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To Whom It May Concern:

Farmers markets in Alaska are thriving! In 2005 the Division listed 13 markets throughout the State; in 2013 that number is 35, and growing! Each time a new market opens, many questions are asked about rules, authorities, and general guidance. In an effort to provide an overview of relevant information for new market managers and farmers considering vending at a market, this manual was developed.

The manual is broken into two sections. The first half is compiled of information regarding the market as a whole, with market managers as the target audience. The second half is vendor-specific information. Please refer to the Table of Contents for an overview of topics covered.

Some guidance documents, articles and reports were considered valuable enough to be included within the manual as appendices. Other information and websites are listed as links on the "Resources" pages at the end of the manager specific and vendor specific sections.

Over time the Division will provide new and updated information to be included in the manual. The complete manual is also available on our website at [dnr.alaska.gov/ag/](http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/).

If you have questions or concerns about information included within this manual, please contact the Division of Agriculture, Marketing section.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Franci Havemeister".

Franci Havemeister  
Director