



Alaska Farm Reporter

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Alaska Crop Summary

Growers harvested 5,200 acres of **barley** for grain in 2017, up 500 acres from 2016. Production was 239,000 bushels with a yield of 46.0 bushels per acre. Production in 2016 was 230,000 bushels with a yield of 49.0 bushels per acre.

Oats for grain was harvested from 900 acres in 2017, down 300 acres from 2016. A yield of 73.0 bushels per acre was realized with a production of 66,000 bushels. This compares with 74,000 bushels produced in 2016.

Hay farmers harvested 21,000 acres in 2017 with a production of 25,000 tons. A year ago, 22,000 acres were harvested with a production of 30,000 tons. The 2017 hay yield of 1.20 tons per acre compares with 1.35 tons per acre in 2016.

Potato growers harvested 430 acres in 2017, down 60 acres from 2016. Production totaled 120,000 cwt, down from the 147,000 cwt harvested in 2016.

The complete U.S. Crop Production Annual report can be found at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/CropProdSu/CropProdSu-01-12-2018.pdf>

Alaska Crop Summary: 2016 - 2017								
	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested for Grain		Yield (Bu/Acre)		Production (Bu)	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
BARLEY								
State Total	5,000	5,500	4,700	5,200	49.0	46.0	230,000	239,000
OATS								
State Total	2,000	1,700	1,200	900	62.0	73.0	74,000	66,000
			Acres Harvested		Yield (Tons/Acre)		Production (Tons)	
ALL HAY			2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
State Total			22,000	21,000	1.35	1.20	30,000	25,000
	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield (Cwt/Acre)		Production (Cwt)	
POTATOES	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
State Total	500	450	490	430	300	280	147,000	120,000

Alaska Hog & Pig Inventory

Alaska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2017 was 1,500 head, unchanged from December 1, 2016 and up 100 head from December 1, 2015.

Alaska Hog & Pig Inventory (Number of Head)			
December 1	2015	2016	2017
Breeding	300	300	300
Market	1,100	1,200	1,200
Total Hogs	1,400	1,500	1,500

Breeding inventory at 300 head was unchanged from 2015 and 2016. Market hog inventory, at 1,200 head, was unchanged from last year and up 100 head from 2015.

The complete U.S. Hogs and Pigs Report can be found online at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/HogsPigs/HogsPigs-12-22-2017.pdf>

Cattle Inventory

Cattle: All cattle and calves in **ALASKA** on January 1, 2018 totaled 14,000 head. This includes 5,400 head of beef cows that have calved and 300 dairy cows that have calved, 2,00 heifers over 500 pounds, 2,300 bulls and 500 steers over 500 pounds and 3,500 calves.

Cattle Inventory		
As of January 1	2017	2018
All Cattle & Calves	13,000	14,000
Beef Cows/Calved	4,700	5,400
Milk Cows /Calved	300	300
Heifers (500+ lbs)	1,600	2,000
Bulls/Steers (>500 lbs)	3,200	2,800
Calves (<500 lbs)	3,200	3,500

Beef Cows, at 5,400 head were up 700 head from a year ago. Beef replacement heifers over 500 pounds totaled 1,400 head, up 400 head from last year.

There were 300 **Milk Cows** that have calved, unchanged from a year ago. There were 100 head of dairy replacement heifers on hand January 1, 2018, also unchanged from a year ago.

The complete report can be found at:

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/cat10118.pdf>