

## 2002 Census of Agriculture Area Profile

### Fairbanks, Alaska

#### Number of farms

187 farms in 2002, 179 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

#### Land in farms

109,990 acres in 2002, 118,836 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

#### Average size of farm

588 acres in 2002, 664 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$5,285,000 in 2002, \$5,822,000 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,349,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$936,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

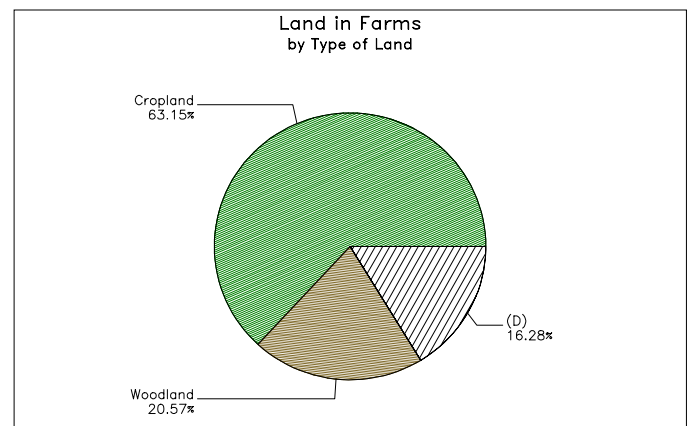
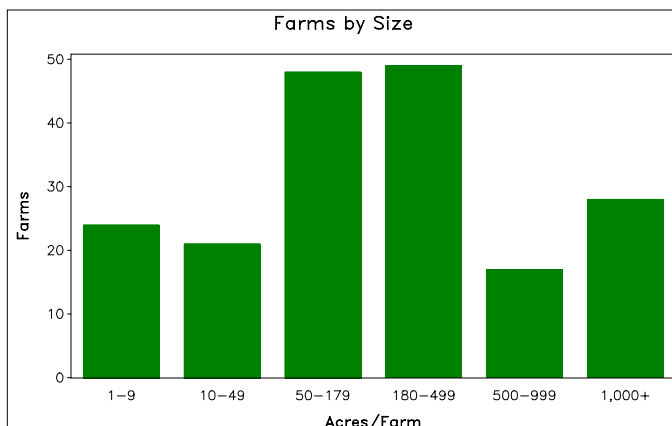
\$28,261 in 2002, \$32,523 in 1997, down 13 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$1,267,000 in 2002, \$969,000 in 1997, up 31 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$27,537 in 2002, \$15,622 in 1997, up 76 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	5,285	3	5	2,757	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,349	2	5	2,156	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	936	3	5	2,882	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	719	1	3	1,879	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	499	2	5	1,002	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	5	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,776	2	5	848	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	2	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,345	2	3	983	3,046
Poultry and eggs	13	2	5	1,878	2,918
Cattle and calves	249	2	5	2,882	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	3	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	63	2	4	1,629	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	7	2	4	2,463	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	4	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	4	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	80	2	5	957	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,326	3	5	2,891	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	731	2	5	1,625	2,983
Hogs and pigs	544	2	3	1,593	2,926
Horses and ponies	314	3	5	2,589	3,065
Bison	(D)	2	4	(D)	1,321
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,620	2	4	1,708	3,059
Barley	3,603	1	3	166	1,246
Oats	(D)	1	3	(D)	2,215
All Field and grass seed crops	(D)	1	2	(D)	1,293
Potatoes	270	2	5	271	1,551

**Other Area Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	55	Farming	124
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	63
\$2,500 to \$4,999	20	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	26	Male	162
\$10,000 to \$19,999	25	Female	25
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	White	255
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	5,224	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	27,936	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,549		
Average per farm (\$)	8,285		

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.