

Alaska Food Strategy Task Force 2023 and 2024 Recommendations



1. **Create an Alaska Department of Agriculture**
2. *Expand leases on state-owned land and ensure agriculture activities via a state-driven proactive approach.*
3. **Increase research capacity and programs through UAF IANRE's agricultural and forestry experiment stations.**
4. **Improve access to capital for producers through the Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund (ARLF)** and the HB 298 Agricultural Forgivable Loan Programs (AFLP).
5. **Encourage tax exemptions for farmland.**
6. *Create Alaska Grown Marketing Institute.*
7. *Re-establish an Alaska meat inspection service.*
8. *Add technical assistance officer position.*
9. *Request grocery stores track and sell more Alaska Grown.*
10. **Expand Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund to food processors and manufacturers.**

Red = Completed

Green = Work underway

Yellow = Under consideration

Unmarked = Items a new DoAg could shepherd

11. *Improve maritime infrastructure.*
12. **Decrease rural hub food loss via climate-controlled storage infrastructure.**
13. **Improve aviation infrastructure.**
14. **Improve bypass mail operations.**
15. *Improve data collection and analysis.*
16. **Invest in research and innovative technologies.**
17. *Create Supply Chain Coordination Council.*
18. *Increase food storage capacity for community food banks and disaster preparedness.*
19. *Extend Northern Rail*
20. *Establish a competitive shipping marketplace in Alaska.*
21. *Develop educational programs for food manufacturing in Alaska.*
22. *Establish a state food security and manufacturing officer in Alaska.*
23. *Invest in financial scoping of community-level composting and scale-appropriate rural biogas production facilities.*
24. **Support rural hub and transportation infrastructure.**
25. *Improve connecting food donors with food recovery and distribution entities.*
26. *Leverage Alaska match with GusNIP.*
27. **Coordinate with federal delegation to advocate for USPS improvements to bypass mail.**
- 28. **Establish co-op purchasing for school foods.**
29. *Address the SNAP/FDPIR enrollment conflict.*
30. *Streamline and make food security data transparent.*
31. **Improve aviation infrastructure.**
- 32. **Develop and implement community and household food independence and food security initiatives.**
33. *Encourage cooperation between agencies in the consideration of ANS and other data to help ensure subsistence activities can continue.*
34. *Develop "Alaskans First" preference to lease or purchase state agricultural land.*