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State seeks nominations for the 2022 Farm Family of the Year

(Palmer, AK) – The Alaska Division of Agriculture invites the public to submit nominations for the 23rd Annual Farm Family of the Year Award! The Alaska State Fair and Alaska Division of Agriculture established the award in 2000 to honor an Alaska farm family and showcase the hardworking Alaskans committed to producing agriculture and aquaculture goods in the state. The winning Farm Family will be presented with the award at this year's Alaska State Fair in Palmer at the Board of Directors Reception on Aug. 19. In addition, all nominated families will be highlighted on the Alaska Grown Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/dnr.alaskagrown> to recognize and thank them for their contributions towards Alaska's agriculture industry.

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

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

- Production of quality Alaska Grown food and other products.
- The families' community involvement with civic organizations, school, sports, church, etc..
- Involvement in agriculture industry organizations including local, state, and federal organizations.
- Overall farm family image, farming history, and other unique or special production techniques and ideas developed and used.

Nominations are due by **July 1, 2022** via the following link
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FFY2022>.

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