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Dear Farmer's Market Managers:

Spring is finally here, and with it a new market season. As market managers, I want to remind you and/or be sure you are aware of the State of Alaska regulations regarding the sale and labeling requirements for seed potatoes. As per **Alaska Regulation, 11 AAC 34.075 Prohibited acts (j)** No person may sell, offer for sale, or represent potatoes as seed potatoes unless the potatoes have been certified by the official seed certifying agency of the state or country of origin.

Last year, Alaska Division of Agriculture, conducted surveillance at farmer's markets and retail stores and found potatoes for sale for planting/seed that were not certified. All potatoes represented as seed potatoes must have an applicable certification tag or identification issued by the official certification agency of the state or country of origin and be on display or attached to each container

This year, Alaska Division of Agriculture staff will again be conducting surveillance at farmer's markets and retail stores to ensure that potatoes offered for planting/seed have been properly certified as required. Potatoes for sale for planting or seed must have the appropriate tags or identification or they will be issued a Stop Sale Notice by the Division of Agriculture inspection staff.

Thank you for your cooperation and we appreciate your assistance in protecting the potato industry in Alaska by reminding or informing market vendors of this regulation. If you have any questions please contact me or one of our inspection staff at 745-7200.

Sincerely,

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

Franci Havemeister  
Director

cc: Doug Warner, Development Specialist, Division of Agriculture