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

Item	Alaska, total	Tanana Valley	Matanuska Valley	Anchorage Area	Kenai Peninsula	Kodiak and Aleutian Islands	Southeastern Alaska
Total cropland—Continued							
Crops harvested—Continued							
Vegetables, other than potatoes, for sale—Continued							
Radishes.....							
.....tons 1954.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....1953.....	6.2	2.5	3.7				
.....bunches 1954.....	42,930	2,930		40,000			
.....dollars 1954.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....1953.....	5,889	1,193	1,496	3,200			
Onions.....							
.....pounds 1954.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....1953.....	7,036		7,036				
.....bunches 1954.....	57,375		57,375				
.....dollars 1954.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....1953.....	8,159		8,159				
Parsnips.....							
.....tons 1954.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....1953.....	2.5	2.5					
.....dollars 1954.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....1953.....	750	750					
Greenhouse vegetables.....							
.....dollars 1954.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....1953.....	4,500	1,200	1,800	1,500			
Mixed vegetables.....							
.....dollars 1954.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....1953.....	12,515	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5,015	(NA)	7,500
Other vegetables.....							
.....tons 1954.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....1953.....	(NA)	13.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....dollars 1954.....	69,662	10,600	33,080	8,467	5,015	2,500	10,000
.....1953.....	15,294	6,689	5,560	545	(NA)	2,500	(NA)
Home garden.....							
.....acres 1954.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
.....1953.....	35	(NA)	15	(NA)	10	(¹)	10

NA—Not available.

¹ No report.² Land cleared was not included as such in total cropland for the year in which it was cleared. It may have been utilized as idle land, cropland, etc.

Value of agricultural production.—Table 7 gives figures on the value of agricultural production of Alaska. Data are shown, for both 1954 and 1953, by geographic areas and for farm use and commercial production. The commercial production is further subdivided into income from vegetables and from livestock sales. There is no clear indication, in the available statistics, that any crops other than vegetables were sold. For example, in the statistics for 1954, "Other produce" was listed under vegetables, which could refer to miscellaneous vegetables or possibly to non-vegetable crops.

The value of agricultural production for all of Alaska in 1954 differed only slightly from that in 1953 with the Southeastern Alaska area showing the greatest variation, an increase of over 40 percent. The value of products used on the farm in 1954 was estimated at 8 percent of the commercial production for that year. Matanuska Valley, with 54.7 percent of agricultural production for farm use in 1954 and 64.9 percent in 1953, was the most important producing area. This area also led in commercial production (production for sale) with 54.7 percent of the Territorial total in 1954 and 55.3 percent in 1953.

TABLE 7.—VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION FOR HOME USE AND FOR SALE, BY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: 1954 AND 1953

Item	Year	Alaska, total	Tanana Valley	Matanuska Valley	Anchorage Area	Kenai Peninsula	Kodiak and Aleutian Islands	Southeastern Alaska
Value of agricultural production, total.....	1954	\$2,877,952	\$380,565	\$1,573,483	\$223,462	\$168,380	\$104,922	\$427,140
	1953	2,819,836	449,382	1,574,471	222,465	169,304	100,000	304,214
Farm use.....	1954	213,182	28,190	116,554	16,553	12,473	7,772	31,640
	1953	153,652	12,998	99,697	7,097	22,115	5,400	6,355
Commercial, total.....	1954	2,664,770	352,375	1,456,929	206,909	155,907	97,150	395,500
	1953	2,666,184	436,384	1,474,784	215,368	147,189	94,600	297,859
Vegetables sold.....	1954	816,857	242,400	446,518	87,324	20,615	2,500	17,500
	1953	1,165,949	347,247	651,237	119,950	20,015	2,500	15,000
Livestock and livestock products sold.....	1954	1,847,913	109,975	1,010,411	119,585	135,292	94,650	378,000
	1953	1,510,235	89,137	823,547	95,418	127,174	92,100	282,859

Comparability of data.—Comparability is affected by factors, such as the time of enumeration, the wording of the questions, and the definition of a farm. For 1954 and 1953, no mention was made as to the date of the mailing of questionnaires, the date of the interviews, or to the minimum for area or production to be reported. In reference to the minimum area or amount of production for enumeration, the following statement, applying to 1954, was contained in the reply to the Bureau's request for available information: "Our procedure encompasses a mailed questionnaire to all persons known to be engaged in any agriculture." Since the production data for 1954 are presented with the matching inventories as of January 1, 1955, and since these data were furnished to the Bureau shortly after July 1, 1955, it seems safe to assume that the data were gathered shortly after January 1.

For the 1950 Census of Agriculture a farm was any place with either 3 or more acres and \$150 or more of agricultural products or less than 3 acres, provided the value of sales of agricultural products amounted to \$150 or more. Places that did not meet

these minimum requirements were considered farms only if they had sufficient potential to meet these minima.

The Census enumerators were not required to determine which places were farms. They were instructed to enumerate all places that the operator called farms, all places of 3 or more acres, and certain specialized operations, such as greenhouses. The determination as to which operations constituted farms was made during the office processing in Washington.

For 1950, the Census of Agriculture was taken as of April 1 of that year. Most of the farms were enumerated in April and May. Inventory items relate to April 1; data on acreage, production, and sales to the crop year 1949.

The classification of livestock by age and sex for 1954 (January 1, 1955) varies somewhat from that used in 1950. The differing classifications are indicated in the tables presenting livestock data. The method of reporting crops also varied. This is indicated more fully in the several crop tables.