2014

New Guide

PROVIDES ALASKA HERB INFORMATION

BARBARA FAY'S GRANDMOTHER introduced her to aromatic herbs. Fay held the basket while her grandmother picked garden herbs and tucked the extras in her

Copies of An *Alaska Herb Garden* are available from Cooperative Extension offices or by calling 877-520-5211.

Recipes and detailed information are available for 25 herbs, including anise hyssop, arugula, basil, borage, calendula, chervil, chives, cilantro, dill, lemon balm, lemon verbena, lovage, marjoram, Mexican mint marigold, mint, nasturtium, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, savory, sorrel, sweet woodruff, tarragon and thyme.

Barbara Fay tends her hydroponic herb garden at her home. Photo by Hollis Fay

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A LITTLE OVER A DECADE AGO, just about the only peonies growing in Alaska were a few backyard bushes. Now 24 farms belong to the Alaska Peony Growers Association.

Horticulture Professor Pat Holloway said commercial production began in 2004 with small test plots in Fairbanks, Kenai and Homer. By 2012, more than 100,000 roots had been planted by 38 growers. The projected statewide harvest for 2015 is over 1 million peony stems.

By surveying 38 growers, Holloway determined sales of fresh-cut peony stems doubled from 2011 to 2012. More than 25,000 stems were sold in 2013, at $2 to $10 per stem.

Holloway, who initiated peony trials at the Georgeson Botanical Garden, tracks growth and development of the new industry. “Growers, industry support groups, legislative leaders, educational and research organizations need to know basic statistics on crop production, markets and growth in order to support and fund activities that promote this industry,” Holloway said. “Hard numbers also provide a great wow factor.”

Peony growing is a long-term investment for farmers because roots take several years to produce buds that can be sold and entw Ts331ce0duce beplead nng icrveroupndng -10( )

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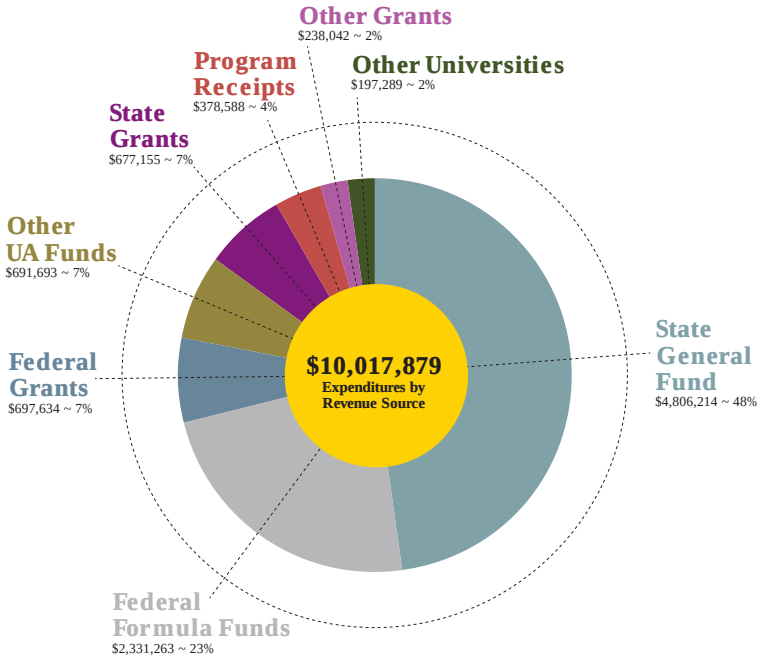

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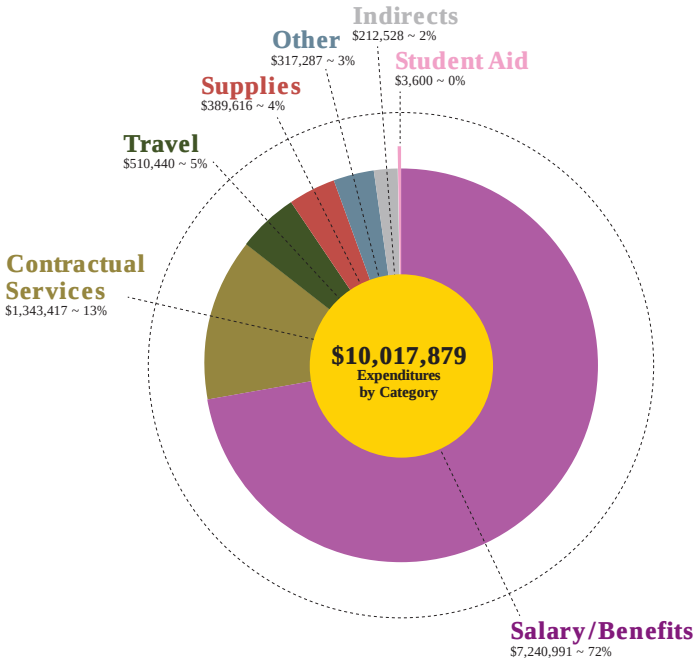

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