

Food in Rural Alaska:

Challenges and Opportunities

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What are the biggest challenges for growing food in Rural Alaska?

- Low priority or lack of desire
- Conflicts with pursuing subsistence activities
- Lack of skills, knowledge
- Start-up costs
- Labor or capacity or people who want to do it
- Expensive to get necessary supplies
- Lack of suitable land
- Cold and short seasons
- Lack of time
- Lack of funding

What are the biggest opportunities for growing food in Rural Alaska?

- Health, nutritional benefits
 - Cheaper than transporting food
 - Cultural and traditional value to growing food and sharing it.
 - Community or tribal agriculture projects
 - Changing climate, may be easier to grow more food
 - Land
 - Year-round hydroponics or aquaponics
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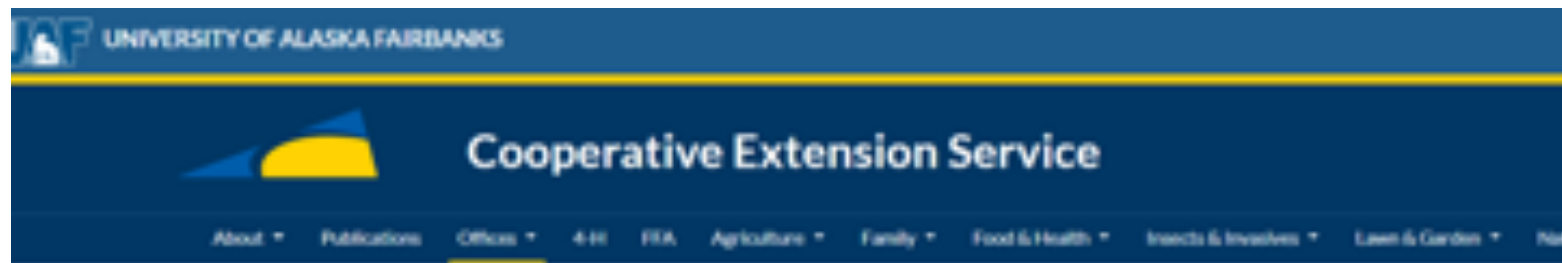


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Agriculture in Alaska is amazing and quite different from agriculture in many other places. Yes, Alaska has some extreme temperatures, but because it also gets more hours of daylight in the summer, some crops actually grow better in Alaska.

FSWCD is the coordinator for the Alaska Ag in the Classroom program (AK AITC). Alaska Ag in the Classroom is a statewide program.

Alaska Ag in the Classroom is a 501(c)3 educational program begun by the Alaska Farm Bureau to help Alaska's students understand that farms are the source of their food and flowers, as well as fabrics and fuels.

You can email us at alaska.agintheclassroom@gmail.com if you have a request or want more information about our program and what we offer.

What Is Ag in the Classroom?

The mission of Agriculture in the Classroom is to "increase agricultural literacy through K-12 education." An agriculturally literate person is defined as "one who understands and can communicate the source and value of agriculture as it affects quality of life." Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) programs seek to improve student achievement by applying authentic, agricultural-based content as the context to teach core curriculum concepts in science, social studies, language arts and nutrition. By encouraging teachers to embed agriculture into their classroom, AITC cultivates an understanding and appreciation of the food and fiber system that we all rely on every day. - From the National Ag in the Classroom website

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Celebrate the **2018 Alaska Farm to Summer Week** which focuses on eating, playing, and sharing experiences and education with local food throughout the state. [Click here](#) to learn more and to download the toolkit.

Check out the **Harvest of the Month**. Each month we will learn about indigenous and cultivated foods in Alaska.





ALASKA GROWN PROGRAM



The agriculture industry in Alaska created the Alaska Grown logo to highlight products grown in Alaska.

The Alaska Grown program is designed to increase consumer awareness and consumption of Alaska agricultural products. As part of the food and fiber marketing system in Alaska, you are encouraged to utilize the Alaska Grown logo in conjunction with sales of farm products grown in Alaska.

The Division of Agriculture has artwork images of the logo available for producers, wholesalers, retailers, and the media to use in their efforts to promote Alaska Grown products. We encourage use of the logo on all local product packaging for vegetables, meat, milk, eggs, nursery products, honey, furs, and wool products. We also want to encourage the retail industry to develop Alaska Grown point of sale material to identify locally grown products.

Our policy is to allow use of the logo on quality local products that meet the established grade standards for the top two grades for the particular item. Those products not having USDA or state grades established will be evaluated on the basis of commodity or industry association guidelines. The second issue is that all food products will be 100% locally grown except in the case of processed food items which require some condiments, spices, etc. Processed products will have at least 75% content of items grown in Alaska. Click on the PDF link below to view and print the Alaska Grown Logo Application.

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