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2007 Alaska Crop Summary

The 2007 crop year started out cool with soil temperatures warming up slowly in some locations. By the end of May barley was 90% planted, oats were 85% planted and potatoes were 50% planted. Hay harvest was underway by the middle of June and the second cutting began the first week of August. Rains hampered both cuttings of hay and also affected the quality of the hay crop. Small grain harvest began the second week of August and potato harvest began at the end of August. By the end of September the small grain and potato harvest were winding down. Some hay producers still had hay down in the fields and were hoping for a second cutting. Winter supplies of hay statewide, were reported as 20% short and 80% adequate at the end of September.

ALASKA CROP SUMMARY 2006 & 2007

	Acres Planted for All Purposes		Acres Harvested for Grain		Yield (Bu/Acre)		Production (Bu)	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
BARLEY								
Tanana Valley	4,200	3,900	4,100	3,800	37.6	41.0	154,300	156,000
Matanuska Valley	300	200	100	100	27.0	20.0	2,700	2,000
State Total	4,500	4,100	4,200	3,900	37.4	40.5	157,000	158,000
OATS								
State Total	2,000	1,900	800	1,000	35.0	47.0	28,000	47,000

	Acres Harvested		Yield (Tons/Acre)		Production (Tons)			
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007		
ALL HAY								
Tanana Valley			9,300	10,700	1.12	1.51	10,400	16,200
Matanuska Valley			8,500	10,100	1.11	1.20	9,400	12,100
Kenai Peninsula 1/			2,200	2,200	1.00	1.23	2,200	2,700
State Total			20,000	23,000	1.10	1.35	22,000	31,000
	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield (Cwt/Acre)		Production (Cwt)	
POTATOES	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
State Total	860	890	840	870	221	202	186,000	176,000

1/ Includes Southwest Alaska

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MILK PRODUCTION

ALASKA: Milk production in September and October was 700,000 pounds each month. This is down from the 800,000 pounds produced in both September and October of 2006. Production per cow was 1,210 pounds in September and 1,220 pounds in October. The number of milk cows, at 600 head for both months, is down 200 head from the same time last year.

Accumulated milk production of 7.6 million pounds during the first ten months of 2007 was down from the 8.4 million pounds during the same period in 2006.

Milk production in the **23 Major States** during October totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from October 2006. September revised production at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from September 2006. The September 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 1,699 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2006.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.35 million head, 98,000 head more than October 2006, and 13,000 head more than September 2007.

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