

NAFS REIMBURSEMENT GRANT

- Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
- DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE
 - FARM TO SCHOOL
 - ALASKA GROWN MARKETING
- Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
- Department of Environmental Conservation, Food Safety and Sanitation Program
- Department of Education and Early Development, Child Nutrition Programs





NUTRITIONAL ALASKAN FOODS IN SCHOOLS

- ◎ **What is the grant program?**
- ◎ Child Nutrition Programs
- ◎ Resources
- ◎ Success stories

WHAT IS THE NUTRITIONAL ALASKAN FOODS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM?

Program operated out of the Department of Commerce,
Community and Economic Development --- Division of
Community and Regional Affairs

Program year: July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

Reimbursable grant program

WHAT IS THE NUTRITIONAL ALASKAN FOODS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM?

Pilot Project sponsored by Representative Bill Stoltze (Chugiak).

Seen as a way to make Alaska grown and harvested foods available to school children

Help bolster Alaska's economy

WHAT IS THE NUTRITIONAL ALASKAN FOODS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM?

\$3 million appropriated and divided between the 54 School Districts based on enrollment and education funding formula.

Awards range from \$25,000 to \$642,000

All School Districts are planning to participate.

96% of the School Districts are already under agreement.

GRANT PROCESS

Apply for grant

Use instruction sheet



Purchase eligible food

Agriculture point of contact – Farm to
School Program

Fish/Seafood point of contact – AK
Seafood Marketing Institute



Submit reimbursement form

Submit receipts or coded invoice

List item purchased, category code,
cost, and source of purchase

What qualifies?

- Alaska caught
- Mixed dish if majority of it is Alaska produced
- Genuine Alaska Pollock

Seafood/fish



- AK livestock
- AK poultry
- AK eggs

Meat/eggs



- AK Grown
- School or community gardens

Fruits, vegetables, and grain



- Small or large scale

Native produce and berries



- Costs of getting product to your kitchen
- No limit

Transportation



VERIFICATION PROCESS

Reimbursement form is submitted to DCCED

All seafood claims go to Tyson Fick for verification.

All AK Grown claims go to the Farm to School program for verification.

Farm to School verification

Call the producer to verify the sale to the school district.

Call the vendor to verify the producer and then call the producer to verify the sale to the vendor.

Confirm with DCCED it was a valid claim and the district receives \$

DEC / FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM

DEC definition of an approved source:

Permitted/certified by federal, state or local gov't agency (ex. FDA, USDA, State of Alaska, Municipality of Anchorage, or permitted outside of Alaska)

Is a farm a DEC approved source for food?

*YES: If it is harvest cut/minimal trimming/school garden

Because raw agricultural products are not required to be purchased from a permitted facility

*If agricultural products are processed then it must be done in a permitted facility.

SPEND IT OUT

Purchase school or
community garden food

Explore opportunities
with local processing
facilities

Work with
vendors to code
eligible product

Explore opportunities with
local retailers

Use other food programs
to use the product in (i.e.
FFV, snack program, dinner
program, school activities)



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**NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH
&
SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS
&
AT-RISK MEAL PROGRAM**



NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

- ⊙ School Food Authorities shall provide a variety of vegetables throughout the week. Dark green, red/orange vegetables and legumes are each required once a week
- ⊙ Alaskan Grown vegetables that can be used in the lunch program include but are not limited to: carrots, potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, squash, zucchini to name few.



SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

- ③ Alaskan Grown barley and wheat can be used in the breakfast and lunch programs to meet the grain requirements
- ③ Alaskan Grown berries can be used to meet the fruit requirement
- ③ Alaskan Grown eggs can be used to meet the protein requirement

AT-RISK MEAL PROGRAM

- ⊙ All Alaskan grown produce can be used in this program to subsidize the meal or be used to create a meal from scratch

MEALS

- ③ School Food Authorities that operate a National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs as well as At-Risk Meals can utilize the Alaskan Grown products to incorporate in their meal programs.

OTHER

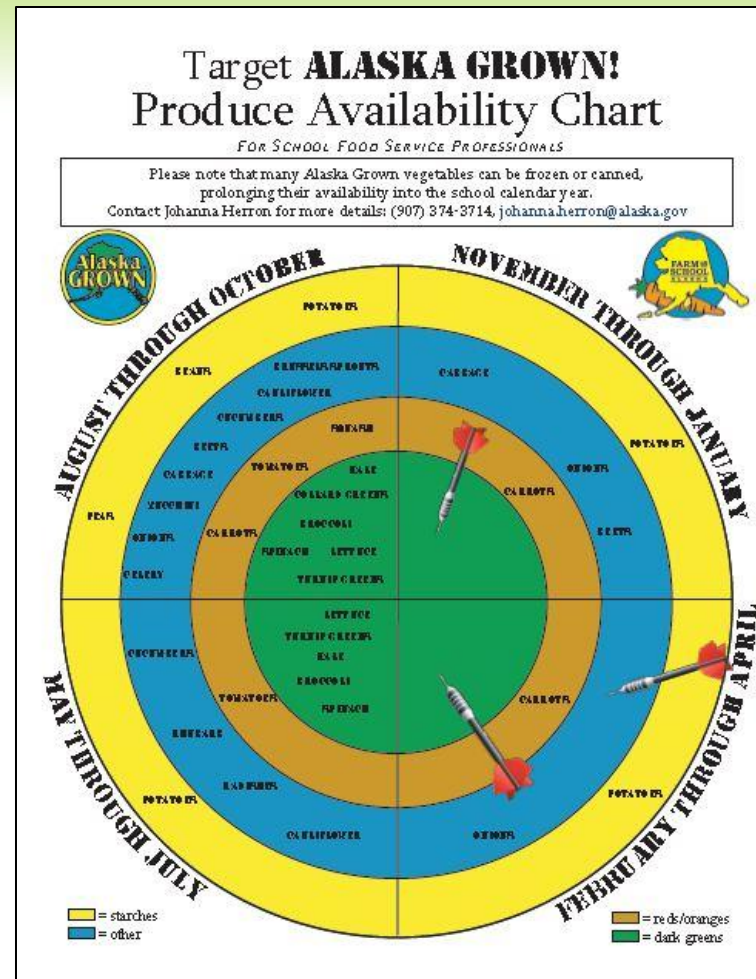
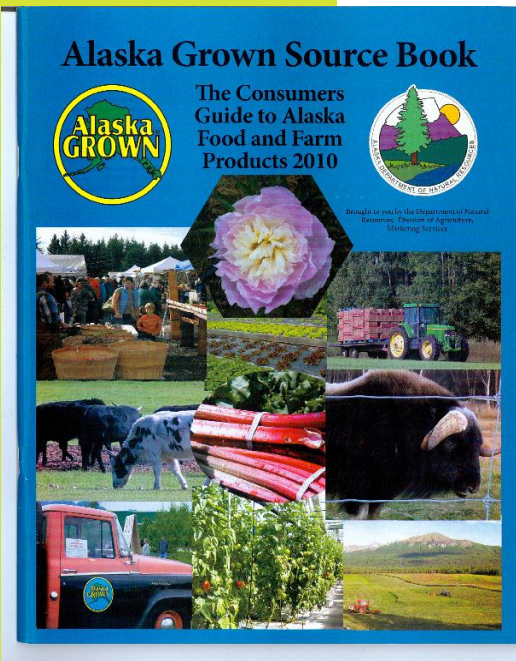
- ① Fresh Fruit and Veggie Program
- ① Child and Adult Care Food Program
- ① Snack Programs
- ① Culinary classes




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Finding product



Resources



'Nutritional Alaskan Foods in Schools' Community Guide

ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY,
CULTURE,
AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

This is a pilot grant program offered through the DCCED, Division of Community and Regional Affairs meant to assist every Alaskan school district to purchase nutritious Alaska Grown and local foods such as produce, seafood, grain and livestock.

Alaska Gateway School District

- \$35,000
- Contact: Ann Pennington; apennington@agsd.us

Currently buying food from the following Alaska producers

Delta Meat & Sausage
Palmer Produce

For an updated list of producers the school district is purchasing from, contact Ann Pennington at apennington@agsd.us

Find out what we need

- We may not need any help locating product, in which case we encourage you to take educational steps in your community.
- If we do need help locating product or something else with the cafeteria provide us with your email and we will let you know.

Educate the students & community

- Make a poster from the 'Local Food Hero' template at: http://dnralaska.gov/ag/ag_FTS.htm
- Find a lesson at Alaska Agriculture in the Classroom: <http://www.akaitc.org/>
- Write a newsletter article or story about our efforts!

Participate in one of the many activities the division of agriculture runs:

- Alaska Agriculture Day (2nd Tues. in May)
- Alaska Farm to School Challenge (Month of October)
- There are scholarship and grant opportunities you may be interested in. To keep informed about that join the listserv at: <http://list.state.ak.us/soalists/akfarmtoschool/jl.htm>

For questions about the NAFS grant contact Debi Kruse at debi.kruse@alaska.gov.
For ideas and questions about promotion and education of local producers contact Johanna Herron at johanna.herron@alaska.gov



Local Food Hero Template



Local Food Hero



Spring Creek Farm has one of the most state-of-the-art Greenhouses in Alaska!



Fresh produce from local farms like Spring Creek Farm packs a nutrition punch—nutrition isn't lost in the long shipping times.



The salad turnips from SCF can (and should) be eaten like popcorn, they are so delicious.



Spring Creek Farm was a dairy farm run by the late Louise Kellogg. She donated the farm to Alaska Pacific University. It is now in its sixth year as a vegetable CSA. The farm has had only female principle farmers for over sixty years!



Our veggies are great fresh, frozen, canned, baked, sautéed and stewed! Try them in your favorite dish or straight from the soil!



Spring Creek Farm is home to a graduate program (APU's MSOEE), a homeschool supplement program (Louise's Farm School) and our 35 member CSA. We also sell at the Spennard Farmer's Market

"It is incredible to share my passion for growing delicious nutritious foods with the community!"
-Amanda Hull-Spring Creek Farm manager





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SUCCESS STORIES



Amy called us up and got the contact info for the school district.

JSD bought 43.5 pounds of carrots and 4.5 pounds of snap peas.

They plan on expanding production next year to also supply Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka!

SUCCESS STORIES

Kodiak School District

Local broccoli, lettuce, tomatoes,
and cucumber

Shipped the local product to Port
Lions, Ouzinkie, Old Harbor, Larsen
Bay, Karluk School, and Akhiok.

The product they served was grown
at Bells Nursery and Palmer
Produce.

Haines School District

Local Tlingit potatoes,
carrots, onions, and
cherry tomatoes.

Purchased the product
from their school garden
and used it in the school
lunch.

NEXT STEPS

Reporting

- Developed a NAFS feedback survey for stakeholders to fill out:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NAFS_input2012.

Planning

- Secured a spot at the AK School Nutrition Association conference to host a planning meeting for next season.



QUESTIONS

CONTACT INFORMATION

Grant process and questions

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