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## Farm Family of the Year Nomination Period Extended

**(Palmer, AK)** – The Alaska Division of Agriculture invites the public to submit nominations for the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Farm Family of the Year Award. The deadline has been extended to June 30 to ensure that farmers across the state in the midst of planting and even harvesting crops this month have a chance to participate.

The award was established in 2000 to honor an Alaska farm family that epitomizes the spirit of the industry, and to show appreciation for hardworking Alaskans committed to agriculture and aquaculture. With support from the Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union and the Alaska State Fair, the yearly process features farmers being nominated by their peers.

The winning Farm Family of the Year will be presented with the award at this year's Alaska State Fair in Palmer, Alaska, during the Director's Reception on opening day. In addition, the farm family will be highlighted on the <u>Alaska Grown Facebook</u> channel to recognize and thank them for their contributions to Alaska's agriculture industry.

Nominations should include details about the family and how they fulfill the criteria:

- Production of quality Alaska Grown products
- Community involvement, such as civic organizations, schools, sports, and churches, etc.
- Involvement in agriculture industry organizations, including local, state, and federal organizations
- Overall farm family image, farming history, and unique or special production

Nominations are due by June 30 to the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025FarmFamily.

This year, in celebration of our farming community, peers who nominate a farm family will be entered into a drawing for Alaska Grown prizes.

For a list of previous winners, please visit: <u>https://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag\_FFY.htm</u>

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