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MILK PRODUCTION

ALASKA: July milk production of 900,000 pounds was down from last year's production of 1.0 million pounds. Production per cow, at 1,420 pounds, was up from 1,230 pounds from last July.

August milk production of 800,000 pounds is down from the 900,000 pounds produced last year and also in July. Production per cow at 1,310 pounds was up from the 1,110 pounds from last August.

The number of milk cows, at 600 head, in both July and August was down from 800 cows in July and August of 2006.

Accumulated milk production of 6.2 million pounds during the first eight months of 2007 was down from the 6.8 million pounds during the same period in 2006.

Milk production in the **23 MAJOR STATES** during August totaled 14.3 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from August 2006. July revised production at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 4.0 percent from July 2006. The July revision represented an increase of 10.0 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,721 pounds for August, 45 pounds above August 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.33 million head, 72,000 head more than August 2006, and 11,000 head more than July 2007.

2006 ALASKA POTATO CROP UTILIZATION & VALUE

Alaska potato producers sold 129,000 cwt. of potatoes from the 2006 crop, or 69% of total production. Sales from the 2005 crop were 115,000 cwt. or 69% of production. Sales include table stock, seed, and livestock feed. Shrinkage and loss accounted for 37,000 cwt. in 2006, while farm disposition accounted for 20,000 cwt. Harvest of the 2007 crop is underway.

Items	2004	2005	2006
Cwt.			
Total Production	177,000	166,000	186,000
Farm Disposition 1/	18,000	18,000	20,000
Shrinkage & Loss	43,000	33,000	37,000
Sold	116,000	115,000	129,000
Dollars			
\$ Per Cwt.	19.60	20.50	20.10
Value of Production	3,469,000	3,403,000	3,739,000
Value of Sales	2,274,000	2,358,000	2,593,000

1/ Household use, livestock feed and seed used on farm where grown

ALASKA CROP AND WEATHER UPDATE

As of September 24th, the barley crop was reported as 90% harvested. Last year 95% of the crop was harvested at this time, the 5 year average is 91% harvested. Oats were reported as 80% harvested. Last year 40% of the crop was harvested at this time, the 5 year average is 74%. Potatoes were reported as 45% harvested, last year 70% of the crop was harvested. The five year average is 66% harvested. Second cutting of hay was at 80% complete statewide, as rain hampered harvest. Due to weather conditions the percent harvested varied across the State with the Tanana Valley reporting 90% harvested, the Mat-Su Valley 60%, Kenai 80%. Winter supplies of hay were reported as 15% short, 85% adequate.

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2006 VEGETABLES

VEGETABLES were harvested from 341 acres, down 10 acres from 2005. Value of all vegetables produced, excluding greenhouse vegetables, was \$3,334,000 compared with \$3,507,000 in 2005.

HEAD LETTUCE production of 22,500 cartons was harvested from 52 acres in 2006. Other types of lettuce are included in other vegetables. An annual average carton weight for head lettuce in Alaska was 45 pounds in 2006, unchanged from 2005.

CABBAGE production of 17,600 cartons was harvested from 35 acres in 2006. An annual average carton weight for cabbage in Alaska was 48 pounds in 2006.

CARROT production totaled 16,700 cwt; down 3,800 cwt from 2005. Acres harvested, at 47 were down 12 acres from a year ago.

OTHER VEGETABLES were harvested from 207 acres; 2 acres above the previous year. Production was 20,300 cwt. More than 60 varieties of vegetables, from asparagus to zucchini, are included in this other vegetable category.

ALASKA FARMERS

Mailing of the 2007 Acreage and Production Survey will occur at the beginning of October. As always, responses will be kept confidential and your participation in this survey is strictly voluntary. The data collected is used to produce year end estimates for Alaska's major crops. PLEASE take a minute to assist in this process. We will try calling if your report isn't received by mail. Information from this survey will be published in the November Farm Reporter.

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