



# Alaska Food Policy Council

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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 low probability for a major, catastrophic disaster causing the disruption of food shipments, there would be a very high consequence!



# 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;

1. 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”.

1. 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 1)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 continuity of operations 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  
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**Vision:**

**A healthy, secure food  
system that feeds all  
Alaskans.**

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