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**Alaska Native Grass and Flower Seed Sale set for Sept. 10-21**

The Alaska Plant Materials Center (PMC) is announcing its annual open request period for "Foundation" and "Selected Class Release" germplasm of seeds of grass, grain, and forbs. The sale runs from Sept. 10– 21. The lists of the available seed lots, including quantities, varieties, and prices will be posted on the Division of Agriculture and Plant Materials Center's web pages (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/> and <http://plants.alaska.gov> ). The seed is available at the PMC located at 5310 South Bodenbug Spur in the Butte area of Palmer after the seed sale ends.

The PMC produces "foundation and pre-certified" classes of seed which in turn are sold to commercial growers. The growers then produce "certified seed" which eventually is sold to farmers, landscape companies, revegetation contractors, or construction companies. A ready market exists if you are willing to take the time now to plant for the future.

Demand can exceed the available supply of seeds. If this occurs, the Allocation Committee will determine the allocation. The committee consists of the Division of Agriculture Director and representatives from the University of Alaska, Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station, the Alaska Seed Growers Association, and the PMC.

**This seed is for commercial growers only. For smaller amounts of seed, please contact businesses listed on the Native Plant Source Directory online at <http://plants.alaska.gov/native/index.php>. Grains can be ordered in 100-pound units, while grasses and flowers (forbs) are sold in one-pound units.**

To order seed, fill out the order form on-line at <http://plants.alaska.gov>, contact Peggy Hunt at 745-8721, [peggy.hunt@alaska.gov](mailto:peggy.hunt@alaska.gov), or fax a request to 746-1568. Orders must be placed by September 21, 2012. After that date, seeds are distributed according to the available seed and the number of orders requesting the same lot. Payment and pickup of seeds is expected within two weeks of notification.

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