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ALASKA JUNE ACREAGE REPORT

Alaska Area Planted and Harvested by Crop: 2018 and 2019

Crop ^{1/}	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2018	2019	2018	2019 ^{2/}
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Barley ^{3/}	5,000	6,000	4,000	5,000
Hay, all	(NA)	(NA)	22,000	20,000

(NA) Not available. 1/ Oat estimates discontinued in 2018, potatoes estimates in 2019. 2/ Forecasted. 3/ Barley acreage rounded to nearest thousand acres beginning in 2018.

Favorable growing conditions have crops in good condition and on or ahead of schedule. Hay harvest was well underway as producers took advantage of recent hot, dry weather. Vegetables are for sale at farmers markets and will soon be available in grocery stores.

Barley planted for all purposes in Alaska is estimated at 6,000 acres in 2019, up from the 5,000 acres planted in 2018. The forecast for acres harvested for grain was 5,000 acres, down from the 4,000 actual harvested acres in 2018. On June 30th the condition of the barley crop was rated as 10% fair, 50% good, 40% excellent. The crop was reported as 10% headed. Last year at this time none of the crop was reported as headed; the five year average for that date is 12% headed. Barley acreage is rounded to the nearest thousand acres beginning in 2018.

All hay is intended to be harvested from 20,000 acres in 2019. This is down from the 22,000 acres that were actually harvested in 2018. On June 30th the condition of the hay crop was rated as 10% fair, 65% good, 25% excellent. First cutting hay harvest was reported as 60% complete. Last year, for that date, 22% of the first cutting hay was harvested; the five year average is 26% harvested.

Thank you to all the Alaskan farmers and ranchers who responded to the June Acreage Survey. Your time and help in producing this report is appreciated.

2017 Census of Agriculture

Results from the 2017 Census of Agriculture, at State and Area levels, can be found at:
<https://www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus/index.php>

State and Area profiles are available at:
https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2017/Online_Resources/County_Profiles/index.php

Congressional District Profiles and Rankings were released on June 26, 2019.

Selected statistics by watershed will be released July 25, 2019.

U.S. JUNE ACREAGE REPORT

Barley: Producers seeded 2.86 million acres of barley for the 2019 crop year, up 12 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.33 million acres, is up 18 percent from 2018.

Nationwide, 94 percent of the barley acreage was sown by June 2, two percentage points behind last year and 3 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Ninety-two percent of the barley acreage had emerged by June 16, three percentage points behind last year and 4 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Heading of the Nation's barley acreage advanced to 9 percent complete by June 23, sixteen percentage points behind the previous year and 21 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Overall, 72 percent of the barley acreage was reported in good to excellent condition on June 23, eleven percentage points behind the same time last year.

Hay: Producers intend to harvest 52.8 million acres of all hay in 2019, down less than 1 percent from 2018. If realized, this will represent the lowest total hay harvested area since 1908. The decrease in acreage is due to a 1 percent decrease in all other hay (excluding alfalfa) acreage compared to 2018. Acres of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are expected to be up 1 percent compared with 2018.

Record low all hay harvested area is expected in California, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia in 2019.

Potatoes: Area planted to potatoes in 2019 is estimated at 967,500 acres of potatoes, up slightly from 2018 for comparable States. Harvested area is forecast at 959,600 acres, slightly above comparable States from the previous year.

Idaho's winter lasted longer than the previous year and slowed the development of potatoes in areas of the State. As of June 16, seventy-five percent of the potato crop had emerged, behind the 5-year average of 92 percent. Winter and spring precipitation in Washington was good. North Dakota's planting began in late April, ahead of the 2018 pace but behind the 5-year average. It advanced ahead of the 5-year average half-way through the planting season.

Beginning in 2019, potato estimates were discontinued in Alaska, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, and Virginia.

Oats: Area seeded to oats for the 2019 crop year is estimated at 2.55 million acres, down slightly from 2018 for comparable States. Planted acreage is down or unchanged in 13 of the 23 major producing States compared with last year. Decreases of 20,000 acres or more are estimated in California, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Texas. Area for harvest, forecast at 909,000 acres, is up 10 percent from 2018 for comparable States.

Nationally, oat producers had seeded 27 percent of this year's acreage by April 7, equal to the same time last year but 5 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Producers had seeded 50 percent of this year's acreage by May 5, four percentage points behind last year and 22 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Eighty-five percent of the oat acreage was emerged by May 26, eight percentage points behind last year and 11 percentage points behind the 5-year average. As of June 23, sixty-four percent of the oat acreage was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 72 percent rated in these two categories at the same time last year.

Beginning in 2019, oat estimates were discontinued in Alabama, Colorado, South Carolina, Washington, and Wyoming. Alaska oat estimates were discontinued in 2018.

The complete Acreage report, which was released June 28th, can be found at:
<https://downloads.usda.library.cornell.edu/usda-esmis/files/j098zb09z/0k225n39n/jw827p632/acrg0619.pdf>