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## **Agriculture Day at the Alaska State Fair**

**(Palmer, AK)** – Get ready for Alaska Agriculture Day on Thursday, Aug. 25 at the Alaska State Fair! Several fun activities are planned to celebrate and promote Alaska agriculture including the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Tundra Chef Cookoff, Alaska Grown member booths, Farm Family of the Year, and Friend of Farmer awards.

The Alaska Division of Agriculture, which is sponsoring Agriculture Day, will present the Farm Family of the Year at 11:45 a.m. in the Yellow Trail Event Tent. Then, a Tundra Chef Cook-off featuring local celebrities cooking Alaska Grown ingredients will occur from 12 p.m. 3 p.m. The chefs must prepare a 3-course meal including an appetizer, an entrée with a side, and a dessert with Alaska Grown products. The chefs will incorporate a mystery ingredient from the Farm Family into their recipe. A panel of superstar judges will determine the winner of the Tundra Chef cookoff.

During the Tundra Chef Cookoff, the Division of Agriculture will announce their Friend of Farmers award at 1:30 p.m. This award is to recognize an individual in the agriculture community as well as supporting organizations, who has been vital to helping farmers and the farming industry.

In the Pioneer Plaza, the Division is hosting Alaska Grown member booths featuring Alaska Grown businesses from around the state, as well as a Division booth. Come visit some Alaska Grown members, meet with farmers and small businesses, discover new products, and show your support for Alaska Grown!

Admission to the Fair is just \$3 between 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Alaska Agriculture Day, A donation of two shelf-stable food items to help hungry members of the community is encouraged.

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