



Alaska Farm Reporter



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ALASKA JUNE ACREAGE REPORT

Alaska Area Planted and Harvested by Crop: 2015 and 2016

Crop	Area planted		Area for harvest ^{1/}	
	2015 (acres)	2016 (acres)	2015 (acres)	2016 (acres)
Barley.....	4,600	4,800	4,300	4,600
Oats.....	1,800	1,800	1,000	1,000
Potatoes.....	560	570	540	550
Hay, all.....	(NA)	(NA)	18,000	18,000

(NA) Not available. 1/ Forecasted.

Good growing conditions this spring, with warmer than normal temperatures have many crops in good to excellent condition. Planting and field work got off to an early start in 2016 with some farmers planting crops at the end of April. Hay harvest is also off to an early start and local vegetables are for sale at farmers markets and will soon be in grocery stores.

Barley planted for all purposes in Alaska is estimated at 4,800 acres in 2016, up from the 4,600 acres planted in 2015. The forecast for acres harvested for grain was 4,600 acres, up from the actual harvested acres of 4,300 acres in 2015. On June 26th the condition of the barley crop was rated as 25% fair, 50% good, 25% excellent. The crop was reported as 20% in boot. The five year average for that date is 22% in boot.

Oats for all purposes were seeded on 1,800 acres in 2016, unchanged from 2015. Acres forecast to be harvested for grain in 2016 is 1,000 acres, also unchanged from 2015. On June 26th the condition of the oat crop was rated as 20% fair, 60% good, 20% excellent. The crop was reported as <5% in boot. The five year average for that date is 6% in boot.

Potato growers planted an estimated 570 acres in 2016, compared with 560 acres last year. Growers are forecast to harvest 550 acres of potatoes in 2016. On June 26th the crop was 90% emerged. The 5 year average for that date is 81% emerged.

All hay is intended to be harvested from 18,000 acres in 2016. This is unchanged from the acres that were actually harvested in 2015. On June 26th the condition of the hay crop was rated as 15% fair, 60% good, 25% excellent. First cutting hay harvest was reported as 45% complete. The 5 year average for that date is 12% harvested.

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

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Oats: Area seeded to oats for the 2016 crop year is estimated at 3.03 million acres, down 2 percent from 2015. Record low planted acreage is estimated in Arkansas, California, Oregon, and Pennsylvania. Growers expect to harvest 1.17 million acres, down 9 percent from last year. Record low harvested acreage is expected in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Minnesota, and South Carolina.

Barley: Producers seeded 2.97 million acres of barley for the 2016 crop year, down 17 percent from the previous year. This represents the third-lowest seeded area on record. Harvested area, forecast at 2.58 million acres, is down 17 percent from 2015. Record low planted acreage is estimated in California.

Hay: Producers intend to harvest 56.1 million acres of all hay in 2016, up 3 percent from 2015. The expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 18.1 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2015. All other types of hay harvested are expected to total 38.1 million acres, up 4 percent from 2015. Harvested area of all hay is expected to increase or hold steady in most southern and western States. Meanwhile, the most significant declines are expected in the Northern Plains States.

Summer potatoes: Growers planted an estimated 58,800 acres of summer potatoes in 2016, up 16 percent from 2015. Harvested area is forecast at 56,400 acres, 20 percent above 2015.

Fall potatoes: Growers planted an estimated 916,400 acres of fall potatoes, down 3 percent from 2015. Harvested area is forecast at 911,100 acres, 3 percent below 2015. Due to warmer than normal temperatures, 75 percent of the Idaho potato crop had emerged by June 5 ahead of the five year average of 60 percent. Washington's potatoes were also developing earlier than normal as 90 percent of the crop had emerged by May 29, ahead of the five year average of 78 percent.

The complete Acreage report, which was released June 30th, can be found at https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Calendar/reports_by_date.php?month=06

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