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Alaska Chip Company wins second place in national competition

(Palmer, AK) – The Division of Agriculture is pleased to congratulate Ralph Carney of the Anchorage-based Alaska Chip Company for winning second place this fall in the Chicago Tribune’s best kettle chips competition. Using Alaska Grown potatoes, Alaska’s only chip company competed against 150 brands produced throughout the nation and brought home the prestigious second place award.

According to owner Ralph Carney, he and his wife Darcy came up with the idea while eating potato chips on a beach in Hawaii. “We could make these in Alaska,” he told her. They began testing recipes in their South Anchorage home and today the Alaska Chip Company processes 3,000 to 4,000 pounds of Alaska Grown potatoes daily, creating approximately 800 pounds of kettle chips. The ingredients are all natural, cooked in peanut oil, contain no preservatives or cholesterol, and are low in salt.

“It is great to see an Alaskan company, utilizing Alaska Grown potatoes, gain national recognition for their product. Congratulations, Ralph, and may this be the first of many awards to come,” said Franci Havemeister, director of the Division of Agriculture.

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