



# Alaska Farm Reporter



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## SPRING ACREAGE SURVEY

**BARLEY** planted for all purposes in Alaska is estimated at 4,000 acres in 2012, down from 5,200 acres in 2011. On June 24<sup>th</sup> the condition of the barley crop was rated as 20% fair, 50% good, and 30% excellent.

Alaska farmers seeded 1,800 acres of **OATS** for all purposes in 2012, down 300 acres from last year. On June 24<sup>th</sup> the condition of the oat crop was rated as 20% fair, 60% good, and 20% excellent.

SPRING ACREAGE SURVEY - ALASKA			
	2012	2011	2010
<b>Barley, acres planted</b>	4,000	5,200	4,400
<b>Oats, acres planted</b>	1,800	2,100	1,900
<b>Potatoes, acres planted</b>	700	750	760
<b>Hay, acres for harvest</b>	23,000	19,000	20,000

**ALL HAY** is intended to be harvested from 23,000 acres in 2012. This is up 4,000 acres from the 19,000 acres actually harvested during 2011. On June 24<sup>th</sup> the condition of the hay crop was rated as 10% poor, 25% fair, 50% good, and 15% excellent. First cutting hay harvest was reported as 5% complete.

**POTATO** growers planted an estimated 700 acres in 2012, compared with 750 acres last year and 760 acres in 2010. On June 24<sup>th</sup> the crop was 70% emerged.

Thanks to all the Alaskan farmers who responded to the Spring Acreage Survey. We appreciate your help in producing this report.

## U.S. JUNE ACREAGE SURVEY

**OATS:** Area seeded to oats for the 2012 crop year is 2.75 million acres, up 10 percent from the record low planted last year. This is the second lowest United States total on record. Record low acreage is estimated in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Wyoming. Growers expect to harvest 1.09 million acres, up 16 percent from the record low last year. If realized, this will be second lowest total on record.

**BARLEY:** Producers seeded 3.68 million acres of barley for the 2012 crop year, up 44 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 3.27 million acres, is up 46 percent from 2011. This is the first increase evident for barley acreage since 2008.

**HAY:** Producers intend to harvest 57.7 million acres of all hay in 2012, up 4 percent from 2011. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 18.8 million acres, is down 2 percent from 2011. Expected harvested area for all other types of hay totals 38.8 million acres, up 7 percent from 2011.

**SUMMER POTATOES:** Growers planted an estimated 48,100 acres of summer potatoes this year, down slightly from 2011. Harvested area is forecast at 47,000 acres, 2 percent higher than 2011.

The complete June Acreage report is available at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1000>

## ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of June 1, 2012 totaled 21,000 cwt. This was 16 percent of the total 2011 production of potatoes and compares with 35,000 cwt and 23 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2009 level for the June 1 stocks was 28,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for June 1 is 33,200 cwt.

Disappearance since May 1 was 18,000 cwt, compared with 28,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 24,800 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to June 1 totaled 113,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 115,000 cwt; the five year average is 123,600 cwt. Disappearance since October 1 reflects sales, shrinkage/waste, as well as losses caused after harvest.

Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purpose and uses, including seed potatoes that are not yet moved, and shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report.

The **13 major potato States** held 43.9 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2012, up 6 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 12 percent of the 2011 fall storage States' production, unchanged from the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 336 million cwt, was 6 percent above June 1, 2011. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 25.9 million cwt, was up 11 percent from the same date in 2011. Processors in the 9 major States have used 177 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 10 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 35.3 million cwt of the total processing, up 37 percent from last year.

### ALASKA POTATO STOCKS – JUNE 1, 2012

Year	Stocks					Production	June 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production
	Jun. 1*	May 1*	Apr. 1*	Mar. 1*	Feb. 1*		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----						-- Percent --
2011	21.0	39.0	49.0	59.0	67.0	134.0	16%
2010	35.0	63.0	75.0	84.0	91.0	150.0	23%
2009	28.0	53.0	64.0	73.0	82.0	137.0	20%

\*following year