NAFS Information 2015

The Nutritional Alaska Foods in Schools (NAFS) program offers school districts the opportunity to purchase nutritional Alaska Grown food items (also referred to as locally grown) from around the state to support their food programs.

A quick and easy way to determine whether or not food is eligible for reimbursement under the NAFS program is to check the **Alaska Grown Sourcebook** which is maintained and updated by the Alaska Grown Program. It is located online at: http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/sourcebook/sourcebookindex2014.html.

When School Districts consider purchasing foods grown, raised or caught in Alaska, they should keep in mind:

- If being served in a Child Nutrition Program (i.e. *School Breakfast Program* (SBP), *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program* (FFVP), *National School Lunch Program* (NSLP), etc.) does the food meet the federal regulations and requirements?
- If the food is being served ala carte in school lunch lines does it adhere to the **Smart Snacks in School** rules?
- Is it allowed in the Local School Wellness Policy?
- If the food is locally processed, it should be done in a facility that is permitted/certified by federal, state, or a local government agency (ex. FDA, USDA, State of Alaska, Municipality of Anchorage, or permitted outside of Alaska).
- NAFS foods cannot be used for fundraising purposes or sold in school stores.
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