

# Food Stamp Allocations Increase This Month

Benefits for some 1.5 million California food stamp users are expected to be increased this month, according to a state spokesman.

As part of a regular program of increasing stamp allotments to cover the cost of living, the

amount of stamps which a family of four can purchase will be raised by \$4.

The same family will also be able to make more money and still receive stamps under the new guidelines. The maximum monthly income for a family of

four will now be \$553. It was \$540 previously.

According to David Singleton, director of social services for Santa Cruz County, there are a total of 14,158 people in the county who are receiving food stamps.

The figure was reached from November statistics and is about 30 more people than in October, he said. December's figures have not been computed.

The amount of food stamps a recipient can get — and the price he must pay for them —

depends upon household size and income. Under the new pay schedules, for example, a family of four with a monthly income of \$264 pays \$71 for \$166 worth of food stamps.

The new allotments and maximum monthly income includes: one person — \$215 per

month and \$50 of food stamps; two in household — \$307 per month and \$92; three — \$433 per month and \$130; four — \$553 per month and \$166; five — \$660 per month and \$198; six — \$787 per month and \$236; seven — \$873 per month and \$262; and eight — \$993 per month and \$298.