

TABLE 5.—SELECTED DATA FOR CROPLAND AND CROPS, BY JUDICIAL DIVISIONS: 1954¹ AND CENSUS OF 1950

Item	Alaska, total	Judicial divisions		
		1	2 and 4	3
Total cropland.....acres 1954..	13, 215	425	2, 500	10, 200
acres 1949..	12, 385	885	2, 251	9, 249
Potatoes harvested...acres 1954..	1, 180	15	475	670
acres 1949..	1, 030	7	199	827
tons 1954..	6, 431	75	1, 684	4, 672
tons 1949..	5, 552	24	775	4, 753
Vegetables harvested for sale...acres 1954..	305	10	60	235
acres 1949..	178	5	49	124
dollars 1954..	² 188, 832	10, 000	36, 980	151, 852
dollars 1949..	99, 179	4, 205	27, 044	67, 930
All other cropland ³ ...acres 1954..	11, 750	400	1, 965	9, 385
acres 1949..	11, 177	873	2, 000	8, 298

¹ Part of Judicial Division 3 included with Judicial Division 1. See text.
² Includes income from crops except potatoes, divided as follows: Cabbage, \$38,578; lettuce, \$57,470; carrots, \$33,122; and other produce, \$69,682.
³ For both years these figures represent the difference between total cropland and the total for potatoes and vegetables.

According to the 1954 Alaska report there were 13,215 acres of cropland in the Territory, which was 881 acres in excess of the 1953 total of 12,334 acres. Much of this increase can be attributed to 1,038 acres cleared in 1953. In 1954, an additional 1,035 acres were cleared.

Feed crops, mostly forage, and potatoes and vegetables comprised nearly all the crops grown in the Territory. Potato sales were the second important source of farm income, furnishing about one-third of the total farm income in 1953. Reduced plantings in 1954 and slightly lower yields resulted in a production 30 percent less than in 1953. Actual sales were off not more than 10 percent. Decreased disease loss and improved storage were the principal factors in maintaining sales when production declined. In 1954, 52 percent came from the Matanuska Valley, 33 percent from the Tanana Valley, 11 percent from the Anchorage area, and 4 percent from all other areas.

Lettuce, carrots, and cabbage were, by far, the most important vegetables grown. Vegetable acreage was approximately the same for the two years but the production for 1954 brought 13 percent less due to lower prices.

TABLE 6.—LAND DISTRIBUTION AND ACRES, PRODUCTION, AND VALUE OF CROPS SOLD: 1954 AND 1953

Item	Alaska, total	Tanana Valley	Matanuska Valley	Anchorage Area	Kenai Peninsula	Kodiak and Aleutian Islands	Southeastern Alaska
Total cropland.....acres 1954..	13, 215	2, 500	8, 815	750	725	(1)	425
1953..	12, 334	2, 260	8, 425	623	616	(1)	410
Idle, fallow, or green manure.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	2, 278	625	1, 200	153	200	(1)	100
Seeded pasture.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	1, 913	140	1, 600	38	75	(1)	60
Land cleared ¹acres 1954..	1, 035	350	445	90	150	(1)	26
1953..	1, 038	244	650	28	90	(1)	26
Crops harvested.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	8, 143	1, 495	5, 625	432	341	(1)	250
Grain.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	1, 027	205	805	7	7	(1)	10
Wheat.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	35	5	30	—	—	(1)	—
Oats.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	510	75	425	—	2	(1)	8
Barley.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	292	90	195	—	5	(1)	2
Buckwheat.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	10	10	—	—	—	(1)	—
Mixed grain.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	180	25	155	—	—	(1)	—
Any hay or forage crops.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	5, 334	635	3, 915	284	295	(1)	205
Tame grass hay.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	1, 490	80	950	155	175	(1)	130
Grass silage.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	118	65	38	—	10	(1)	5
Oat-pea hay.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	1, 770	280	1, 400	30	30	(1)	30
Oat-pea silage.....acres 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	1, 956	275	1, 500	61	80	(1)	40
Potatoes harvested for sale.....acres 1954..	1, 160	475	560	85	25	—	15
1953..	1, 505	590	760	116	24	—	15
tons 1954..	6, 431	1, 684	3, 785	757	130	—	75
1953..	9, 135	2, 213	5, 700	1, 022	125	—	75
dollars 1954..	618, 025	205, 420	321, 725	67, 780	15, 600	—	7, 500
1953..	928, 020	294, 820	513, 000	97, 700	15, 000	—	7, 500
Vegetables, other than potatoes, for sale.....acres 1954..	305	60	185	30	20	(1)	10
1953..	242	65	130	32	5	(1)	10
dollars 1954..	188, 832	36, 980	124, 703	19, 544	5, 015	2, 500	10, 000
1953..	227, 929	52, 427	138, 237	22, 250	5, 015	2, 500	7, 500
Cabbage.....tons 1954..	282	87	130	65	—	—	—
1953..	268	96	130	42	—	—	—
dollars 1954..	38, 578	12, 180	18, 298	8, 100	—	—	—
1953..	43, 000	16, 320	20, 800	5, 880	—	—	—
Lettuce.....tons 1954..	225	27	190	8	—	—	—
1953..	214	34	156	24	—	—	—
dollars 1954..	57, 470	9, 800	46, 515	1, 355	—	—	—
1953..	63, 760	11, 560	46, 800	5, 400	—	—	—
Carrots.....tons 1954..	211	20	180	11	—	—	—
1953..	276	29	228	19	—	—	—
dollars 1954..	33, 122	4, 600	26, 900	1, 622	—	—	—
1953..	60, 420	6, 625	41, 040	2, 755	—	—	—
Turnips and rutabagas.....tons 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	45	20.5	6.5	18	—	—	—
Greens.....pounds 1953..	6, 428	1, 700	4, 728	—	—	—	—
bunches 1953..	1, 000	—	1, 000	—	—	—	—
dollars 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	8, 125	3, 858	1, 297	2, 970	—	—	—
Beets.....tons 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	12.9	3.3	9.6	—	—	—	—
dollars 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	2, 397	792	1, 605	—	—	—	—
Celery.....tons 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	52.6	8.6	44	—	—	—	—
dollars 1954..	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1953..	13, 120	3, 440	9, 680	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.