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## Nominations are Now Open for the 2026 Farm Family of the Year

**(Palmer, AK)** – In recognition of Alaska Agriculture Day on May 5, the public is invited to submit nominations for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm Family of the Year Award. The Division of Agriculture and the Alaska State Fair established the award in 2000, with support from Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union. This award honors an Alaska farm family that epitomizes the spirit of the industry, and highlights hardworking Alaskans committed to agriculture or mariculture.

**Nominations are due by Friday, June 12** via the following link: [2026 Farm Family Nomination Form](#). In celebration of Alaska Agriculture Day and the state's farm families, those who submit a nomination will be entered into a drawing for an Alaska Grown gift basket. The winner of the gift basket will be notified after the nomination period closes.

Nominations should include details on how the farm family fulfils the following criteria:

- Production of quality Alaska Grown products
- Involvement in agriculture industry organizations
- Community engagement and positive leadership
- Overall farm family image, farming history, and unique or special production

The Farm Family of the Year will be selected by a nomination review committee of volunteer representatives from Alaska agriculture agencies like the USDA Farm Service Agency, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Natural Resources and Extension, Alaska Farmland Trust, Alaska Farm Bureau, Alaska State Fair Board, and Alaska Division of Agriculture.

The award will be presented during the Director's Reception on opening day at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, and the 2026 Farm Family of the Year will also be recognized on the [Alaska Grown Facebook Page](#) to thank them for their contributions towards Alaska's agriculture industry. For a list of previous winners, visit: [FFY Recipients](#)

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