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## **Rejected Checks due to illegible/unreadable Vendor Stamp**

Due to implementation of the check imaging process by most of the banks, there has been an increase of WIC checks being rejected due to “Unreadable Vendor Stamp” or “illegible Vendor Stamp”. Please note that WIC program has no control over the imaging process. We are trying to prevent as many rejected checks as possible.

To help vendors reduce the chances of a rejected check because of “illegible Vendor Stamp” or “Unreadable vendor Stamp”, the WIC Program is suggesting that each vendor / Farmer do the following:

- Stamp the checks cleanly and clearly with WIC Vendor Stamp. Re-ink the stamp as best as possible with black ink every few checks. Make sure the Vendor Number is readable and clear.
- WIC Program’s bank suggests that after the check is stamped, the Vendor also hand write the stamp number in bold, black ink in the box if possible by the stamped number, or to the left side of the box (just on the other side of the stamp box), if there is no room left in the box.
- Make sure that the stamp is not upside down. If the stamp number is not there or the stamp is there, but only partial number is visible, the bank cannot make payment. The number is the key.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Vendor Unit in the WIC State Office at 222-4630, 222-4637 or 222-4633.

**Si necesita ayuda en extender esta carta, por favor, llame al 222-5818 donde le ayudarán con la traducción.**