This program was established in 2002 by the Federal and State Dept. of Agriculture to assist seniors in obtaining fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables and to increase sales and awareness of the farmers markets in the local area. In collaboration with Area Agency on Aging, the vouchers are distributed to eligible seniors statewide. The 2014 requirements for the program are: 1) The person be at least 60 or turn 60 within the year. (Proof of age required)* 2) The person must live in Luzerne or Wyoming County. (Proof of residency required)* 3) 2014 Income eligibility requirements (Self –Declaration, however, Dept. of Agriculture spot checks info and at that time, a participant will have to declare all income in household.) 1 person in household - \$21,590 4 people in household - \$44,123 2 people in household - \$29,101 5 people in household - \$51,634 3 people in household - \$36,612 6 people in household—\$59,145 *A PA driver's license or photo license would be sufficient to show age/residence eligibility for the program. A person is not eligible if he/she resides in a nursing home, convent or residential facility where meals are prepared. The eligible senior receives four \$5 youchers that can only be redeemed at a local farmers stand who is a participant of the program. Only Pennsylvania grown fresh fruits and vegetables can be bought with the vouchers; baked goods, apple cider, dairy products, jams, and meats are not allowable. Each senior can only receive one set of four vouchers a year. A representative can pick up vouchers for an eligible senior as long as they have a signed and completed proxy form. The forms can now be picked up at any of the Active Adult centers. Anyone with Power of Attorney must also have a proxy form signed and completed when picking up vouchers. If eligible for the program, please contact Rhonda Adams, Area Agency on Aging @ 822-1158 Ext. 3337 for information as to how to obtain the vouchers.