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Local produce on its way to Alaska farmers markets

(Palmer, AK) – With the growing season well underway, local vegetables, fruit and other specialty crops are making their way to farmers markets throughout Alaska. The Division of Agriculture website provides a variety of resources to help identify how, when and where to find local produce.

Alaska Farmers Market List: A list of all 36 Alaska farmers markets is available at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/Marketing/FarmersMarkets.pdf>, including their opening dates, operating schedule and contact information.

Seasonal Produce Availability Chart: Many Alaskans ask when they can buy locally-grown broccoli or if carrots are available in July. This chart was put together as an approximate tool to generalize when popular produce items will hit market. Please note that these dates are not exact and that availability depends heavily on weather conditions. This tool can be found at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/Marketing/PRODCHART.jpg>

Alaska Grown Sourcebook: The best way to find out about Alaska Grown crops is to talk to local farmers. Look up their businesses in the Alaska Grown Sourcebook at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/sourcebook/index.htm> or stop by a farmers market to chat with them.

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