



STATE OF ALASKA

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Alaska Agriculture Day Returns on May 3

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaskans are invited to celebrate Alaska Agriculture Day this Tuesday, May 3 by choosing products produced in Alaska, including visiting restaurants, food trucks, and food service businesses that support Alaska Grown, and by recognizing the support Alaska farmers are providing to their communities.

Several exciting events are planned to help Alaskans celebrate Alaska Agriculture Day beginning Monday, May 2:

Monday, May 2

- **6th Annual Drive Your Tractor to Work Day:** Starting at 8:30am at the Alaska State Fairgrounds, a parade of tractors will make its way through Palmer to celebrate the start of the Alaska farming season. This event is brought to you by the Alaska Farmland Trust and Glacier Valley Farm with sponsorship and support from the City of Palmer, Country Financial, and Matanuska Electric Association. For more information, including the parade route, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/driveyourtractortoworkday/>.
- **United Way of Mat-Su Kickoff Kitchen:** 5:30 – 8:30pm in the Hoskins Exhibit Hall at the Alaska State Fair Grounds. This is United Way of Mat-Su's largest annual fundraiser and Alaska Grown is partnering with them to source as many local ingredients as possible! This is sure to be a fun event with a cooking demo, dinner service, silent auction, and a dessert auction. \$60 per plate or \$325 per table of 6. Proceeds go to United Way of Mat-Su. Text KITCHEN to 40403 to make your ticket purchase. Tickets will also be sold at the door as long as seats are remaining.

Tuesday, May 3

- **Facebook Live with Alaska Grown and United Way of Mat-Su:** At 12pm, Division of Agriculture Director Schade will speak with representatives from the United Way of Mat-Su about the type of work they do that benefits our community, how Alaskan farmers help support our community, and how the Kickoff Kitchen dinner featuring Alaska Grown went. [facebook.com/dnr.alaskagrown/live](https://www.facebook.com/dnr.alaskagrown/live)
- **Ag Day Giveaway!** Watch the Alaska Grown Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/dnr.alaskagrown/> for an opportunity to win an Alaska Grown gift basket containing Alaska Grown products and swag items!
- **Spenard Food Truck Carnival:** 5 – 8pm Truckin' Tuesday launch featuring Alaska Grown! Located at 2435 Spenard Rd., Anchorage, participating food trucks will be incorporating Alaska Grown into their menu for the day. Show your support for Alaska Agriculture by visiting your favorite food truck displaying the Alaska Grown logo!

In addition, Alaskans can visit <http://www.buyalaskagrown.com/> to find farmer's markets, stores, and retailers that support Alaska Grown. Check out the website for where to buy direct from farmers, growers, and producers located around the state. Farmer's markets are beginning to open this weekend!

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