

Agricultural Statistics for Alaska

Who is the
National
Agricultural
Statistics
Service?

*As the statistical agency for USDA,
NASS provides **useful agricultural data** to help
you work smarter.*



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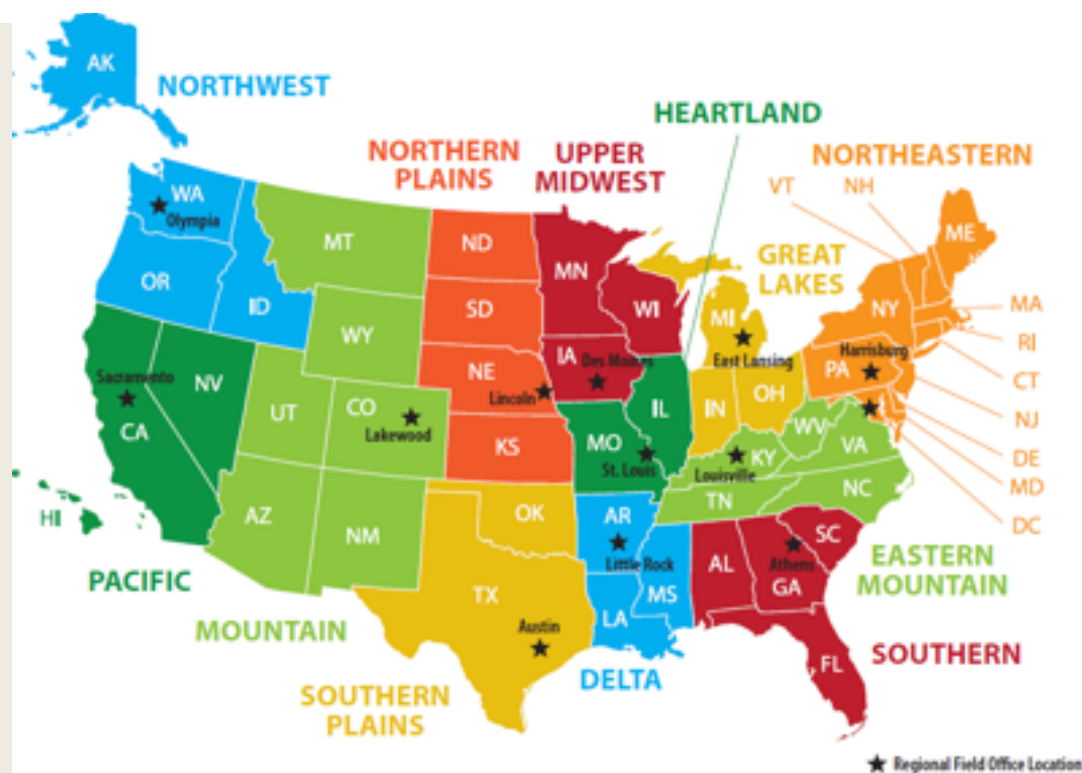
About NASS

Introduction of NASS

- Established in 1863
- Named the “Division of Statistics”
- First report on crop conditions

NASS Today

- More than 900 personnel
- Serving all 50 states and Puerto Rico
- Centralized data collection and processing



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NASS Mission and Values

To provide timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.

Our Core Values:

- Policy relevance
- Objectivity
- Credibility
- Trust
- Commitment



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What We Do...

- Collect, assemble, process, and disseminate U.S. agricultural data
- Conduct hundreds of national, regional, state, and local surveys
- Conduct detailed agricultural census every 5 years + follow on surveys
- Publish hundreds of national reports annually
- Partner with state ag departments, universities, and others
- Conduct research to advance statistical science



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What We Do Not Do...

We do not...

- Set policy
- Regulate activities
- Permit influence
- Disclose individual reports
- Favor any group above others



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Rely on Agencies Who Use NASS Data

*Other USDA
agencies use our
data to work
smarter!*

- NASS data goes into the Farm Bill
- USDA grants/funding uses NASS data
- RMA uses our data to:
 - Provide services, such as crop insurance
- FSA uses our data to:
 - Make market assessments
 - Validate economic opportunities



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Your Participation Matters



NASS data:

- Indicate the health and well-being of your community
- Tell your story and that of the farmers who came before you
- Tell about Alaska agriculture at the local level
- Provide data to businesses, other government agencies, universities for use in their programs/research



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Data Available for Alaska

- Yearly statewide data on acres, production, prices for barley and hay
- Yearly statewide data on inventory, production, prices for cattle, hogs, milk
- Census of Agriculture: data by area/state on economics, demographics, production, acres, inventory and MORE
- Data available on our website: www.nass.usda.gov



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Today's Reports

Oct 29, 2018

Crop Progress [Text](#) | [PDF](#) | [GIF](#)

Released at 4:00 pm ET



It's a Wrap.
Thank you for responding to the
2017 Census of Agriculture.
Look for the results in
February 2019.

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE
2017-2018, 2019-2020, 2021-2022

Headlines

10/25/18 **ASS NOTICE:** NASS to Collect Additional Harvested Acreage Information

10/09/18 **NEWS RELEASE:** Census of Agriculture Website Integrated for Improved Customer Experience


10/01/18 **NEWS RELEASE:** USDA-NASS announces the 2017 Census of Agriculture response rate, data release details, and upcoming special studies

09/27/18 **NEWS RELEASE:** United States Hog Inventory Up 3 Percent

09/25/18 **ASS NOTICE:** NASS to Collect Additional Harvested Acreage Information

09/10/18 **ASS NOTICE:** USDA September 10 Crop Progress Report Released

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Today is National Pumpkin Day! #Pumpkin is BY FAR the nation's largest producer of pumpkins, with nearly 18,000 acres planted in '17. #AgStats



Blog



Data from the 2017 Census of Agriculture

**AVERAGE AGE
OF PRODUCERS
IN ALASKA
IN 2017 WAS
55.2 YEARS**



**88% of Alaska farms
have internet access**

**#1 in the Nation!
U.S. - average is 75%**



Number of Farms Increased All Across Alaska

- +15% - Aleutians & Juneau areas**
- +20% - Anchorage area**
- +26% - Fairbanks area**
- +60% - Kenai Peninsula area**

Data from the 2017 Census of Agriculture

THE NUMBER OF ALASKA
FARMS GREW

30%

OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS.



This goes against the national trend of a 3% decrease in the number of farms - but we're growing!

THE VALUE OF FOOD
SOLD DIRECTLY
TO CONSUMERS
INCREASED FROM
\$2.2 MILLION IN 2012 TO
\$4.5 MILLION IN 2017



ALASKA IS
#1 IN THE NATION
FOR NEW FARMERS.

46% of Alaskan farmers have **less than 10 years** of farming experience. We are **#1 in the Nation** for beginning farmers.

Graphics courtesy of Alaska Farmland Trust

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Data from the 2017 Census of Agriculture

SMALL, BUT **MIGHTY.**



The number of small farms (1-9 acres) is **up 73%**. It doesn't take a lot of space to grow food in AK!



47%

OF ALASKAN
FARMERS ARE
WOMEN

National average: 27%

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Our Commitment to You. . .

We are committed to providing *useful agricultural data* to help you work smarter.

Let us know how we can help.

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