# HB 22 Expanding Alaska's Dairy Industry

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Free the Cheese



### Alaska Agriculturbow far we've come

THE NUMBER OF ALASKA FARMS GREW

**30**%

OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS.



This goes against the national trend of a 3% decrease in the number of farms - but we're growing!

THE VALUE OF FOOD
SOLD DIRECTLY
TO CONSUMERS
INCREASED FROM
\$2.2 MILLION IN 2012 TO
\$4.5 MILLION IN 2017



## Alaska Agricultureuilding food security

Alaskans spend roughly \$2 billion on food annually

95% of purchased food is imported

3-5 day supply of most food products on grocery store shelves

As Alaskans we are at the mercy of the weather and the shipping systems when it comes to the availability of our food. *Take the \$5* It doesn't a Week have to be that way! Challenge!

## \$5 Week on Alaska

Grown = \$188

Million Impact

#### COVID IMPACTS

"it has been seen that COVID - 19 has an impact on the whole process [food supply chain] from the field to the consumer"

- Oxford Academic, Impacts of Covid - 19 on the food supply chain

"With the coronavirus pandemic, we're facing a crisis the likes of which none of us has experienced before. Times like these remind us all of the importance of ensuring our nation's food security, and we want to assure Americans that agriculture remains on call 24/7."

-Zippy Duvall, President American Farm Bureau Federation

"The food supply chain is breaking,"

-John Tyson, Tyson Foods Chairman

## Alaska's Dairy Production

27 Farms with milk cows39 Farms with milk goats

2 Grade A Certified Dairies in Alaska

Food	90 Day Supply	Current Production
Spuds	1200 acres	560 acres
Carrots	50 acres	46
Milk	28M pounds	3.3M pounds
Grains (processed)	12,000 acres	200 acres
Red Meat	13M pounds	1.1M pounds
Poultry	9.75M pounds	25K pounds

## HB 22 Opportunities for Growth

Increase opportunities for value added products

Promote expansion in dairy products

Increase access to local foods

\$5 Week on Alaska Grown \$188 Million Impact

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