

Alaska Department of Agriculture

Prioritizing a strong industry



Mission and Vision

Support, promote and encourage development of an agriculture (and mariculture) industry in Alaska that is viable, profitable and sustainable.



Promote an economically stable agriculture (and mariculture) industry for Alaska that can enhance the quality of life for its people, create sustainability of its communities and environment, and encourages new business development opportunities for all Alaskans.

Goals

Increase production

Market development - promote buying local
at all market levels

Increase economic viability in all types and
sizes of farm & food businesses

Improve transportation system

Improve food security



Assist with expanding infrastructure

Increase access to capital

Expand support programs statewide

Improve access to and protect lands and
waters suitable for farming

Strategic Plan for Moving Forward



Department Focus

Focus on in-state production

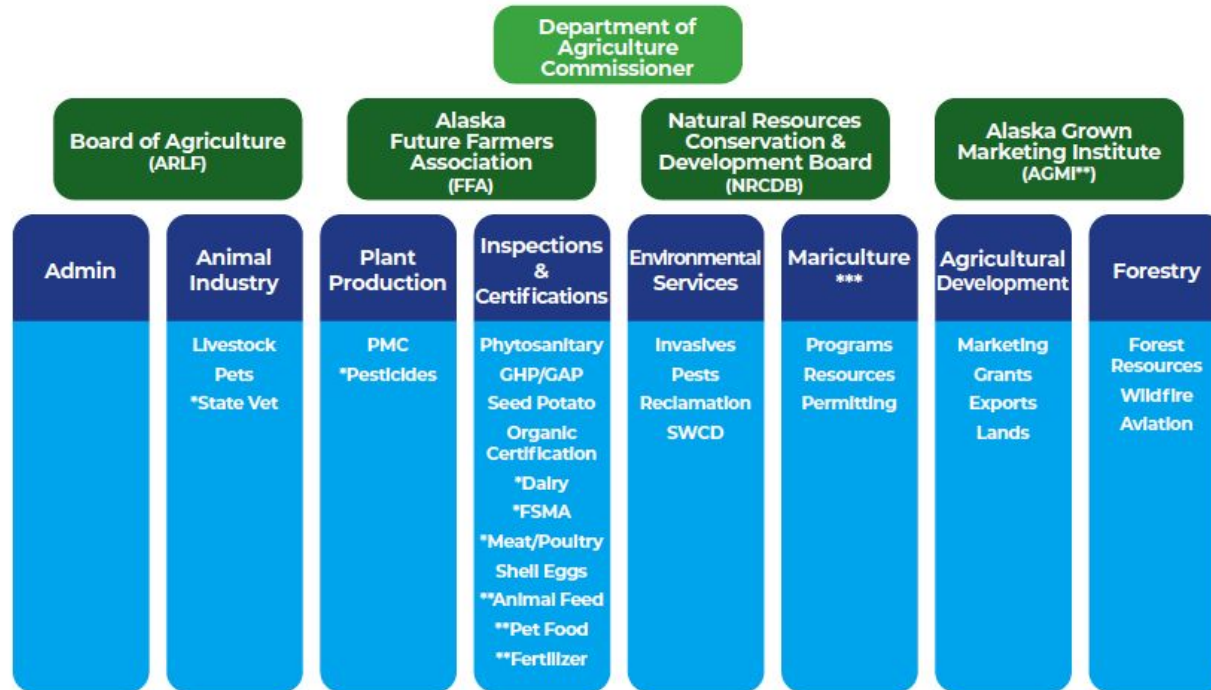
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Fish ✗

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Appendix B

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION CHART



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** New Programs

*** Moved from Fish & Game

Market Development

Grants and Loans

Lands and waters

Inspection Services

Alaska FFA

Mariculture

Increased staff capacity & program
funding = increased reach, resources and
ability to build industry

Program Expansion

Details in Department of Agriculture White Paper



Do we really need a
Department?

Momentum + Support = Greater Success

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>1982</u>
Number of Farms	1173	609	570
Cropland Harvested	36,211	31,824	25,694
Value of Crops Sold	\$39,693,000	\$20,543,000	\$6,010,000
Cut Flowers & Floral Greens	\$2,353,676	\$940,683 (2017)	

*USDA NASS Census of Agriculture Data

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Budget Year	All Funds	GF	Other
FY26 Proposed	7,266,000	5,117,700	2,148,300
FY25	7,161,000	5,018,700	2,142,300
FY21	5,015,700	3,686,100	1,329,600
FY16	4,985,200	3,848,000	1,137,200
FY11	7,013,500		
FY06	6,791,600		

*Operating budget funding levels

Division of Agriculture

Underfunded = low capacity

Low priority in department

Efforts to start agriculture not build



Department of Agriculture

Brings focus and priority

Cabinet-level voice

Greater opportunity to build industry



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