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Dear Retailer,

The State of Alaska, Division of Agriculture would like to advise retail store managers of the plant health requirements for the sale of seed potatoes and tomato plants and the purchasing of other nursery stock from out of state sources. In order to prevent commodities infected with Potato Late Blight disease (*Phytophthora infestans*) and Sudden Oak Death (*Phytophthora ramorum*) from entering Alaska, the Division of Agriculture has established quarantines which are in effect and summarized below.

RESTRICTIONS: The following regulated articles are prohibited into Alaska except under the following conditions:

Seed potatoes or potato plants:

- a. must be produced as certified seed potatoes in the state or country of origin and be certified; and
- b. must be inspected in storage with no late blight found in the lot; and
- c. must be inspected at the shipping point with no late blight found.

Tomato plants imported from outside Alaska: (Tomato seeds are not regulated articles):

- a. must be grown in a nursery/greenhouse inspected and found free of late blight; and
- b. must be inspected at the shipping point and no late blight is found; and
- c. must be treated prior to shipment with a registered fungicide for late blight disease control.
- d. Each shipment of tomatoes into Alaska shall be accompanied by an official Phytosanitary Health Certificate issued by the government regulatory agency in the state or country of origin assuring that the conditions of this quarantine have been met.

Imported nursery plants that are proven hosts or associated with *Phytophthora ramorum*:

- a. From Washington, California, and Oregon, must have been grown in a nursery / greenhouse which was inspected and found free from Sudden Oak Death; and
- b. Notification of the shipment and varieties must be supplied to the Division of Agriculture, by e-mail or fax. This notification should include: Name of the supplier, amounts and species.

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Please note:

In addition to this, under *Alaska Administrative Code* (ACC) 11 ACC 32.050, seed potatoes must also be labeled with the following information:

- a. the name and address of the grower or packer
- b. net weight
- c. USDA Grade of the seed potatoes, in letters not less than one inch in height on containers of 24 lbs or more and in letters not less than one-half inch in height on containers holding less than 24 lbs.
- d. All seed potatoes must have attached to each container or display the applicable seed certification tag or identification issued by the official certification agency of the state or country of origin.

Please be advised that staff from the Division of Agriculture will be conducting inspections to ensure compliance with these requirements. Seed potatoes, tomato plants and other nursery stock that does not meet the above requirements will be detained.

Thank you for helping to keep these devastating crop disease's out of Alaska.

If you would like additional information or have questions about this important subject please contact Leo Kazeck at (907) 761-3870, leo.kazeck@alaska.gov; Barb Hanson at (907) 761-3854, barbara.hanson@alaska.gov or Mia Kirk at (907) 761-3853, mia.kirk@alaska.gov or visit our web site at: http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag_is.htm.

Sincerely,



Douglas Warner
Manager, Regulatory and Inspection Programs
Division of Agriculture

Below is a list of 2012 Alaska Certified Seed Potato Growers and certified varieties. These growers can provide Alaska Grown products to reduce the risk of importing invasive pests and diseases.

Mat-Su/ Anchorage Area:

Little Susitna Farm	8470 Russet Rd, Palmer	746-5496	trout@mtaonline.net
Dearborn Farm	980 S. Trunk Rd, Palmer	745-3501	Dearborn@mtaonline.net
Art Peterson	HC 89, Willow	733-2372	
Greg Kalal	8621 Witherspoon Cir, Anchorage	399-1966	gkalal@gci.net
Pyrah's Pioneer Peak Farm	PO Box 960, Palmer	745-4511	pppfarm@hotmail.com
Bold Raven Farm	PO Box 1183, Willow	495-5462	
VanderWeele Farms, LLC	PO Box 461, Palmer	745-3597	vdweele@mtaonline.net

Fairbanks/ Nenana/ Delta Junction Area:

Ebbesson Farms	PO Box 370, Nenana	479-0440	ffsoe@uaf.edu
Bill Spencer	PO Box 501, Nenana	832-5280	
Pingo Farm	999 Maura St, Fairbanks	479-7977	
Frank Borman	HC 60 Box 4199-1, Delta Junction	895-4148	bormanf@yahoo.com
Raymond Brasier	PO Box 483, Delta Junction	895-4961	brasierfarms@alaska.net

Kodiak Area:

Faith Farms	PO Box 625, Kodiak	486-3099	
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Soldotna / Homer area:

Oceanside Farms	811 Ocean Dr Lp, Homer	235-7873	
Martin Hoskins	PO Box 267, Sterling	252-9113	hoskinsatpalmer@yahoo.com

Varieties available: **Note:** Varieties differ between growers, contact growers for their list

Alsclear	Alaska Red	Alaska Sweetheart	All Blue
All Red	Allagash	Bakeking	Bushes' Peanut
Butte	Cal White	Cal White Russet	Canus
Caribe	Cherry Red	Chieftain	Classic Russet
Dakota Rose	Dark Red Norland	Denali	Early Valley
French Fingerling	French Ratte	Frontier	German Butterball
Granola	Green Mountain	Hilat Russet	Hilite Russet
Huckleberry	Iditared	Jemseg	Kennebec
Kerr's pink	Keuka Gold	King Edward	Knik
Krantz	Lemhi	Long Red	Magic Molly
Magic Myrna	Maine Stay	Marcy	Monona

Mrs. Moehlers Yellow Flesh	NorDonna	Norgold	NorValley
Peanut	Pimpernel	Purple Viking	Ranger Russet
Reba	Red Beauty	Red Gold	Red Pontiac
Red Sunset	Redsen	Robinta	Rose Finn Apple
Rose Valley	Rote Eerstling	Russet Norkota	Sangre 11
Shepody	Snowchip	Snowden	Sunrise
Superior	Ted's Red	Tundra	Urgenta
White Caribe	White Rural New Yorker	Yellow Finn	Yukon Gem
Yukon Gold	AK 114		