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Community Emergency Food Preparedness

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AFPC Goals targeted

- Food is safe, protected and supplies are secure throughout Alaska.
- Alaska's food system is more sustainable.
- Alaskans are engaged in our food system





Why Emergency Preparedness?

Because accidents happen, we need to have plans for successful outcomes





"Accidents" can be human-caused or nature-caused or both

Major earthquake - war/conflict - pandemic

Depending on severity they can result in disruptions in the normal supply chain functions





Why not do nothing?

Risk- because even if there's a <u>low</u> probability for a major, catastrophic disaster causing the disruption of food shipments, there would be a very <u>high consequence</u>!





Why Community Preparedness?

- Humans are social and we need each others help to thrive.
- Truly prepared individuals are prepared to act to help others.
- During a major disaster, communities may not be able to rely on outside sources for help.





Brace yourself!







How prepared are we? It depends; what, where, how big.

- LEPC's (Local Emergency Planning Committee)
- AK State Emergency Operations Plan
- DHS and EM (Div. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management)
- VOAD'S (Volunteer Organizations Aiding in Disaster)
- FEMA, APHIS (Federal Emerg. Mngmnt & Animal/Plant Health Serv.)
- National Response Framework (NRF), Emergency Support Functions (ESF)





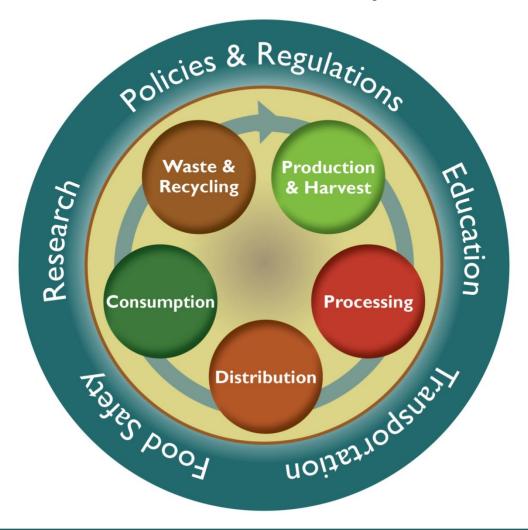
So...Where's the Food?!

- Food Banks
- Alaska's Federal Food Programs
- Stores (retail, commercial, etc.)
- VOAD's
- Alaska's Catastrophic Food Reserve
- Wild/Cultivated Harvestable



Our Food System









During a multi-week supply disruption, my community would;

- I. experience what impacts?
- 2. have what responses?
- 3. have what unmet needs?

(consider elements of the Food System)







How can we prepare our communities?

By planning and creating a "culture of preparedness".

- Community Food Emergency and Resilience Plan (using the "Template")
- 2. Alaska Community Emergency Food Cache System (ACEFCS)





Essential elements of the Template

- Provides a framework for a community to engage, discuss and make steps towards self-reliance
- Community outlines procedures and resources available in the event of a food emergency.





The Template helps the community to;

- identify transportation system strengths and vulnerabilities
- develop food storage and distribution capabilities





The Template helps community develop plans for Wild and Cultivated Harvests

- Emergency Hunts, Fishing, Gathering (laws, authorization, protocols, shared resources for harvest/ processing/distribution)
- Compensation agreements for resources used (fuel, crops, supplies)





How can emergency food storage really work on a community scale?

ACEFCS!





The Alaska Community Emergency Food Cache System

The Big Idea;

Minimum levels of culturally appropriate, nutritionally qualified foods are determined, stocked and rotated as part of normal business operations in public-private partnerships with food vendors.





ACEFCS: some of the details

- A Local Food Vendor (LFV)
 maintains an Emergency Food
 Cache (EFC)
- LFV employees are trained as Emergency Food Responders (EFR)





ACEFCS: a few more of the details

 During food emergency- EFR's implement Food Security and Distribution Protocols including I)securing and 2) distributing food reserves in pre-planned manner (to individuals or VOADs)





ACEFCS: an essential detail

- Employee Self and Family Plans are developed including 1) vehicle, 2) home and 3) workplace emergency response kits, plans and supplies for the employee and family.
- Allows first responders (EFRs) to stay on post during emergency



ACEFCS creates the opportunity to strengthen our food system and its abilities to weather emergencies.

- 1. Businesses maintain <u>continuity of operations</u> at least and even better they grow!
- 2. Employees know they are taken care of
- 3. Communities are food secure in emergencies



Thank you for sharing in the Alaska Food Policy Council's Vision:

A healthy, secure food system that feeds all Alaskans.

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