DROUGHT AND AGRICULTURE IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA
Agriculture . . .
Conservation

- Technical assistance
- Financial programs
  - Support for conservation - which can also improve production
Farming in SEAK
Challenges

- Cool air and soil temperatures
- Short growing season
- Too much precipitation
**Controlled environments**

- Low hoops or row covers
- High tunnels
- Greenhouses
Municipal water

NRCS can assist with irrigation

Consideration for municipalities: water being used for electricity as well as household/industrial uses
- Surface water
- Groundwater
- Rainwater catchment

- NRCS requires water rights for programs
- Instream flow reservations could help protect salmon
Private forest lands

- Post-harvest management
  - *Shorter rotation*
  - *Traditional foods and recreation*
Challenges

- Slash as fuel
- Organic soils as fuel
- Changing forests
- Changing streams
Questions?

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