Featured Program - A new insurance plan for dry peas in Alaska is now available! Learn more about this program provided through the USDA's Risk Management Agency.

Featured Partner - Meet Samantha Reynolds who serves as the project manager for agriculture, rural outreach, and forestry at the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation.

Trivia Time - Name that Crop
- This crop is the oldest known tree food – dating back to 10,000 B.C.
- California provides 99% of the U.S. supply of this crop.
- This crop originated in Central Asia but was dispersed globally by traders.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) has announced the expansion of the availability of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation’s (FCIC) Dry Pea crop policy into Fairbanks North Star and Southeast Fairbanks Boroughs for the 2018 crop year. The dry pea plan provides coverage for damage resulting from naturally occurring events. It is similar to other individual yield-based insurance plans and uses a producer’s Actual Production History to establish the insurance guarantee. The sales closing date for the dry pea plan is March 15, 2018.

Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details on the dry pea policy. If you’re interested in learning more about Dry Pea Crop Insurance please click here or contact an agent!

Growers can also use the RMA Cost Estimator to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online.

Samantha Reynolds serves as the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation’s Project Manager for agriculture, rural outreach, and forestry. Her role primarily consists of promoting the activities of constituents in her project sectors while also maintaining contacts with local and state experts to better understand the needs of Alaskan farmers. Samantha is also in charge of coordinating and facilitating the annual Chef at the Market and Tour of Farms events, both of which endeavor to encourage public engagement with the agriculture community. She offers her voice and support to the Interior Alaska Food Network, an organization striving to make Alaska (and the Interior, specifically) more food secure.

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November was a busy month for AgriLogic attending various events throughout the state, and meeting farmers and producers connected to Alaska’s agriculture industry. During the first two weeks of November, AgriLogic representatives attended both the annual Alaska Farm Bureau meeting in Homer, and the Alaska Food Festival and Conference in Fairbanks. We also conducted meetings with farmers in the Mat-Su Valley and spoke at the Peony Growers Meeting in Homer.

Keep an eye out for us at future events! Contact one of our partners or give us a call at (913) 333-4354. We would love to schedule a time to visit with you on our next trip which is tentatively scheduled for February 2018. We want to wish you and your family Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

**Crop Insurance Definition: Indemnity**

Indemnity in crop insurance refers to compensation to the producer for damages or loss. For example, if your dry peas were lost due to a covered peril, an indemnity may be paid if the producer had purchased a Dry Pea Insurance policy.

**About the Project**

Under the USDA RMA Partnership Agreement, AgriLogic Consulting, LLC (AgriLogic) has partnered with the Alaska Division of Agriculture, Alaska Farm Bureau, Inc., Alaska Food Policy Council, and the Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation to deliver crop insurance education and related risk management strategies to farmers across Alaska between Sept. 30, 2017 and Sept. 29, 2018 (partnership agreement #RM17RMETS524002).

AgriLogic will provide training through workshops, on-farm appointments, guest speaker spots at conferences and association meetings, trade show booths, and visits to farmer’s markets. Workshops will focus on illustrating the value of crop insurance programs available in Alaska. Eligibility requirements, sales closing dates, and agent contact information will be highlighted. FREE individual producer premium quotes are available upon request! Want to learn more about our project, upcoming events and crop insurance? Visit our website by clicking here.

**Our Partners**

[Logos of our partners: USDA, Alaska Food Policy Council, Alaska Grown, Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation]