

2002 Census of Agriculture Area Profile

Anchorage, Alaska

Number of farms

251 farms in 2002, 222 farms in 1997, up 13 percent.

Land in farms

46,910 acres in 2002, 40,294 acres in 1997, up 16 percent.

Average size of farm

187 acres in 2002, 182 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$27,512,000 in 2002, \$15,851,000 in 1997, up 74 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$14,189,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,323,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

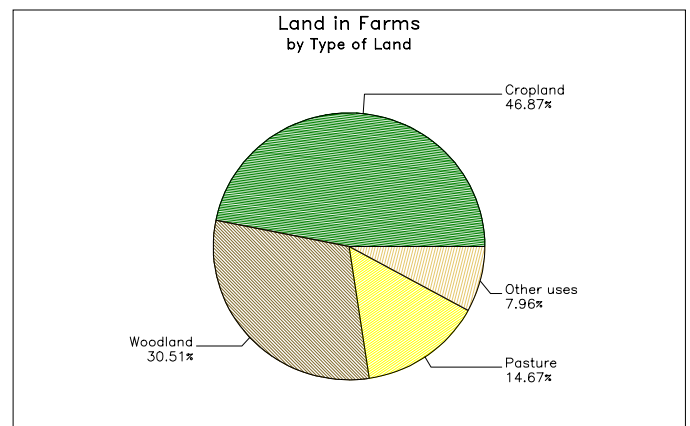
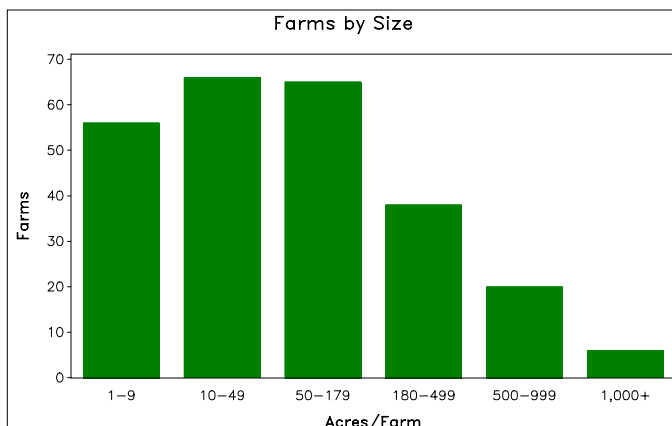
\$109,608 in 2002, \$71,400 in 1997, up 54 percent.

Government Payments

\$393,000 in 2002, \$194,000 in 1997, up 103 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$20,693 in 2002, \$6,073 in 1997, up 241 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Alaska Agricultural Statistics Service**

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Ranked items among the 5 state areas and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	27,512	1	5	1,796	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,189	1	5	1,424	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,323	1	5	1,641	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	3	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,489	1	5	396	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	5	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	9,260	1	5	283	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	2	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,386	1	3	944	3,046
Poultry and eggs	83	1	5	1,355	2,918
Cattle and calves	374	1	5	2,805	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,733	1	3	875	2,493
Hogs and pigs	133	1	4	1,369	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	17	1	4	1,997	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	87	1	4	1,890	3,014
Aquaculture	9,817	2	4	28	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	79	3	5	964	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	2,487	2	5	2,764	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,541	1	5	1,110	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,176	1	5	846	2,599
Horses and ponies	593	2	5	1,956	3,065
Hogs and pigs	570	1	3	1,574	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,588	1	4	1,621	3,059
Potatoes	567	1	5	198	1,551
All Vegetables harvested	319	1	5	776	2,710
Nursery stock	(D)	1	4	(D)	2,129
Lettuce	83	1	5	41	654

Other Area Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	44	Farming	155
\$1,000 to \$2,499	31	Other	96
\$2,500 to \$4,999	20	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	42	Male	190
\$10,000 to \$19,999	20	Female	61
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	White	352
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21	Black or African American	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	8	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	19,354	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	77,109	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,861		
Average per farm (\$)	35,302		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.