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**Alaska Grown Restaurant Rewards
Program Guidelines 2013-2014**

Food service operations may be reimbursed 17% of the purchase cost for Eligible Products. The food service operation is required to sign an agreement outlining expectations for enrollment in this program. The reimbursement maximum is \$6,000 within a 12 month timeframe, until funds are exhausted. Should funds still be available after you meet your maximum reimbursement we may lift the maximum for additional reimbursement claims. Funding for this program is provided by the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant.

Eligible Food service:

- A food service is defined as any restaurant, caterer or food vendor (i.e. booth at the fair) that serves Alaska Grown food to the public.
- Food service should contact Alaska Division of Agriculture prior to purchase with any eligibility concerns. Products purchased before the contract agreement is signed and received by Alaska Division of Agriculture are not eligible.

Non-Eligible Food service:

Schools, institutions, Universities or food vendors supplying schools, institutions, or Universities are NOT eligible at this time.

Eligible Products:

- Any type of Alaska Grown specialty crop intended for consumption. Alaska specialty crops are fruits and vegetables grown in Alaska.

Non-Eligible Products:

Although there are many Alaska Grown products that are not considered "specialty crops" – such as milk, meat, and eggs; these products are NOT eligible for reimbursement due to the source of the funds for this program.



Alaska Grown Value-Added Products: Products such as cheese, mead, jams, jellies, sauces, etc. are NOT eligible for the program.

Alaska food service applicants are not required to be an Alaska Grown member; however, the specialty crop product must come from a registered Alaska Grown member.

For a free Alaska Grown membership application, a copy of the Alaska Grown sourcebook, or other Alaska Grown information go to: http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag_AKGrown.htm

How to enroll in Restaurant Rewards: Fill out an application at:

https://www.research.net/s/2013_AKRestaurantRewards

(for hard copy applications please contact Johanna Herron)

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