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Alaska native grass, grain, and flower seed on sale April 15-26

The Alaska Plant Materials Center will host its annual sale of foundation and selected classes of native grass, grain, and flower seeds from April 15 to 26. On April 15, the lists of the available seed lots – including quantities, varieties, and prices – will be posted on the Division of Agriculture and PMC web pages (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/> and <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/akpmc/>).

This sale is for commercial growers buying in bulk quantities – grains will be sold in 100-pound units and grasses and flowers (forbs) will be sold in one-pound units. Non-commercial growers and gardeners interested in purchasing smaller amounts of seed should contact businesses listed on the Native Plant Source Directory (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/akpmc/native/>).

Growers use the foundation and selected classes of seed to produce certified seed for sale to farmers, landscape companies, re-vegetation contractors, or construction companies.

During the sale, demand for seed can exceed the supply. 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.

Growers interested in purchasing seed during the sale should review the available seed lists and then place an order by contacting Peggy Hunt at 745-8721 or peggy.hunt@alaska.gov, or by faxing the seed order to 746-1568. Orders must be placed by the end of the day on April 26. After that date, seeds will be 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. Purchased seeds will be available for pickup at the PMC, located at 5310 South Bodenbug Spur in the Butte area of Palmer.