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### **Try a Taste of Alaska Grown with "Chef at the Market"**

(PALMER, AK) – Chef Mindy Parks of Homer and Chef Clayton Jones of Haute Quarter Grill and Chef Franco Magrini of Palmer will be at farmers markets in Homer and Anchorage this weekend to present exciting new ways to prepare fresh Alaska Grown products.

A recent update from the U.S. Department of Agriculture indicates that Alaska led the nation in the growth of farmers markets this year. The Division of Agriculture is promoting and supporting the growth of these markets in various ways, including the "Chef at the Market" events. The division provided funding for a number of Alaska chefs to promote Alaska Grown products at these special events. Five chefs are conducting events at 16 markets throughout the season.

Parks will be at the Homer Farmers Market from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 20. On the same day, Jones will be at the South Anchorage Farmers Market from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Magrini will be at the Anchorage Farmers Market on 15<sup>th</sup> and Cordova from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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