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This publication includes statistics on Alaskan agriculture for 2006 and previous years. Data is provided by geographic regions, as well as by commodity. These data include statistics on crops, livestock, cash receipts, numbers of farms and value of production.

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.

Individual survey results obtained by the National Agricultural Statistics Service are kept strictly confidential. The data collected, as well as names and addresses, are not released to anyone outside this agency, including other USDA and government entities. Information is summarized and published such that no individual operation can be identified. Summarized results are released to

everyone free of charge.

Our office would like to welcome the new Division of Ag Director, Franci Havemeister, and also the new Interim Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, Pete Pinney, to their respective jobs. We look forward to working with them to help promote agriculture in Alaska and around the world.

At the end of December, NASS will be mailing out the 2007 Census of Agriculture to all farmers and ranchers in the state. The Census of Agriculture provides information that is not available anywhere else--information that benefits agricultural producers and their communities in myriad ways. For example, policy-makers use Census data for decisions concerning agricultural and rural programs. Community planners use Census information to target delivery of local services. Companies rely on Census data when determining where to locate their operations, and farmers themselves look at Census data when deciding to make changes in their production strategies. If you receive the Census of Agriculture, please return it as soon as possible.

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

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