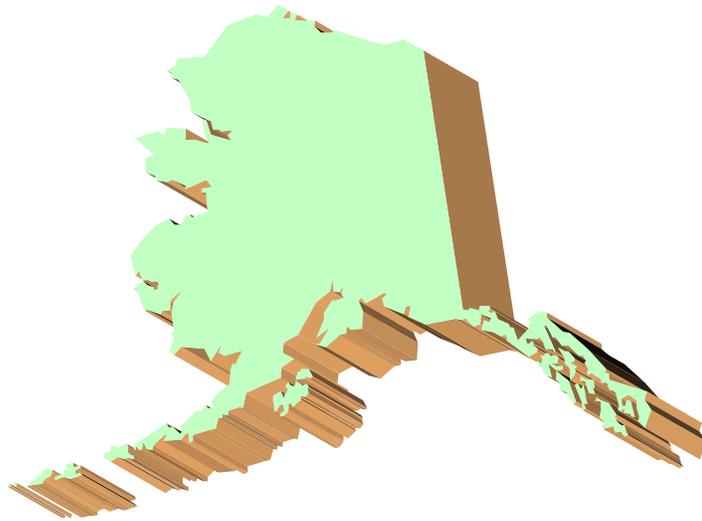


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This publication includes statistics on Alaskan agriculture for 2004 and previous years'. Data is also provided by geographic regions, as well as by commodity. These data include State level statistics on crops, livestock, cash receipts, numbers of farms and value of production, as well as breakdowns by geographic regions.

The data for this publication comes from surveys conducted throughout the year. This would not be possible without the active cooperation of the Alaskan producers, agri-businesses, county extension agents, university staff, weather reporters and other government agencies. A special thank you goes to the farmers and ranchers who took time from their busy schedules to respond to our surveys.

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It is with some sadness that we wish Ray Garibay, former State Director of the Alaska and Washington Field Offices, goodbye. Ray has transferred back to Washington D.C. to head up our Marketing and Information Section. Ray's enthusiasm and leadership will be missed by both his offices. We are pleased to welcome Chris Messer as the new State Director of the Alaska and Washington Field Offices. Chris is transferring to Olympia from our Georgia Field Office. She will be on board in September and we look forward to showing her Alaska agriculture first hand.

We appreciate your interest in Alaskan agriculture and enjoy presenting to you how "**Agriculture Counts**" in the Last Frontier.

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