



Farm Reporter

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ALASKA JUNE ACREAGE REPORT

Barley planted for all purposes in Alaska is estimated at 3,500 acres in 2015, down from 5,400 acres planted in 2014. On June 28th the condition of the barley crop was rated as 25% very poor, 25% poor, 40% fair, 10% good. The crop was reported as 10% headed. The five year average for that date is 7% headed.

Oats for all purposes were seeded on 1,400 acres in 2015, down 800 acres from 2014. On June 28th the condition of the oat crop was rated as 15% very poor, 30% poor, 35% fair, 20% good. The crop was reported as 5% headed. The five year average for that date is 1% headed.

Potato growers planted an estimated 520 acres in 2015, compared with 650 acres last year and in 2013. On June 28th the crop was 100% emerged. The 5 year average for that date is 82% emerged.

All hay is intended to be harvested from 24,000 acres in 2015. This is up 6,000 acres from the 18,000 acres that were actually harvested in 2014. On June 28th the condition of the hay crop was rated as 10% very poor, 20% poor, 30% fair, 30% good. First cutting hay harvest was reported as 25% complete. The 5 year average for that date is 14% harvested.

Alaska Area Planted by Crop: 2013 - 2015			
Crop	Area Planted		
	2013	2014	2015
Barley, acres	3,600	5,400	3,500
Oats, acres	1,300	2,200	1,400
Potatoes, acres	650	650	520
Hay, acres for harvest	20,000	18,000	24,000

Thank you to all the Alaskan farmers who responded to the June Acreage Survey. We appreciate your help in producing this report.

U.S. JUNE ACREAGE REPORT

Oats: Area seeded to oats for the 2015 crop year is estimated at 3.06 million acres, up 13 percent from 2014. However, this represents the fifth-lowest United States planted area on record. Record low planted acreage is estimated in Illinois, Utah, Texas, and Wyoming. Growers expect to harvest 1.22 million acres, up 19 percent from last year, but represents the fifth-lowest harvested acreage on record. Record low harvested acreage is expected in Arkansas, California, Utah, and Wyoming.

Barley: Producers seeded 3.41 million acres of barley for the 2015 crop year, up 15 percent from the previous year. Despite the increase, this represents the fourth-lowest seeded area on record. Harvested acres at 2.92 million acres, is up 19 percent from 2014. Record low planted acreage is estimated in California and Utah.

Hay: Producers intend to harvest 56.5 million acres of all hay in 2015, down 1 percent from 2014. The expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 18.3 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from 2014. All other types of hay harvested are expected to total 38.2 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014.

Summer potatoes: Growers planted an estimated 49,300 acres of summer potatoes in 2015, down 2 percent from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 48,400 acres, 1 percent below 2014.

Fall potatoes: Growers planted an estimated 955,300 acres of fall potatoes, up 2 percent from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 946,000 acres, 2 percent above 2014.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk Production for **Alaska** for the January - March quarter of 2015 totaled 900,000 pounds, up from 800,000 pounds from the January - March quarter of 2014. Milk production during the October - December quarter of 2014 was also 900,000 pounds. The number of milk cows, at 300 head, is unchanged from last quarter and the same period last year.

Milk production in the **United States** during the January - March quarter totaled 51.9 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.30 million head, 17,000 head more than the October - December 2014 quarter and 88,000 head more than the same period last year.

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