Ian Paik, Community member** and Farmers Market Fund Board Treasurer, Portland. *"It helps lower the cost of access for good nutritious food."*
- 150. Ivonne Rivero, Former DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS AMBASSADOR, Latinx Community. 97206. "We know that in this beautiful state the income is unequal, that prices are going up at a rate that makes it almost impossible for low income folks, students, single mother, veterans and retired people (all of those who must pay over 50% of their income in rent, heating or cooling medications and childcare) to afford the healthy, fresh foods that we all need for both our physical and mental health. We are looking at the inequities of public policies that are persecuting most of the people who were raising the foods for our tables, people whose greatest desire is having a job and working while we our state as most others are undergoing enormous displacement and we are seeing the harvests at risk of not being picked. The natural beauty and the quality of our institutions have, for at least the last two decades, attracted new residents whose incomes are higher and can afford the exorbitant rents that we are seeing. As a Legislator, I ask to consider that we must build a safety net for the displacement of thousands of people, and these are not just the most humble of workers... but now even government workers are finding suddenly jobless...In order to keep our families fed and strong, we need to support of our electeds to make sensible decisions; and keeping families fed and above water is a sensible decision in the face of enormous and unexpected cuts to every form of community investment, in the light of making government "profitable" for a selected few. Please keep the funding for the DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS. Our peoples need it!"
- 151. **Jackson Road Farm LLC and Penttila Lane Farm LLC**: Teresa DeLorenzo, Farmer. Knappa Dock Rd Astoria 97103. "Food bucks are a great way to get fresh produce to low income people at affordable prices. Our low income folks love their food bucks!"
- 152. **Jacqueline, Community member**. N Locust Ln Sisters 97759. *"It enables me, my family, and my community to access more fresh fruits and veggies"*



- 153. **Jaime McCourt, Community member**. Brookings 97415. "People deserve to eat, and eat healthy food at that."
- 154. Jaime Temairik, Community member. Portland 97203. "As corporate and conservative America continues to lay off thousands of Americans like me without cause in order to make only billionaires and their cronies richer, the average American is forced into poverty. And while these same billionaires and conservative crony government officials threaten to cut all social services that the average American has paid into for DECADES, services that were meant to protect us Americans and our families from corporation-induced greed like we are seeing today, Double Up is one of the few programs that not only supplies fresh and healthy foods to those on conservative billionaire induced low incomes, Double Up also benefits small farms and local foodmakers who cannot compete with the stranglehold giant chain grocers have on the US food market."
- 155. **Jam's Greatest Pits:** Bethany Wagner, crafter and jam maker at the market. NE 6th St Grants Pass 97526. "It helps everyone out in so many ways. Helps families in need be able to afford organic local produce and products and helps the sellers be able to keep the community full of nice organic healthy food at a reasonable price."
- 156. **Jamie Nash, Grant Manager, Oregon Department of Environment**. Portland 97217. "What a great opportunity it provides Oregon families! Double Up Bucks helps residents supplement their meals with healthy produce while supporting regional farmers at the same time."
- 157. **Jasmyn Nekola, community member**. NE 17th Ave Portland, 97232. "It's been making getting food way more accessible to people with foodstamps, including myself. Personally, I'm starting to rely on it a little more since my monthly ebt allotment was decreased severely, but I still can't always afford groceries out of pocket. It also makes it easier to support local farmers and growers, people who deserve income for their efforts to feed their neighbors."
- 158. **Jeanine Gaitan, community member.** NE 19th Ave Portland 97212. "The ability to make local farm produce more readily available for community members when food costs and availability are getting ever more difficult is incredibly important. Farm workers should be paid fairly for their labor and production, and affordable local produce should be available for those with less means."
- 159. **Jefferson Farm Kitchen and Chef Kristen Catering**, Kristen Lyon, Chef and Business Owner. Jacksonville, 97530. *"It supports both lower income people in acquiring healthy food and small local farms who need to make a living wage."*
- 160. **Jenna Steele, community member.** Milwaukie 97222. "Double Up program increases access to healthy, locally grown, nutritious foods, and as a farmer helps me get produce into more community members homes and bellies! Double Up program helps shoppers buy more of my product, both supporting our small nonprofit farm and the customer with more fresh fruits and veggies."
- 161. Jennifer Reid, Community Member. Portland 97215. "Double Up supports one of our basic needs."
- 162. Jenny Petri, Community Member. Taylor Creek Rd Brookings 97415
- 163. **Jess Brite, Oakridge Gardening Club Member.** Oak St. Oakridge 97463. "We don't collect any public benefits but could certainly use the Double Up program for fresh local food."
- 164. **Jessamy Fabricant -community member**. Chambers St Eugene 97402. "Both as a community member and former farmer/market vendor, I have utilized the program myself and observed the benefit to the community and to small scale local farmers."



- 165. **Jesse Weeg Community Member.** SE 54th Ave Portland 97206. "The Double Up program is an important tool in connecting low-income people with fresh produce, something that we should all have access to. Our farmers are the backbone of our communities and by allowing more ways for community members to connect and support them is crucial."
- 166. **Jessica Brooks, Community member**. SW Bridge St Grants Pass 97526. "It's helped me provide for my family with healthy food, Allowing me to stretch my money further. It's a wonderful opportunity that I appreciate and my family. It's a great option for other families who are low income or fixed income."
- 167. **Jo Beaudreau, Community member,** City of Florence City Councilmember (not representing City but community members), BeauxArts Fine Art Materials, Siuslaw Vision. Florence 97439. "Double Up Program has helped my family discover new foods and provide more for us. I have a two year old and I am doing my best to establish good eating habits NOW so she can be a thriving member of our society. This also helps local ag and this is SUPER vital since many larger farms are corporate or have owners who are not connected to their community...and some even are foreign investors who own US property and if they choose not to use the land for food, then the US will starve. We live rurally and access to food can be hard at times. Supporting local ag is important too for sustainability and emergency management. THANK YOU! PLEASE PLEASE keep this vital program for our communities and PLEASE expand!"
- 168. **Jocksy, Community Member.** Beaverton 97006. *"I am on snap and I want my money to go far when it comes to healthy food."*
- 169. **Jodi Petty, Community member.** Hood River 97031. *"I believe in providing farmers and the community a place to distribute their produce and help families feed their children."*
- 170. **Joifull Blooms:** Sarah Newman, Farmer. Cave Junction 97523. "We're living in a time where people are hungry in the United States. Our diets are full of processed foods. Many of the grocery stores provide poor quality produce, especially in rural areas. Double up food bucks program helps to improve our local economy, sustain small organic farms, improve the environment because of the sustainable farming practices of the small family farm and finally provides good nutrition to our local community, which contributes to the overall health of our society."
- 171. **Josi Farms:** Jaimie Josi Farmer. Wilson River Loop Tillamook, 97141. *"It gives the low income households in my community the incentive and means to eat healthy local food."*
- 172. **Jubilee Valley (farm)**: Emily Simiyu, farmer. Cook Rd Noti 97461. "We are a small farm that grows organic fruits and vegetables, we sell at 2 local farmer's markets and probably close to 1/4 of our sales go to snap/DUFB, so this program is very important for us! We are also snap recipients, so it allows us to purchase things like local, pasture raised meat and eggs."
- 173. **June, Community member.** 97402. "The double up program allows me to afford good healthy food and takes away the financial barrier of being able to support local farms! So important!"
- 174. **Karen Davis, Community member.** La Grande 97850. "Double Up has allowed me to make the healthy choice to buy produce at my local farmer's market, where I can support local farms even though I have disabilities and little to support myself on. Eating healthier is good for me and for my community."



- 175. **Karen Goodwin, Community Member.** Alberta Ln Eugene, 97404. "I'm a former nutrition educator and have worked with SNAP recipients. It is crucial to assist with food aid as healthier foods become more costly."
- 176. **Karen Nunley, Community member.** Hatton Ave Eugene 97404. "The double up program allows us on snap to eat more fresh and local produce at farmers market and my favorite way is at a few local natural food stores!"
- 177. **Karley, Community Member.** Brookings 97415. "As a single working mother of two whom receives food assistance, I cannot stress enough how helpful Double Up is in keeping healthy, nourishing food consistently served to my family. Being able to support my local farmers and farmers' market while simultaneously teaching my kids about nutrition and how to prepare fresh foods for themselves is a win-win, and doubling my assistance value means we can make better food choices more often.
- 178. Kate Goldsworthy, farmer. Territorial Hwy Eugene 97405.
- 179. **Kathleen Bauer, Community member.** NE 17th Ave Portland 97212. "I am supportive of a thriving and healthy community and food system. DUFB keeps a community healthier, and helps local small farmers to thrive."
- 180. **Katsuyuki Shibata, community member.** 33rd Ave Eugene 97405. "The Double Up program allows people to purchase fruits, vegetables, and other food items that are essential to daily life at affordable prices while supporting farmers and vendors. It is good for the community."
- 181. **Kelly Thelen, Community member.** Silverton 97381. "To help take care of people in need of healthy and affordable food."
- 182. Ken Nelson, community member. Oakridge 97463. "I'm 81 years old, very low income, everything is SO expensive. The Farmers Market allows me to eat the best food and the programs stretch my \$."
- 183. **Kenelaine Wright, community member.** Mcfarland Rd Oakridge 97463. *"It allows low income community members to have fresh produce and understand how food is produced."*
- 184. **Kesi Robinson Community Member.** S Longview Way Oregon City, 97045. "This greatly helps people by encouraging in the people in our community to eat fruits & vegetables for their health & saves them money while doing it. Many of these individuals have very little to live upon, & amount spent on food is often very minimal. This program also supports community-owned grocery stores such as the People's Food Co-Op stay in business by encouraging community members to shop at their grocery store. There are benefits when shopping at this grocery store such as discounts for community members on all items, that a corporate-owned grocery store would not provide to our people & communities here in Oregon."
- 185. **Kindness Farm:** Ryan Elwood, Lead Farmer, Educator, Small Business Owner, and Community Member. SE 127th Ave. Portland, 97219
- 186. **Klamath Falls Farmers Market:** Farmers Market Board Member. Blue Mt Dr Klamath Falls 97601. "Local residents are finally aware of the DUFB at our market and have come to rely on it to access fresh, local produce. They love being able to use their SNAP benefits to support local. For the ag vendors, DUFB is essential for them to stay in business and make selling at the market worthwhile for them."



- 187. **Kris Morris, Community Member**. Brookings 97415. *"I am a community member who runs a homeschool co-operative. Several of our members utilize this service to make their dollar go further, but most importantly to make sure that their family is supporting local businesses and the healthiest options for their family. I feel this program is vital to the communities we live and serve in!"*
- 188. **Kris Wallace, Community Membe**r. SE Harold St Portland 97206. "Local food is important to all of us."
- 189. **La Finquita del Buho, CSA:** Lyn Jacobs. NW Dick Rd Hillsboro 97124. "Vital to help all people no matter their financial circumstances to have access to farm fresh organic local produce"
- 190. La Grande Farmers Market: Candi Nielsen-Market Manager. LaGrande 97850. "The DUFB program enhances access to food for people, it supports our local farmers and our local economies, and it promotes healthier eating habits in our communities by allowing for more fruits and vegetables to go into households."
- 191. La Merenda Farm: Katie Gourley, farmer. NE Liberty St Portland 97211. "The Double up program gives me so much hope and fills me with the desire to keep working endlessly as a farmer to feed my community nourishing and healthy foods. I want everyone to be able to access these foods. As a recipient of food stamps at many points throughout my life, the incredible impact programs like double up food bucks have on folks struggling to feed themselves cannot be overstated. At this time of public health crises and ecological instability, we need access to health giving food more than ever."
- 192. Lady Sourdough, LLC: Jan Christensen. Oakridge 97463. "It does not directly benefit my business, but, if they didn't have it then many would not have any money left to purchase my products which are not covered by Double Up"
- 193. Lake Oswego Farmers Market, Emily Liu Lake Oswego Farmers Market Manager. A Avenue Lake Oswego, 97034. "Double Up Food Bucks program allows low income families to shop at our farmers market and increases their access to healthy local foods. We want locally produced veggies and fruits to be enjoyed by all."
- 194. **Lale, Farmer.** Azalea, 97410. "it's helpful for our income as farmers and also helps our customers."
- 195. Lane County Farmers Market: Alexis Molinari, Market Director & Zydlei Trujillo Sabarich -Office Manager & Poppy Marin Farmers Market Info Booth Lead. Shelton McMurphey Blvd Eugene 97401. "In 2024 alone, we redeemed \$495,199 in SNAP and Double Up Food Bucks benefits, showing just how vital these programs are to our community and the local economy. These programs are not only providing food security to those in need, but they are also directly benefiting local farmers and food vendors by increasing their sales and sustaining their livelihoods. I have seen the positive impact of the DUFB program first hand at my job. Folks that come to the market are immensely grateful that this program exists in our community and many would otherwise not be able to shop at our market. This highlights one reason why it is important for me. It is a program that gives access to fresh, high quality, healthy produce to people who would otherwise not have the financial ability or knowledge to do so. It is a great asset to the farmers and other vendors to help keep their business running. Without programs and organizations like this my community would eventually be a food desert, dependent on large grocery chains. Part of my duties as a market lead include helping people utilize the DUFB program. I see how many people benefit from this program.



So many customers tell me on a daily basis how grateful they are for this program not only to be able to access fresh local produce but to support local farmers."

- 196. **Laughing Rabbit Farm**: Julie Hackett, Farmer. Astoria 97103. "Many of my farmers market customers utilize DUFB, and are able to purchase more fresh local food for their families. As a farmer it is hard for me to compete with the globalized food commodity system, and many of the working class families in my community are not able to afford the price of local fresh food. DUFB not only supports working class and low income families, it also supports farmers and keeps out food local."
- 197. **Laura Cuccia-Nilsen, community member.** Crow Rd Eugene, 97402. "A strong and supported local food market is important for our community resilience."
- 198. Laura Parker, Community member. Bend, 97703. "I have three teenage boys, they are all athletes. I don't believe in processed food, I want to nourish the boys as best as I can. I believe that Whole Foods nourishment is health care. Food can be expensive especially when buying good quality and local so the double up bucks helps me to provide the best food with as little carbon footprint as possible. Also, I love supporting our local farmers and building community with them."
- 199. **Lauren Nelson, Community member and SNAP recipient.** Eugene 97402. *"I have personally benefited so much from the double up food bucks program- it has allowed me to stretch my SNAP funds and actually afford produce."*
- 200. Lea Velliquette, community member. SE Ogden St Portland 97206.
- 201. Leave. & Love Organic Bakehouse, Jeff Stratman Baker. Sisters, OR. "It allows market attendees to afford more high quality food. That money they save on fruits and vegetables pours over into other food organizations such as ours they can now buy quality bread because produce is covered."
- 202. **Liberty Adams, Community Member**. Oregon City 97045. *"I have stage 4 cancer. There's no way my family would be able to afford so many fruits and vegetables or be able to support our local farmers without the double up program. We eat healthy because of it."*
- 203. Linda Ruswinkle, Community member. NE 7th Ave Portland 97232. "With federal funding for many programs in limbo and with ongoing federal layoffs, it is important to support our hungry neighbors while at the same time supporting our local farmers is critical. It is ridiculous to truck food over many miles when it could be grown and used locally. We need a robust local farm community. Double Up helps with both of these issues."
- 204. Lindsey Belleau, community member. W 18th Ave Eugene 97402. "The Double Up program means that my children can get the nutrition their growing bodies need, and do better with school work. Nutrition is the foundation of success. Many families are struggling to afford the basics. I have a medical issue that will require surgery and I've lost a lot of work because of it. If I didn't have Double Up, this last year would have been so much worse. I cannot even imagine. And not only does it mean my kids can eat healthy, I get a chance at eating healthy too. My health condition requires that I lose weight and many days I'm not able to eat very much. While I prepare for surgery, at least I am able to give my body it's best chance for success by nourishing it when I do eat. There are no words to describe how much Double Up means to me personally. It also enriches the community and keeps dollars local. It really is a humbling feeling to be able to shake the hands of the people that grew the food my children are about to eat. Eating locally also ensures the produce is still at



peak quality and that it didn't travel from outside of my county. Organic produce is also crucial to soil quality, which leads to a healthier planet. When you think about it, the Double Up program doesn't just benefit low income families. It's an entire ripple effect reaching it's benefit to ways we may not see for some time to come."

- 205. **Lindsey Bellefeuille, community member.** Brown Ln Bandon 97411. "Double up food bucks has helped me personally be able to afford fresh local produce and have the option to buy local. I am no longer receiving SNAP benefits, but have seen the impact of double up food bucks through working in food systems in my community. It is a well utilized program that created access for more nutritious food options, which are scarce in my rural community."
- 206. **Lindsey Trempler, Farmers' Market Consumer.** SE Corliss Corvallis 97333. "Double Up Food Bucks helps the community by lowering the cost of fresh and healthy produce to the community without harming the farmers."
- 207. Little Bearfox Farm: Chris Peters, Farmer. Seaside 97138.
- 208. **Lorie Griffin, Community member.** W Lexington Ave Astoria 97103. "I used the double up program for two years and it was the best thing ever. It helped me bring more fruits and vegetables into my home for my children, these things were from our local farmers so this helps them too."
- 209. Louisa Waligoske, farmer and snap customer. Dexter Rd. Dexter 97431. "Our farm relies heavily on sales at farmers market, which would be dramatically less without DUFB."
- 210. Lynn, Community member. SE Harold St Portland 97206. "Food is a human right."
- 211. **M's Bakery.** SW Powerhouse Dr. Bend, 97702. *"I want to support access to healthy food to all in my community because it promotes better health outcomes, interest in food/cooking, supports local farmers and makers and most importantly reduces food insecurity. Bend is a strong tight community where when we all win together it not only stimulates the economy but strengthens the people. This is a value program for the entire CENTRAL OREGON community"*
- 212. **Madeline Sorenson, Community Member.** Chambers St Eugene 97402. "On a weekly basis, I benefit from this program because it allows me to eat local and fresh food. Without double up food bucks I would not be able to shop at farmers markets."
- 213. **Manzanita Farmers Market**, Carolina Lysse, Manager. Manzanita, 97130. "Double Up Food Bucks encourages more shoppers to attend the farmers market, supporting small rural businesses and promoting healthful eating."
- 214. **Maria Erskine Community member**. Eugene 97402. *"I have seen the double up program benefit and welcome so many new faces to the Farmers Market. Affordable (thanks to double up) good quality food form the market made my life so fulfilling when the pandemic was still at its heights. To those who can access it it makes a world of a difference."*
- 215. **Maria Skinner, Community member.** W 12th Ave Eugene, 97402. "It's been such an immense help for me and many friends to get the food we need. It encourages shopping local and benefits everyone involved."
- 216. Marissa Perez, Community Member. NE 6th Ave Portland 97212.
- 217. **McKay's Market**, Larry Weston Grocery Store Manager. Hwy 101, Brookings, 97415. "Our seniors and lower income customers love this program. Several have stated that they are buying significantly more fresh produce that they would without this program. They are eating healthier due to this program and without it would not eat as healthy."



- 218. **McMinnville Downtown Association:** Meg Ordaz President. NE 3rd St. McMinnville 97128. "This has allowed for folks on assistance to have access to fresh produce."
- 219. **McMinnville Downtown Farmers Market,** Samantha Monagon Market Manager. NE 3rd St McMinnville, 97128. "This is a very important program for our community and vendors. Without this our market would suffer."
- 220. Meagen Grundberg, Community member. Portland 97211.
- 221. **Medford Food Co-op:** Halle Riddlebarger, Outreach Manager. Riverside Ave Medford, 97501. "Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) increases access to healthy foods for folks in our community who face food insecurity. In addition to stretching monthly SNAP benefits a little further, DUFB increases access to and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables. DUFB benefits have a positive ripple effect on the community: empowering people to make healthy food choices, healthy food choices lead to better health outcomes, more dollars circulate our local community and are available to purchase local goods and services. Everyone wins from Double Up Food Bucks. Many participants express their gratitude for the program and explain how it helps them and their families make ends meet and add fresh foods to their meals. Medford Food Co-op owners and shoppers are grateful for the impact the program had made so far here in Southern Oregon, and we urge your support for SB 5526."
- 222. Megan Monroe Community member, single mom and student. Portland 97229
- 223. Meghan Verberkmoes, Community Member. Donald St. Eugene 97405.
- 224. **Melanie Birdsong, Community member.** 97538. "It's a valuable resource for my family to be able to afford fresh local produce"
- 225. **Melanie Holte, Community Member.** Corvallis 97333. "DUFB has become a necessity for folks to access nutritious food, and a staple for those that are financially unstable. This program has become an anchor in the community and it would be devastating to have it removed."
- 226. **Mingala International Market**: Owner. 122nd Ave Portland 97236. "With the double up, our customers are able to afford Produce and they are buying a good amount."
- 227. **Misty Bergenstock, Community Member.** Portland. "Supporting Local Farmers and Local Food is good for the community and Oregon businesses."
- 228. **Montavilla Farmers Market**, Lisa Hebert, Executive Director, SE Stark St Portland, 97215. "Double Up Food Bucks increases food security and increases access to locally grown fruits and vegetables to our community. Our year-round market has distributed over \$57,000 of Double Up Food Bucks in 2024 alone. This money was turned into fresh produce consumed by SNAP eligible families while supporting small, local farmers."
- 229. **Mother Tree Makery**: Brian Pike market member/community member. Central Ave. Medford 97501. "As a former SNAP benefits recipient turned teacher and and entrepreneur, I know how difficult it is for vulnerable people to afford good healthy food. The double up program helps, not only, the most vulnerable among us to access fresh healthy food but also supports small farmers that overwhelmingly employ organic and regenerative processes and are the cornerstones of our community."
- 230. **Nan McNatt, Community member.** Oakridge 97463. "Double Up allows us to buy delicious produce directly from local growers that we otherwise would have limited access to."



- 231. **Natalie Olguin, community member.** W11th Eugene 97401. "Hundreds of customers use this program to enhance the nutrition in their diet, while also supporting local farmers and local businesses. It has helped replace low nutritional index foods with actual produce, at double the amount. It's been vital for parents, students, the elderly, and disabled members of my city. I am not a snap member, I speak on behalf of my peers."
- 232. **Neverending Chorey Farm**: Emily Fabbri, producer and consumer. Hays Cut Off Cave Junction 97523. *"It accounts for the majority of my sales at market and is a huge engine for my local rural economy."*
- 233. Newport Farmers Market, Jennifer Olsen, President, Eric Hanneman, manager, Newport, 97365. "Our mission is to build markets to be profitable outlets for local agriculture and valuable sources of fresh foods for consumers. Many customers of our market in rural Oregon rely on DUFB to access nutritious food which also helps our farmers sustain their crops."
- 234. **North Coast Food Web**: Nathan Phillips, Board Treasurer and Twila Pierson- Market and Food Access Manager. Astoria 97103. *"Food access is critical to our local well being and economy. This program extends the impact of our work while adding reach to our community. Double up Food bucks has provided members of our community the ability to stretch their food budget and ability to access produce. This program is integral to our community, not only are folks able to access fresh fruits, and vegetables more easily- we are putting money into the pockets of farmers who work tirelessly to feed our communities. Both people in need deserve access to fresh food and the farmers deserve to be paid for it."*
- 235. **Nuna Farms**, Farmer Grants Pass 97527. "The Double Up program allows for more people to support local farms. It keeps the money circulated in the local economy and makes healthy food more accessible to all."
- 236. **Nurturing Roots Farm:** Chelsie French, Farmer. Redwood Hwy Kerby, 97531 "We are a very low income community that relies on this program."
- 237. **Nymph and Woodsman Wellness**: Becca Deysach, Herbal Medicine Maker. Yale Creek Rd Jacksonville 97530. "This program supports our neighbors, friends, and us! While our business does not take the Double Up Food Bucks directly, they benefit us by freeing up people's cash to buy our herbal medicine products."
- 238. **Ocean Air Farms**: Julie Jo Ayer Williams, Farmer. Moorehead Rd Crescent City, CA 95531. "Southern Oregon Community members use their coupons every week at the cave junction farmers market. It seems without the coupon support they would not be accessing fresh locally grown nutrient dense produce."
- 239. **Oceana Natural Food Cooperative**, Corey Phoenix, Assistant Manager. SE 2nd St Newport, 97365. *"It has been a great way to encourage customers to eat fresher, healthier produce."*
- 240. **OHSU Farmers Market:** Eecole Copen, Manager. Sam Jackson Park Rd Portland, 97239. "We rely on DUFB to help our low-income customers to be able to afford the amazing produce we have to offer here at the hospital farmers market. It helps to make healthy eating an easy and accessible choice."
- 241. **Olde Moon Farm:** Adam McKinley, Farmer. Timber Trl NE Silverton 97381. "Double Up Food Bucks is an amazing program and I've over and over seen it increase low income family's



consumption of farm fresh produce and increase enthusiasm in purchasing direct from us at market or through CSA (community supported agriculture) shares."

- 242. Olivia Chavarria, Community member. NE Warton Dr. Grants Pass. "Fresh healthy food for all!"
- 243. **Ontario Saturday Market,** Teri Anne Finnerty, Market Manager, Ontario, 97914. "The Double Up program greatly assists seniors and young families to obtain fresh fruits and vegetables while supplementing their food budget. Fresh produce in their diets help improve their health and well-being."
- 244. **Oracle Orchard:** Farmer. Portland 97211. "We farm in a low income neighborhood, double up food bucks ensures healthy produces can be affordable for our neighbors."
- 245. **Oregon City Farmers Market**, Jessica Land Market Director. Oregon City, 97045. "The Double Up Food Bucks Program increases our customer's access to nutrient dense fruits and vegetables. In 2024 alone, we distributed Double Up to 2006 families living within our community of Oregon City and greater Clackamas County. This program is vital to decreasing food insecurity for our SNAP recipients and literally changes their buying power. This benefits our local economy and our small farms, the majority of which travel 6 miles or less from their farm to our market. Revenue goes directly to our farms, bolstering our local economy and strengthening earnings for small farms at risk of grant funding freezes, climate disruptions and additional negative impacts caused by environmental challenges. We operate on the campus of Clackamas Community College in which 46% of students suffer from food insecurity. Providing fresh food access to an underrepresented demographic of SNAP recipients has profound effects on their daily nutritional health."
- 246. **Oregon Farm to School Network**, Melina Barker, Director Oregon Farm to School Network. Ashland, 97520. "Support local farmers and access to fresh fruits and vegetables!"
- 247. **Oregon Farmers Markets Association**, Tim Wilson, Interim Executive Director. NE 29th Ave Portland, 97211. "Double Up Food Bucks addresses food security across Oregon by connecting families in need with healthy, locally-grown produce. This program is truly a win-win, supporting families that need a hand, strengthening local farmers and ranchers, and reducing healthcare costs."
- 248. Oregon Food Bank: Matt Newell-Ching, Senior Policy Manager. Statewide
- 249. **Oregon Organic Coalition**: Amy Wong Coalition Director. 23rd Ave Portland, 97210. "The Oregon Organic Coalition supports the growth of the Double Up Food Bucks Oregon program because organic farmers, and farmers using organic practices, are a cornerstone of many of the farmers markets, farm stands, and CSA programs that are part of Double Up Food Bucks Oregon. Increasing support for consumers purchasing these products directly aids these organic farmers' bottom lines. Also, I formerly served on the Board of Directors at People's Food Co-op and regularly volunteered at the Co-op's weekly farmers market where I helped process Double Up Food Bucks matches for market goers. Through this experience, I saw firsthand the benefit and positive impact the Double Up Food Bucks program has on a community that matters to me, and I would like to see it continue."
- 250. **Oshala Farm**, Elise Higley, Farmer. Hwy 238 Grants Pass 97527. "Double Up is a win win program. It's supports farmers growing food for the community while at the same time it supports the community by promoting healthy seasonal eating habits and having a relationship with their local farmers and food supply."



- 251. **OtterBee's Market**: Kathleen Dickson, Food Hub Owner. Montbretia Ln Brookings 97415. "Our communities in Curry County are all food insecure, and the Double Up program is vital in getting fresh, locally grown, nutritious foods into the hands of those who most need it. It also supports our local economy in ways that corporate grocers do not..."
- 252. **Pam Kitkoski, community member,** NE Prefontane St. Hillsboro 97124. "Food insecurity in the area and can not count on the federal government for anything any more."
- 253. **Patty Biever-Nunn, community member.** Meadows Dr NE Aurora 97002. "More nutritious food!"
- 254. **Patty Moxley, community member**, SE Orchid St. Portland 97219. "Now more than ever, due to the socio-economic uncertainty caused by the Trump/Musk presidency, we must continue support to low income members of our community. Everyone deserves access to healthy food."
- 255. **Paula, Community member and CSA subscriber.** Portland 97221. "This program helps our most needy community members to eat healthy and thrive, and it benefits our local farmers. It is win-win, especially because it ends up saving our community money in the long run."
- **256.** Penny Sullivan, Community Member. 97478. "Please continue to invest in our community, its people, and its farms / markets."
- 257. **People's Co-op:** Anna Brown people's coop employee / community member. Portland 97214. "Food costs are steadily rising and we need to do what we can so that low income folks have access to food period. having access to nutritious food is even better."
- 258. **People's Farmers' Market**: Tamara Lynne, Farmers' Market Manager. 21st Ave Portland, 97202. "The Double Up program provides crucial support to many low-income families, and also generates essential income to keep our local farmers in business."
- 259. **People's Food Co-op:** James Holland, Collective Manager. SE 21st Ave Portland 97202. "Food sovereignty."
- 260. **Philomath Community Services**: Sharron Thornberry; Executive Director. South 9th St Philomath 97370. "DUFB increases the availability of fresh healthy locally grown food for our recipients. It also supports our local small farmers who donate to our organization."
- 261. **Philomath Farmer's Market:** Tyana Newbill, Assistant Organizer/SNAP Booth/Community Member. S 17th St Philomath, 97370. *"There are so many families struggling with food insecurity, now more than ever. This program provides much needed relief and nutrition for our community."*
- 262. **Pacific Northwest CSA Coalition:** Mary Silfven, Project Manager. NE Fremont St Portland 97220. "As the Project Manager at PNWCSA, I see firsthand how the Double Up Food Bucks program strengthens our local food system by making fresh, locally grown produce more accessible to families who need it most. This program not only helps SNAP participants afford healthier food, but it also supports small and mid-sized farms, ensuring that Oregon farmers can continue to thrive. By increasing the purchasing power of low-income households while reinvesting in our local agricultural economy, Double Up creates a ripple effect of benefits—fostering food security, economic resilience, and healthier communities across the state."
- 263. Pony Pony Pastries: Kristen Napoleoni, Business Owner. NE Sacramento St Portland 97212.
- 264. **Portland Farmers Market**: Katy Kolker, Executive Director; Sarah Watt, Farmers Market Manager; Jackie Boliba Soule- Market Manager. N Broadway Portland, 97227. *"The Double Up Food Bucks program provides SNAP matching incentives to thousands of low-income shoppers*



each year across our five vibrant farmers markets. The program increases access to fresh, locally grown food, supports local farms and our local food economy. It's a win-win-win for our community, and for Oregonians state-wide. The double up program supports my community by supporting local food systems, small business owners, and connecting folks with these systems by creating more accessibility."

- 265. **Pumpkin Ridge Gardens:** Polly Gottesman, farmer. Pumpkin Ridge Dr. North Plains 97133. *"Fresh food for those who need it, help for small local farms; what's not to love?!"*
- 266. **R&S Market**: Randy Parrow Market owner. Jefferson Ave Veronia 97064. "This program is extremely valuable to our community members who are struggling with the economic times and cost of groceries. This program allows healthy options for the families and I feel very beneficial."
- 267. **Rachel Pompe, Community Member** and Farmers Market Fund Board Treasurer. Franklin St Portland, 97202. "I have participated in the Double Up Food Bucks program at farmers markets, grocery stores, and through a CSA, and have seen how well the program works. DUFB extended my food budget and allowed me to patronize the local businesses, farmers, and markets I care about. I purchase and eat more fresh fruits and vegetables thanks to this program, which contributes to better overall health for myself, as well as helping local agriculture to thrive."
- 268. **Raina Wickham, Community Member**. Bluerock Ln. Corvallis 97333. *"It is an essential program that connects healthy food with people who need it."*
- 269. **Rainshadow Organics:** Sarahlee Lawrence, farmer and Alison Holland, CSA manager. Holmes Rd Sisters 97759. "DUFB is so important to opening up the opportunity for all community members to benefit from nutritious, locally farmed food. It helps farmers and it helps community members. Win win across all the divides! Food Access is necessary in todays economy! DUFB is an easy and important way to make sure all members of our community can support quality, nutritious, locally grown vegetables. It supports local farms and local people. This is an important program, please don't let it drop."
- 270. **Rebecca, community member**. Portland, 97206. "I used this when my kids were little and we were very low income. It made us into lifelong farmer's market supporters. It was a lifeline, and the only way we were able to go to the farmers markets and feel like we belonged there with the rest of the community. We have been going for over a decade and know lots of people- it's as much a social event as a shopping trip."
- 271. **Rebecca Briggs, Community Member**. Eugene 97405. "Double Up provides critical access to fresh fruit and vegetables for those in need, as well as important support for farmers and communities."
- 272. **Rebecca Falleur, community member and former double up user**. Mill St. Springfield 97477. *"Makes fresh veg, fruits, and seeds for growing my own SO much more accessible!!"*
- 273. **Rebecca, community member.** NE Killingsworth St Portland, 97218. "The Double Up program helps local farms and makes buying local, healthy food accessible to more people in the community."
- 274. **Red Apple Marketplace:** Tim Peters, Store Manager. SW 4th Ave Ontario 97914. "DUFB provides us the opportunity to help the community to eat more, healthy produce with their SNAP benefits. In addition, it helps support our local farmers as we partner with them. It really is a win-win for the community!"



- 275. **Redwood Garden**: geneva vasquez. Redwood Hwy Kerby 97531. "It helps support the community by making it possible for low income residents to purchase food from the farmers market."
- 276. **ResilientSeed Healing Farm:** Kylie Steele, Farmer. SE 43rd Ave Milwaukie, 97222. "The Double Up Food program is an amazing way to make farm fresh produce more accessible to more families, and under-resourced individuals, those that deserve farm, fresh, local food the most. As a young college student I got to benefit from this program and it made my SNAP funds go so much further! This is an amazing program!"
- 277. **Rick Walsh, Farmer at Klamath Falls Farmers Market**. Sylvia Ave Klamath Falls 97603. "This give a way to extend snap participants money and support local food producers."
- 278. **Rise Up! Artisan Bread**: Rosie Demmin, bread baker and business owner. Jacksonville, OR. *"It helps low income folks get access to healthy local food choices."*
- 279. Robert Woodson, community member. Westfir Rd Westfir 97492.
- 280. **Robina Ingram-Rich, Community member & OHSU farmers market volunteer**. Hideaway Ln Lake Oswego, 97034. *"Improves access to healthy fresh produce to many."*
- 281. **Rocky Butte Farmers Market**: Sarah Mooney Board President, Liz Braun, Market Director; Haley Simpson, Market Manager. NE Stanton St. Portland 97213. "We are a non-profit farmers market that focuses on smaller and newer producers. We are on the 82nd street corridor in NE Portland and about half of our market visitors use SNAP. Double up food bucks gives them the opportunity to purchase more fresh fruits and vegetables for their family. We also provide education about the program, the food and how they can make their double up food bucks work best." "Double Up Food Bucks make fresh, local produce accessible to the people who can most benefit from it. It also puts the money right into the pockets of local farmers, increasing our local economy and decreasing our dependence as a community on imported food. With more funds being circulated within our community, our market is able to spend more on food education and food waste reduction." "Over the 2024 summer season, our small market alone distributed \$1600 worth of DUFB, increasing the fresh local produce accessible for our neighbors, and the amount of money going directly back to local agriculture. This program is deeply important to food security and our local economy, and is one of the most important ways we can take care of our community!"
- 282. **Rogue Artisan Foods:** Gillian Gifford, farmer. Hwy 238 Jacksonville, 97530. "This program helps to keep money in the community and has helped to make my farm business slightly profitable. With food prices and supplies for farms going up every year I have seen a huge decline in my local product sales as people choose to shop at big commodity stores. The first week of the month when everyone gets their double up and protein match, my sales more than double and I get local sustainable meat, eggs and produce into the hands of people who need it. I noticed a HUGE drop in my market sales when the protein match grant ended last year. It made it really difficult for me to afford going to farmers market to sell, it's just not worth my time if I make less than a hundred dollars for a 10 hour day."
- 283. **Rogue Valley Farm to School:** Rebecca Slosberg. Ashland, 97520. "Double up is such a win win to support the community in purchasing local nutrient dense food and at the same time supports the producers and improves local economy."



- 284. **Rogue Valley Growers and Crafters Market:** Monica "Nickole" Schulz, Manager of Operations. Medford 97501. *"It's a win for growers and small producers, it's a win for the community and it's a win for the local economy."*
- 285. **Root Down Family Farm/Cave Junction Farmers' Market:** Carrie Catterall farmer and farmers market board member. Cave Junction 97523. *"I see how many people it brings to the farmers market to shop for food who might not otherwise. That, in return, puts more money directly into the community by buying direct from our farming families. It also provides an opportunity to educated people on eating local, seasonal food."*
- 286. **Rudy's Markets Inc**.: Lauren G. D. Redman, CEO & President. Newport Ave Bend, 97703. "This program helps feed our most fragile community in rural Central Oregon with nutritious fresh produce they may otherwise not be able to afford or have access to."
- 287. Runnymede Farm: Teri White, Farm Owner. West Evans Creek Rd Rogue River 97537
- 288. **Rusted Gate Farm:** Jo Ann Shannon, Farmer. 97502. "We sell produce and USDA inspected meat products in our Farm Stand. This program allows more community members who otherwise could not afford to buy this nutritious local food"
- 289. **Ruth Droescher, Community Member.** N Mohawk Ave Portland 97203. "Food access in my neighborhood, and across the city, is a very important issue, and the Double Up Food bucks program especially is something that people rely on to be able to access fresh produce. While SNAP itself is an essential resource, Double Up Food Bucks specifically allows these recipients access to food that is nourishing and supports their overall longevity. Double Up Food Bucks also supports our local farmers, and makes access to locally grown produce accessible for a larger number of people."
- 290. Salem Community Markets: Danielle Ferris, Office Manager. Waller St SE Salem 97302. "Having Double Up allows our community members to extend their SNAP benefits. Getting more fresh produce out to people who don't usually get a lot."
- 291. **Samme Sheikh, Community Member.** NE 71st Ave. Portland 97213. "Economic impact of Covid has not abated its only worsened. Families need this and more than ever to survive amid rising prices."
- 292. **Sandy Craft, Community Member,** Nonprofit Volunteer, 97439. "Food insecurity is a real concern in our community for individuals of all ages and fresh food is so important."
- 293. **Seed to Table Oregon:** Hannah Joseph, Program Director, Sisters 97759. "Double Up Food Bucks has been an incredible asset to helping make our CSA more accessible to community members who face financial barriers. It is such a great resource for our community to access fresh, local foods, regardless of income. Please do not take away this funding!"
- 294. **Shawnie Bailey, Community Member.** Sisters 97759. "incentives for lessening food waste and feeding hungry people is important."
- 295. **Shelby Williams, Community member**. R St. Springfield 97477. "Double up helps to encourage purchases through small and locally owned businesses/farms. Sometimes locally owned produce is more expensive than in the grocery store, so having double the spending power truly incentivizes those purchases, along with providing more food for less. When fresh produce becomes less expensive than packaged processed foods, it encourages the stimulation of local businesses, but also puts quality fresh food in mouths that otherwise might not be able to afford it. I personally have utilized the SNAP double up program and was thrilled with the amount of fresh produce I was able to



purchase on a limited budget, but it also felt good knowing that money was staying in my community and encouraging growth to my neighbors and local businesses."

- 296. **Sherrill Kirchhoff, Community member.** West 29th Ave. Eugene 97405. "Everyone should have access to fresh fruits & vegetables. It's preventative medicine!"
- 297. **Sherrod Hoefel, Community member.** TEnino Dr. Silverton 97381. "We believe in buying local and that no one should go hungry."
- 298. **Silverton Farmers Market**: Vivienne Frankel Board Secretary. Silverton, 97381. "Our farmers market serves our entire community and food insecurity is real here."
- 299. **Silverton Area Community Aid:** Kate Van Ummerson, former market manager and board member. 97381. "Double Up program is an important economic driver for small local farmers. It is vitally important in providing access to high quality fresh foods to the members of our communities with limited income and those who face food insecurity. Please continue funding this important program."
- 300. **Silverton Grange #748**: Randi Embree, President. Drift Creek Rd NE Silverton 97381. *"Food Security affects our entire community."*
- **301. Simply Sol Farm**: Travis Bond: Co-Owner. S Fernwood Rd. Mollala 97038. "With the rising price of food and housing, its really hard for a majority of people to eat healthy and local food. This program is so beneficial and really helps bring people to the farmers markets to support local farmers. To me, this is the bare minimum that the state can do to support farms and people with food stamps, so to take it away would be absolutely shameful."
- 302. **Slow Hand Farm**: Josh Volk. N Charleston Ave Portland 97203. "DUFB has allowed families using SNAP benefits to access to fresh, seasonal produce straight from their neighborhood farm not only improving their diets but also their well being."
- 303. **Som Suberi, Community member.** Kelly Ct Portland 97236. "The Double Up Food Bucks program is more important than ever, especially with inflation and skyrocketing food prices making it harder for families to afford fresh, healthy produce. In my community, many families—especially New Oregonians and low-income households—struggle to put nutritious food on the table. DUFB helps stretch their food budgets by doubling the value of SNAP dollars when buying fruits and vegetables. This program not only makes healthy eating more accessible but also strengthens our local food system by supporting farmers. As a volunteer ambassador, I have seen firsthand how DUFB provides relief during these tough economic times and empowers families to make healthier choices."
- 304. **Somali Oregon Service Center** (SOS-CENTER): Ali Ibrahim. 122nd Ave Portland 97233. "Double up program is a life support that helped many people from different communities."
- 305. **Source Farms:** Vinny Pinto, farmer. Tualatin Valley Hwy Yamhill 97148. *"Feeding the ones who need it the most creates better community."*
- 306. **South Waterfront Farmers Market:** Lucinda Klicker, Farmers Market Manager. S River Pkwy Portland, 97239. "We are proud to offer a \$20 Double Up Food Bucks match at the farmers market for customers shopping with SNAP. We've seen the impact of the program on the community by seeing participation and empowerment in community members who would otherwise feel unwelcome at a farmers market due to cost barriers. Our neighborhood farmers market is situated among high rise apartments and a low income housing building, it is impactful to have a gathering



space where all neighbors can come together and support local food producers and farmers. We've also seen the impact that the Double Up program has had on our small farms, their sales have gone up thanks to Double Up dollars being directly spent at farm stalls. Each week we see shoppers going home with more produce and flats of berries because of their increased purchasing power using Double Up Food Bucks."

- 307. Spencer Seastrom, Community Member. NE 57th Ave Portland, 97218
- 308. **St. Johns Farmers Market:** Amii Chong, Executive Director; Julia Preszler, Market Manager: N Richmond Ave Portland 97203. "Our SNAP and Double Up Food Bucks/Produce Match programs are a win-win. They empower customers with EBT cards to better access locally-grown, nutrient-dense produce AND put more money into the pockets of our small, local farmers, who often struggle to sustain financially. In 2024, the St. Johns Farmers Market processed 1,098 Double Up Food Bucks/Produce Match transactions. About 10% of the customers we helped were brand-new to the program." "In 2024 St. Johns Farmers Market distributed \$52,286 in food access dollars to community members in need, so they could shop for locally grown, fresh, healthy food at St. Johns Farmers Market and in turn support the local farmers and food producers in our community. This is a win-win for community members experiencing food insecurity, local farmers and food producers, and St. Johns Farmers Market, which is proud to have facilitated this access to fresh food. We could not have achieved this without the support of Double Up Food Bucks, and we firmly believe in the importance of renewing this funding to continue to alleviate food insecurity for our most vulnerable neighbors."
- 309. **Starry Sky Farm:** Becky White, farmer/vendor/shopper/community member. Clatskanie 97016. *"46% of families qualify for food assistance."*
- 310. **Stewards Valley Farm:** Taylor Dinsmore, farmer. S Bremer Rd Canby 97013. "Double Up Food Bucks gives people access to local food in a variety of ways. Our customers use it at the farmer's market as well as to subscribe to our csa program. It's a vital program for the health of our community."
- 311. **Storybook Farm**: Nicki Passarella, Farm owner. SE Langensand Rd Sandy, 97055, "DUFB is a win-win-win. It provides funding and resources to directly support local farmers, provide nutrient-dense foods to our community members and creates a space for connection. WE ALL WIN WITH DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS!"
- 312. **Sun Gold Farm LLC:** Vicki and Chris Hertel, Farmer. NW Evers Rd Forest Grove. "Our family farm's main source of income is direct sales and the SNAP and Double Up programs have helped us to provide nourishing food to a broader range of our community. Through our farm stand and farmers markets DUFB has been able to directly support and feed those who need it most with good, natural food."
- 313. **Sun Love Farm**: Melissa Streng, Farmer. S Brunner Rd Oregon City 97045. "The double up food bucks program has made our produce available to families that otherwise would not be able to afford our nutritious produce through both a CSA program and through the farmer's market. Additionally, the DUFB funding has helped to ensure that customers in our community are able to purchase our food and our farm remains viable. It is a huge challenge to successfully farm and the hardest part is always selling the produce. Additionally, DUFB brings more folks out to the farmer's market, which builds community and creates more sales opportunities for all the vendors at the



market, not just the farmer's that accept DUFB. This program has helped my farm to become a successful viable farm and has provided healthy food to so many families. It has been a success on multiple levels and I deeply hope that the funding continues."

- 314. **Sunny Capper, Community membe**r. Brookings 97415. "This helps community members and producers immensely! As someone who has participated in it, I can attest that it was extremely beneficial. I also would avoid going to the supermarket so I could use the double up bucks at the farmers market to extent the value, get better quality food and support local farmers."
- 315. **Susan Heath, Community member.** Mount Vernon St SE Albany 97322. "Access to healthy food is a human right."
- 316. **Susan Valdez, Community member**. NE Colleen Rd Prineville 97754. "I am a recipient of the double up bucks and it really helps to stretch those extra dollars when snap gets cut in half while prices continue to rise. It's getting harder and harder to feed my family so the extra bucks go a long way!"
- 317. **Tana Sollars, Community Member**. SE Ankeny Portland 97214. *"I benefited from similar programs as a child that were critical to my well being. I believe kids and families deserve access to healthy local food."*
- 318. **Tanager Farm**: Brindley Beckwith- Farmer. NE 165th Ave. Portland 97230. *"It allows us to provide fresh produce to people who usually don't have access or money to afford it!"*
- 319. **Tayler Brisbin, Small Business Owner & Community member.** SW Daniels St. McMinnville 97128. "The Double up program is so vital to our community. It's been so encouraging to see the double up program add diversity to our market, and know that fresh produce is going to the people who need it the most. It's also such a great success for our local farmers to build new relationships with double up customers and gain the additional financial support."
- 320. Ten Rivers Food Web: Kirsten Miller, Co-Director. Corvallis 97339.
- **321. Terri Berling, Community Member**. E 2nd St. Oakridge 97463. "I see so many people in need in Oakridge. This community had a high poverty rate well before the current skyrocketing prices. Our children, especially, need healthy food to help them grow and learn to facilitate a brighter future for themselves and Oakridge."
- 322. **The Crows Croft**: Charles Oquist, Farmer. S Hwy 97 Redmond, 97756: "The DUFB gives us the ability to provide high-quality, nutritious protein to individuals and families who may otherwise struggle to afford it, ensuring they have access to a healthy and sustainable source of nourishment."
- 323. **The Dalles Farmers Market:** The Dalles, 97058. "DUFB feed those in need in our community, while supporting local farms & economy."
- 324. The House of Yarrow: Sofia Krasteva. Bend. "We're living in unprecedented times, food prices have skyrocketed, and having support makes eating healthier more accessible."
- 325. **The Kiva Grocery & Deli:** Melissa Brown, Small Grocery Store Owner/Manager. W 11th Ave, Eugene, 97401. "We see this program's benefits in our community daily. From farmers (including food seed), local distributors, job opportunities in our store and ESPECIALLY for consumers - there is such a positive impact. DUFB is truly an investment that keeps on giving."
- 326. **Three Goats Farm**: Sasha Langesfeld, Farmer. S Stevens Rd Oregon City 97045. "Some of our CSA members rely on the Double Up program to purchase healthy organic vegetables for their families. They likely wouldn't have been able to purchase our CSA shares without this program, and



probably would have ended up buying less healthy (or non organic options) at a grocery store, because the prices for organic produce are so much higher than conventional. With the help of this program, low income families can access healthy food and support local small farm businesses."

- 327. Tiffany Spahn, Community Member. SE Cora St. Portland, 97202
- 328. **Tigard Bull Mountain Farmers Market:** Pam Benson, Market Manager. SW Pacific Hwy Tigard, 97223. "The Tigard Bull Mountain Farmers Market is a volunteer market. All the funds that we receive go to directly to our customers that receive food stamps. The food that the customers receive are fresh and healthily and directly from the farmers."

329. **Tigard Farmers Market:** Melissa Endicott, Market Manager. Tigard 97223. "The Double Up program is more important than ever! It helps our low-income families access fresh, healthy foods that they may not be able to get otherwise, as DUFB helps stretch their dollars further. This is an amazing program that is absolutely necessary to our community!"

- 330. Tina Skiles, Community member. SW Pasadena Portland 97219.
- 331. **Tina, community member**. E 12th Ave Eugene, 97401. *"I want to see more access to food while supporting local farmers and the markets."*
- 332. **Toadstool Farm LLC:** Oliver Hayes and Leah Houtman, Farmers. NW Arboretum Rd Corvallis 97330.
- 333. **Tracy Harding, Community Member.** Hwy 238 Grants Pass 97527. "The program increases fruit and vegetable access and consumption among low-income households while attracting community members to a community asset, farmers' markets, helps people know more about where their food comes from, and inspires more healthy food choices. Farmers benefit from increased sales, broadened community connections, and bolstered social capital."
- 334. **Twig & Bloom Flower Farm:** Nikita Vincent, Owner/Operator. Lowen St NW Salem, 97304. "The double up program is important by helping those in the community that can't usually afford more money for food, but having access to this program thousands of dollars are going into the pantries of families that wouldn't normally have access to that kind of help. This program is vital for any and all communities."
- 335. Tyler Marshall, Community member. SE Stephens Portland 97216.
- 336. **Umpqua Valley Farmers Market:** Bobbi Wilson, Market Manager. Roseburg. "Double-up Food Bucks increases access to fresh, local food for low-income residents throughout Douglas County, brings in customers who might not shop at the market otherwise, and boosts income for local farmers and food producers. It's an invaluable program that represents a huge benefit to our local economy."
- 337. **Upriver Organics:** Hayley Richardson, Farmer and CSA manager. McKenzie Hwy Leaburg 97489. "DUFB is an essential program for our community and our farm. Nearly 1/3 of our sales come from DUFB-enhanced SNAP benefits, and we know from our customers that these programs are what allow them to shop from us. Despite being a very well-established farm (20 years in production as of 2025), removal of DUFB and SNAP would force us to revisit the economic viability of our farm."
- 338. **UPROOT! + La Fuente Market:** Krista Vegter Farmer + Butcher Advocate. Siskiyou Blvd Ashland 97520. *"Healthy Local Foods for all including low-income families is a win win for all."*



- 339. **UWCDC (Oakridge Food Box):** Bev McCulley . Oakridge 97463. "69% of the Oakridge community is Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE). Having the opportunity to visit the local Farmers Market and purchase fresh, farm grown produce with Double Up Bucks helps our low income population access healthy food options."
- 340. Valdas Anelauskas, Community Member. Eugene, 97405. "It makes good quality food more affordable."
- 341. **Valley Flora**: Zoe Bradbury DeSurra. Hwy 101 Langlois 97450. "In our rural region on the southern Oregon coast there isn't an abundance of farmers markets, farmstands, or even grocery stores, and as a result people have very limited access to fresh produce. Many families rely on SNAP to afford their monthly groceries, which restricts their access to fresh vegetables and fruit even more. The Double Up Food Bucks program has made our community supported agriculture (CSA) program accessible to folks who otherwise would never be able to afford it, all the while supporting local family farmers like us. It's a win-win-win for low income families, farmers, and public health. Please support this program with ongoing funding!"
- 342. Vancouver Farmers Market: Avery Reynolds, Market Manager. SE Alder St Portland 97214.
- 343. Vanessa Tharp, Community Member and Business Owner. Hills Creek Rd Oakridge 97463.
- 344. Veneta's Downtown Farmers' Market: Mindy Sandford, Board Chairperson and Heather Blake - Board Treasurer. Territorial Hwy Veneta, 97487. And Elmira 97437. "We have been providing fresh local produce to SNAP & DUFB recipients for over a decade. Our mission is to provide local food to local people, and to tackle food insecurity in our community. DUFB is a valuable program. It provides our customers the ability to purchase healthy locally grown foods. It also generates support for our local farmers."
- 345. **Verdant Phoenix Farm and Nursery:** Rhianna Simes, Farmer. Colver Rd Phoenix, 97535. "We are a rural area with many farms and low income community members. This program helps everyone!"
- 346. **Vicolo Farm:** Sam Callero, Farmer. N Williams Ave Portland 97217. "The Double Up program provides low-income members of our community fresh, affordable, and nutrient- dense foods that everyone has a right to access. The DUFB program promotes health at an individual and community level while also promoting small businesses in our region."
- 347. Westfir Oakridge Community Farmers Market: Valerie Nguyen, market manager. Westfir 97492. "We run a nonprofit farmers market in a rural food insecure, low-income community of about 4,000 citizens. We didn't start a farmers market for it to be a boutique, exclusive experience that only a few people could afford. We fully credit the DUFB program with our farmer's market ability to achieve our goals of supporting small local farms and making a healthier diet more possible for everyone. It truly benefits everyone, even people who do not qualify for SNAP/DUFB, because it improves sales of fresh veggies, fruits and plant starts. It reduces purchasing anxiety and helps the market provide our community with a social space of joy and sharing that has been a refuge for mental health, knowledge exchange and positive connections."
- **348.** Whimsy Supper Club: Talus Fritze-Moor, community member and food business owner. Bellfountain Rd. Corvallis 97333. *"It's a program that helps the community, local economy and creates more opportunities for people who participate in the program. It's also important to me for all community members to have access to healthy food."*



- 349. White Oak Organic Farm: Alex Stone, Farmer. Williams 97544. "DUFB increases my farm income and makes it possible for lower income people to obtain our healthy Brussels sprouts and dry beans a win-win!"
- 350. **Wild Child Farm**: Alva Waterstone, Farmer. Poodle Creek Rd Noti 97461. "DUFB is building a stronger foundation for a healthy community. Enabling access to fresh fruits and vegetables builds the local economy, strengthens local food systems and is worth our continued support."
- 351. **Wild Geese Farm:** Braedon Kwiecien, Farmer. Rosemount Rd. West Linn 97068. "This money helps real people eat healthy food. My friends have used double up food bucks when they could barely afford groceries so that they could feel healthy and feel like their lives were being lived well, rather than feeling like they were wasting their lives."
- 352. **Wild Grown Farm:** Shannon Kane, Farmer. NW Coyner Ave. Redmond 97756. "DUFB is a win-win-win for everyone involved. The program allows us to stretch SNAP dollars further so that folks in our community can gain access to healthy, local food while also supporting our local farmers and ranchers."
- 353. **Wild Herbs Apothecary**: Amy Lusson, Farmer and Small business owner. Cave Junction 97523. *"Provides more access to locally produced from products to people who may not be able to afford quality products."*
- 354. Willow and Oak: Rae, farmer. Camp Creek Springfield 97478.
- 355. **Winter Green Farm**: Chelsea Ramirez Office Manager, CSA Coordinator. Poodle Creek Rd Noti 97461. "The Double-Up Food Bucks program has been essential to helping our members get healthy, organic food. Many of our members can't afford the cost without the help of the program, many of whom are children or seniors. Without it, not only would our members suffer, but our CSA program as well."
- 356. **Wolf Gulch Farm:** Maud Powell, Owner. Haven Rd Jacksonville, 97530. "This program helps feed the people most in need with healthy, nutritious food while supporting farmers and keeping dollars in the community. It's the best!"
- 357. **Woodlawn Farmers Market**: Erin Cooper, Farmers Market Board Member. NE Grand Ave Portland, 97211. "The Double Up program allows our market to serve our community and increase access to fresh food for everyone."
- 358. **Woodlawn Farmers Market**: Beth Gratzer, Farmer Market Board Member. NE Morgan St Portland, 97211. "Double Up Food Bucks drastically increases accessibility to our market for community members. The increased buying power not only allows our community to access fresh and nutritious food, but also positively impacts the farmers and vendors that sell at our market. It's a win-win for everyone!"
- 359. **Woodstock Farmers Market:** Lucinda Klicker, Farmers Market Manager. SE Woodstock Blvd Portland, 97206. "Providing a match of \$20 to our customers shopping with SNAP is vital to our market's mission to provide access for all to quality fresh produce, address food insecurity, represent community diversity and strengthen neighborhood relationships through our support of local farmers and by providing a central gathering place. At our market the Double Up program is heavily relied on by our community of market goers and the farmers who receive a high portion of their sales through Double Up Food Bucks and SNAP dollars. In 2024 our small farms redeemed a total of \$21,000.00 in Double Up Food Bucks over the span of a 5 month market season. I have



personal experience benefitting from the Double Up program during times of financial and food insecurity. Shopping at the farmers market with Double Up Food Bucks allowed my family to remain excited about food and connected to healthy eating through periods of hardship. Shopping at the farmers market with SNAP was empowering thanks to the Double Up program."

- 360. **Working Theory Farm**: Capers Rumph -- Director of Farm Operations. SE Davis Rd Hillsboro 97123. "The Double Up Program makes a huge impact for the families that receive it (and the farms, too!). Doubling SNAP dollars for specifically fresh vegetables and fruits means that families don't have to make as many hard choices about which calories to spend their finite budgets on -- choosing more expensive, nutrient dense fruits and vegetables over cheaper, emptier calories becomes affordable, i.e. possible. When our community members are all well nourished we all do better. Likewise when more people are able to shop at local farms, those dollars recirculate within that local community supporting everyone. It's a win win."
- 361. **WyldEarth Farm**s: Tara Harris. Cave Junction 97523. *"My community can make their food stamps go further and it helps support local farmers who supply healthy foods to the community."*
- 362. **Xuemiao Liu, Community member**. Clackamas 97015. *"It provides low income folks much needed access to nutritious, fresh locally grown produce, and supporting local farmers in the process."*
- 363. **Yadanar Halal Market LLC**: Amir Bashir. Division St Portland 97236. "Helping immigrants and refugees communities and low income families."
- 364. **Yep Yep Organic Farm**: Jason Waligoske, Farmer. Dexter Rd Dexter 97431. "The DUFB program encourages low-income families to make healthier choices. These choices not only prevent mental and health care costs but also support the development of healthy, sane children. It also helps increase the sales of small, local, organic farms, leading to a more resilient food system."
- 365. **Zara Baldwin, Community Member**. NE Gilsan St. Portland 97232. "Double up food bucks helped me and my family through a tough time. While I no longer receive SNAP benefits, I still see the value and impact it has on my community. When I did receive SNAP, it allowed me to feed me and my family fresh produce throughout the entire market season. I was able to get the high quality produce that wasn't otherwise available to me at the time. Plus, the high-quality fresh from the farm nature of the produce I was able to buy meant it lasted longer in my pantry and didn't go to waste. I have raved about this program to the people in my community and would be devastated if it went away. All Oregonians should have access to farm fresh produce grown locally no matter their budget."
- 366. **Zenger Farm**: Kristie Winberg Farmer. SE Foster Rd Portland 97266. "This program allows us to create accessible pathways to local produced, nutritious foods at a fair cost to the farmer without having to charge vulnerable populations more than they can afford. This program allows us to compete with grocery stores and online delivery services without having to extract labor from farm laborers and is helpful in seeking business and human sustainability."
- 367. **Zephyr Organics**: Bryan Allan, Co-owner. NW Old Wilson River Rd Gales Creek, 97117. "Being able to provide healthy, local produce to all of our neighbors, even those who do not have a high income, is very important to our community farm. We want everyone to be able to participate in the local food economy."