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Alaska Grown Restaurant Rewards Program Guidelines 2014-2015

Food service operations are reimbursed 20% of the purchase price for Alaska Grown Specialty Crops. The food service operation is required to sign an agreement outlining expectations for enrollment in this program. The reimbursement maximum is \$10,000 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.
- Specialty Crops include fruits, vegetables, honey, syrup, jam, jelly and flowers.

Non-Eligible Products:

- Alaska Grown products that are not specialty crops are not eligible. Non-specialty crop items include milk, meat, eggs and spirits.
- > Alaska Grown Value-Added Products such as cheese, mead, 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 Source Book, or other Alaska Grown information go to: <u>http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag_AKGrown.htm</u>

How to enroll in Restaurant Rewards

Fill out an application at: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RR14-15Application</u>

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