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**Celebrate Alaska Agriculture Day on May 7**

(Palmer, AK) – By executive proclamation, Alaskans will celebrate Alaska Agriculture Day on Tuesday, May 7. On this day, Alaskans are encouraged to support local agriculture by seeking out and purchasing products produced in Alaska and educating youth about the vital role that agriculture plays in our economy.

Here are a few ideas from the Division of Agriculture on how to celebrate Agriculture Day:

- Look for, ask for, and buy Alaska Grown at local stores and farmers markets. Buying local supports local farms and keeps your money in your community.
- Try planting certified Alaska seed potatoes this year. A growing number of stores are selling certified, locally-grown seed potatoes in a kaleidoscope of shapes and colors.
- Help educate children about local food by volunteering to assist with an agriculture-related school project.
- Encourage your child's participation in after-school agriculture education programs such as Future Farmers of America or 4-H.
- Join the 12,900 people who "like" the Alaska Grown Facebook Page at <http://www.facebook.com/dnr.alaskagrown> and learn about the exciting things that Alaskans are producing around the state. You can also track Alaska Farm to School activities on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/AlaskaFarmToSchool>.

- Interested in taking a farm tour this summer? Contact the Division of Agriculture or your local farm bureau and see what is available near you.
- Visit this link <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/Index/AlaskaAgricultureDay.pdf> to read the full proclamation signed by Governor Sean Parnell.

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