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MILK PRODUCTION

ALASKA: July milk production of 1.3 million pounds is the same as last month's production. Production per cow, at 1,070 pounds, was equal to the previous month and is down from 1,330 pounds from last July. The number of milk cows, at 1,200 head, is the same number as last year.

Accumulated milk production during the first seven months of 2004 was 8.7 million pounds compared with 10.4 million pounds produced during the same period in 2003.

Milk production in the **20 MAJOR STATES** during July totaled 12.5 billion pounds, up 0.7 percent from July 2003. June revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was down 0.1 percent from June 2003. The June revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,613 pounds for July, 16 pounds above July 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 27,000 head less than July 2003, but 11,000 head more than June 2004.

2003 VEGETABLES

VEGETABLES were harvested from 359 acres in 2003, down slightly from the 368 acres harvested in 2002. Value of all vegetables produced, excluding greenhouse vegetables, was \$2,619,000 compared with \$2,318,000 in 2002.

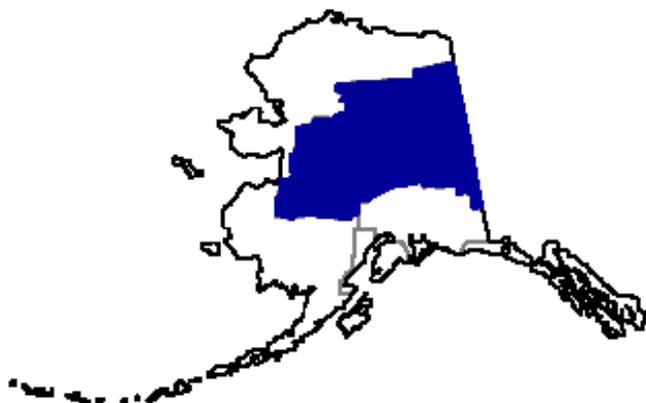
HEAD LETTUCE production of 15,000 cartons was harvested from 45 acres in 2003. This was down 17,000 cartons from 54 acres harvested in 2002. Other types of lettuce (romain, leaf...etc) are included in other vegetables. An annual average carton weight for head lettuce in Alaska was 45 pounds in 2003, unchanged from 2002.

CABBAGE production of 20,500 cartons was harvested from 33 acres in 2003. This compares to 24,400 cartons harvested from 46 acres in 2002. An annual average carton weight for cabbage in Alaska was 48 pounds in 2003.

CARROT production totaled 19,300 cwt which was 1,600 cwt above 2002. Acres harvested in 2003 were at 75 acres, up from 68 acres a year ago.

OTHER VEGETABLES were harvested from 206 acres statewide, up 6 acres from the previous year. Production of other vegetables was 16,800 cwt, up from 14,700 cwt a year ago.

2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE AREA PROFILE: FAIRBANKS/DELTA JUNCTION/TANANA VALLEY



OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS: FAIRBANKS/TANANA VALLEY	QUANTITY
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	124
Other	63
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	162
Female	25
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4

2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE AREA PROFILE: FAIRBANKS/TANANA VALLEY

ITEM	2002	1997	PCT CHANGE
Number of farms	187	179	4%
Land in farms (acres)	109,990	118,836	-7%
Average size of farm (acres)	588	664	-11%
Market Value of Production	\$5,285,000	5,822,000	-9%
Crop sales	\$4,349,000	\$4,233,000	3%
Livestock sales	\$936,000	\$1,589,000	-41%
Average per farm	\$28,261	\$32,523	-13%
Government Payments	\$1,267,000	\$969,000	31%
Average per farm receiving payments	\$27,537	\$15,622	76%

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