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**Nominations sought for 2019 Alaska Farm Family of the Year**

(Palmer, AK) – The Alaska Division of Agriculture invites the public to submit nominations for the 20th Annual Farm Family of the Year award, which will be presented at the 2019 Alaska State Fair.

With support from Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union, the Alaska State Fair established the award in 2000 to honor an Alaska farm family that epitomizes the spirit of the industry, and to show appreciation for hard-working Alaskans committed to agriculture and aquaculture.

The Farm Family of the Year selection committee includes representatives from the University of Alaska, the agriculture industry, and several state and federal agricultural agencies.

Nominations should include details about the family and fulfill the following criteria:

- Production of quality Alaska Grown products (not based on quantity)
- Community involvement (e.g. civic organizations, school, sports, church)
- Involvement in agricultural industry organizations (local, state, and federal)
- Overall farm family image, farming history, and unique or special production

Nominations are due by June 30, 2019 and can be submitted by mail, email, or fax to:

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