



Division of Agriculture

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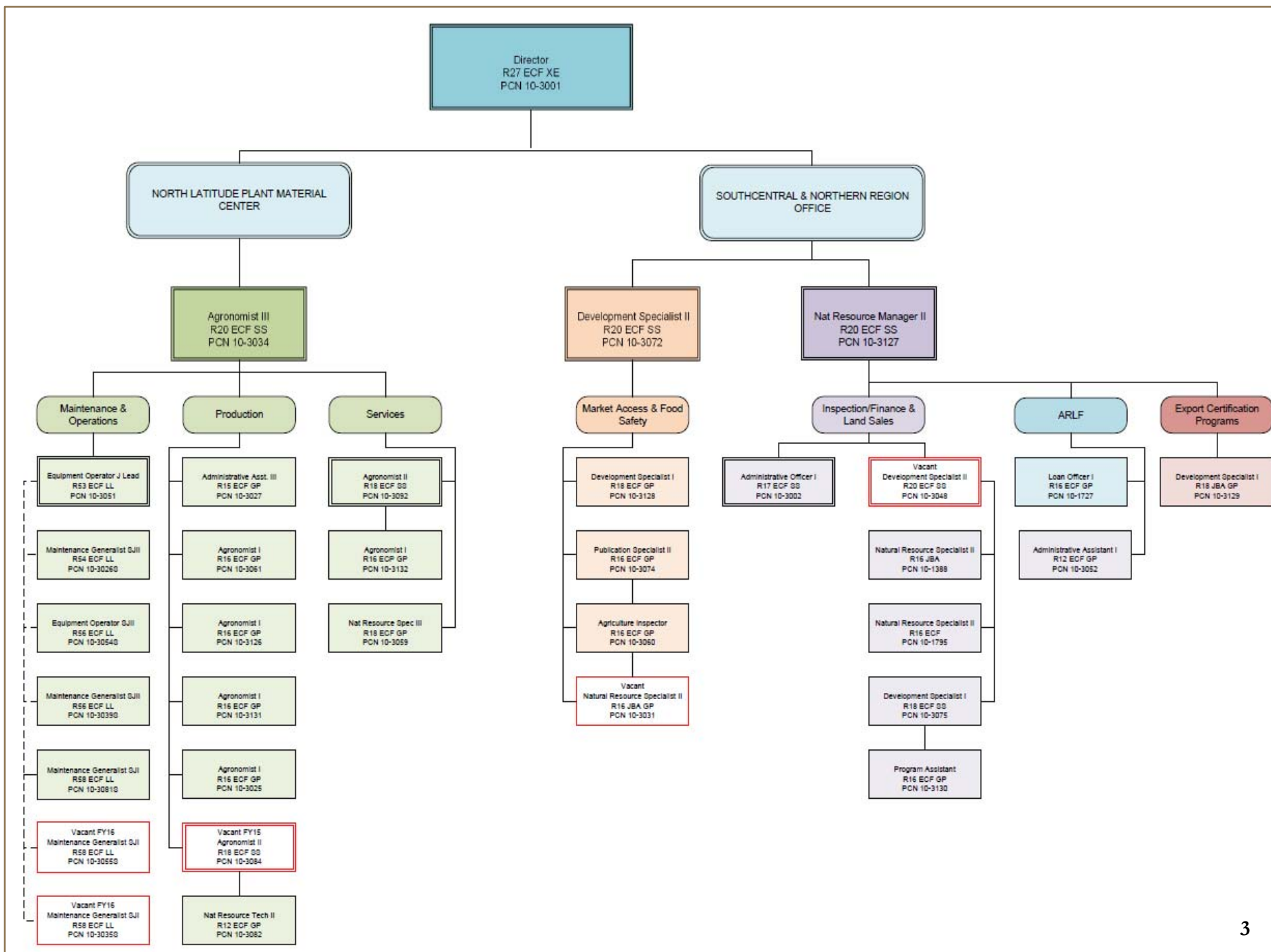


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“The mission of the Division of Agriculture is to promote and encourage development of an agriculture industry in the State.”





AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

FY2018 Governor's Budget

PCNs	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Total
14	1,020.5	500.8	669.5	55.0	2,245.8



Programs

Market Access & Food Safety

Farm to Institution

Inspections

Agricultural Land Sales

AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

Market Access & Food Safety

Connecting farmers with the resources and buyers to match their commodity and production models

FY2018 Governor's Budget

PCNs	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Total
4	310.7	0	494.5	0	805.2

Alaska Grown

- Farmers Markets
- Retail
- Export

Farm Food Safety Audits

Food Safety Modernization Act

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program



AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

Farm to Institution

Opening up markets for Alaska Farmers that have consistent, large sales
Scaling Farmers to market in a balanced intentional way

FY2018 Governor's Budget

PCN	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Total
1	0	0	0	0	0



Schools
Hospitals
State Institutions



AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

Inspections

Providing necessary inspection and audits to assure grade and quality control and export certification

FY2018 Governor's Budget

PCNs	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Total
4	376.4	1.5	175.0	55.0	608.0

Phytosanitary Export Certification

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Inspections

Seed Potato Certification

Cooperative Agriculture Pest Survey

Egg Shell Inspection

Organic Cost Share Program



AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

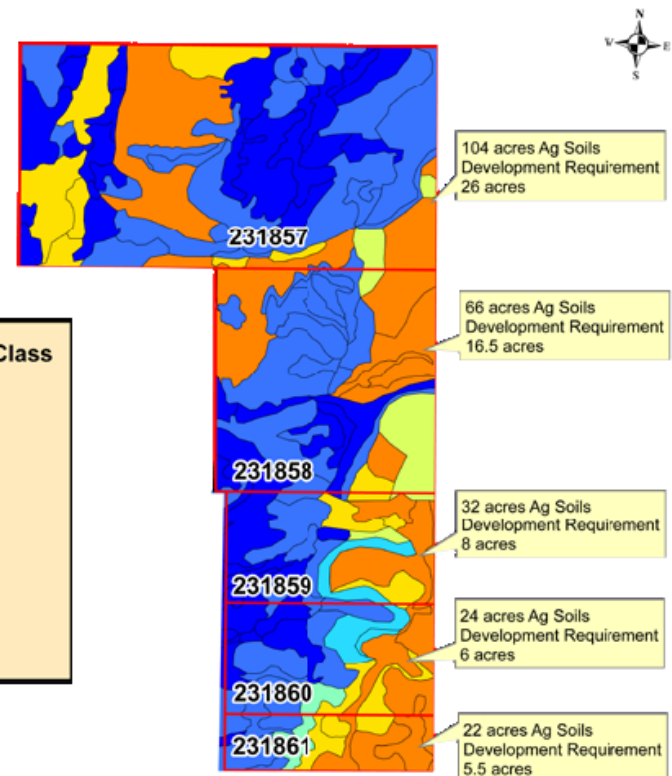
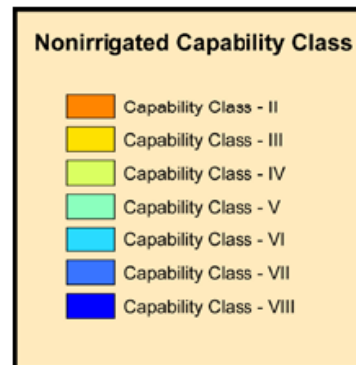
Agricultural Land Sales

Fostering food security and economic development by ensuring future generations have access to land suitable for agricultural production

FY2018 Governor's Budget

PCNs	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Total
2	0	499.3	0	0	499.3

- Over the past 8 years, this program has sold 4,985 acres of state land for agricultural use
- Modernizing the land sale process
- Shifting to small-acreage production of high value crops with reasonable access to market



AGRICULTURAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND

FY2018 Governor's Budget

PCNs	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Total
2	0	495.7	0	0	495.7

ARLF

Provides loans to producers for development, operating, and equipment purchases

Since 2005, ARLF has loaned over \$22 million

Industry examples include:

- Cut flower
- Greenhouse
- Processing
- Livestock



PLANT MATERIALS CENTER

FY2018 Governor's Budget

PCNs	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Total
18	1,649.7	16.6	323.9	94.4	2,084.6



Programs

Production

Services

Invasive Plant & Pest Management

PLANT MATERIAL CENTER

Production

Producing and evaluating high-quality seed for commercial production including development of crop production methods suitable for agriculture and reclamation projects in Alaska's.

FY2018 Governor's Budget

PCNs	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Total
7	734.0	16.6	52.5	0	803.1

Foundation Seed

- Grass, grain, and forbs

Horticulture

- Variety trialing

Seed Potato

- 231 varieties maintained

Native Plant Commercialization

- Suitable for crop production



PLANT MATERIAL CENTER

Services

Providing laboratory testing, seed cleaning, plant diagnostics, and recommendations for revegetation projects to protect Alaska's soil resources

FY2018 Governor's Budget

PCNs	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Total
9	702.3	0	142.4	94.4	939.1

Seed Cleaning

- Alaska's only commercial cleaning facility

Plant Pathology Lab

- Critical disease and virus analysis & management

Certified Seed Lab

- Only certified seed lab in Alaska

Revegetation & Erosion Control

- Industry Best Management Practices and recommendations



PLANT MATERIAL CENTER

Invasive Plant Management

Limiting the introduction and spread of freshwater and terrestrial invasive plants and plant pests in Alaska through education, prevention, collaboration, and effective management

FY2018 Governor's Budget

PCNs	UGF	DGF	Fed	Other	Total
2	213.4	0	129.0	0	342.4

- Multi-agency management efforts involving multiple permits
- Treats regulated invasive plants such as Canada thistle and elodea
- Access and leverage state and federal funds to manage and control invasive plants



COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS?

Did you know?

		
98% of our food is imported	Alaskan farmers produce \$32 million in products	67% of producers indicate they would increase production if they had more market options

If every Alaskan spent \$5/week on Alaska Grown food, it would have a \$188 million dollar impact

Are you eating Alaska Grown?

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