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## Celebrate Alaska Agriculture Day on May 3

(Palmer, AK) – Alaskans will celebrate Alaska Agriculture Day on Tuesday, May 3. On this day, Alaskans are encouraged to support local agriculture by seeking out and purchasing products produced in Alaska and educate youth about the vital role that agriculture plays in our economy.

Here are a few ideas from the Division of Agriculture on how to celebrate Agriculture Day:

• Join the 49,005 people who "like" the Alaska Grown Facebook page at <u>http://www.facebook.com/dnr.alaskagrown</u> and learn about the exciting things Alaskans are producing around the state.

• Contact your local agriculture groups/chapters (such as FFA, Farm Bureau, Agriculture in the Classroom etc.) to see if they are hosting an event in your area.

• Sign up for a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program at a local farm.

• Buy and incorporate Alaska Grown products into your meals.

• If you are a farmer, consider asking a local school if you can visit a classroom to educate children about your operation and Alaska agriculture.

• Visit and thank a local farmer in person. To find a farm near you, check the Alaska Grown Source Book at <a href="http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/sourcebook/sourcebookindex2014.html">http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/sourcebook/sourcebookindex2014.html</a>.

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