

## **BARLEY SALES**

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According to the Agriculture Statistics Bulletin 2006

(<http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/int/ag/AgStatisticsbulletin06.pdf>) there were 208,000 bushels of barley harvested in the state in 2005 of which 201,000 bushels came from the Tanana Valley. Figuring a standard weight of 48.2 pounds to the bushel translates to a total of 4,992 tons of barley.

Three of the largest barley producers in the state estimate that 2,000 - 2,500 tons of barley is equally split between Alaska Mill and Feed and directly to dairies in the Matanuska Valley. Testimony from Ken Sherwood tells us that little of the Alaska Mill and Feed barley is used by dairies meaning that roughly 1,250 tons of Delta barley is going directly to Mat Valley dairies. In 2005 that had a farm gate value of \$160 per ton totaling \$200,000.