

Table 1. Area Summary Highlights: 1997

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Alaska	Western Coast and Chain	South Central	Interior	South East	Kenai Peninsula
Farms	548	36	222	179	22	89
Land in farms	881 045	664 907	40 294	118 836	534	56 474
Average size of farm	1 608	18 470	182	664	24	635
Median size of farm	107	100	69	200	7	80
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :						
Average per farm	486 827	1 914 439	364 164	403 534	104 942	477 258
Average per acre	303	104	2 006	608	4 323	752
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :						
Average per farm	53 003	32 056	54 509	66 897	25 686	36 684
Farms by size:						
1 to 9 acres	96	3	46	16	12	19
10 to 49 acres	98	4	53	18	8	15
50 to 179 acres	171	17	67	47	2	38
180 to 499 acres	93	1	39	47	—	6
500 to 999 acres	33	—	12	18	—	3
1,000 acres or more	57	11	5	33	—	8
Total cropland	434	7	179	161	10	77
Harvested cropland	94 810	(D)	17 936	68 506	(D)	7 588
Irrigated land	381	6	158	141	8	68
Market value of agricultural products sold	24 650	1 352	15 851	5 822	366	1 259
Average per farm	44 982	37 554	71 400	32 523	16 634	14 151
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	15 968	(D)	10 542	4 233	(D)	904
Livestock, poultry, and their products	8 682	(D)	5 309	1 589	(D)	355
Farms by value of sales:						
Less than \$2,500	187	12	79	57	3	36
\$2,500 to \$4,999	75	2	23	26	5	19
\$5,000 to \$9,999	66	1	26	23	3	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	99	12	36	34	6	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	44	3	20	13	4	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30	2	12	12	—	4
\$100,000 or more	47	4	26	14	1	2
Total farm production expenses ¹	21 821	935	13 246	5 918	335	1 387
Average per farm	39 820	25 964	59 668	33 063	15 216	15 589
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text)	548	36	222	179	22	89
Average per farm	2 829	417	2 605	-97	31	-128
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	306	22	131	93	14	46
Other	242	14	91	86	8	43
Operators by days worked off farm:						
Any	314	21	125	103	14	51
200 days or more	145	7	54	60	4	20
Livestock and poultry:						
Cattle and calves inventory	120	12	47	36	2	23
Beef cows	11 111	6 554	1 965	1 533	(D)	(D)
Milk cows	84	11	29	25	—	19
Cattle and calves sold	3 694	(D)	342	451	—	(D)
Hogs and pigs inventory	30	2	11	9	1	7
Hogs and pigs sold	1 101	(D)	798	286	(D)	(D)
Sheep and lambs inventory	92	12	33	34	—	13
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	2 847	1 409	601	689	—	148
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	53	1	21	20	1	10
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	2 112	(D)	491	1 502	(D)	(D)
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	33	1	11	14	1	6
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	2 532	(D)	(D)	2 056	(D)	41
Sheep and lambs inventory	40	3	17	12	1	7
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	1 605	(D)	467	265	(D)	63
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	63	1	27	13	2	20
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	2 138	(D)	943	(D)	(D)	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	9	—	3	3	—	3
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	1 860	—	(D)	(D)	—	(D)
Selected crops harvested:						
Barley for grain	31	1	8	21	—	1
Oats for grain	7 106	(D)	(D)	6 826	—	(D)
Potatoes, excluding sweetpotatoes	164 015	(D)	(D)	154 206	—	(D)
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	22	—	8	14	—	—
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	1 463	—	146	1 317	—	—
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	64 140	—	6 923	57 217	—	—
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	63	2	30	25	2	4
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	814	(D)	520	282	(D)	2
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	159 056	(D)	126 911	31 045	(D)	170
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	267	3	105	100	2	57
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	24 023	(D)	10 241	10 727	(D)	2 652
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	28 664	(D)	13 994	11 062	(D)	3 108
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	48	2	25	14	3	4
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	315	(D)	266	41	(D)	5

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.