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Hay and Grain Summary Clarifications

During the 10/11/06 meeting questions were raised regarding the beef numbers in Southcentral and Tanana Valley areas. The point made was that the numbers of beef animals in the period from 1998 to 2005 had increased and during that same period the number of dairy cows decreased. The chart below, from Agricultural Statistics Bulletin 2006, also posted at www.dnr.state.ak.us/ag/ag_adhoc.htm, indicates that the total beef cows that calved in 1999 in Tanana Valley and Southcentral was 700. The population for the same areas in 2006 was 960 head.

ALASKA CATTLE ON FARMS (January 1) - 1999 - 2006								
District	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
BEEF COWS THAT HAVE CALVED								
Tanana Valley	400	410	400	400	500	400	450	520
Matanuska Valley	300	280	280	400	400	450	380	440
Kenai Peninsula	200	210	180	250	300	200	200	280
Southwest 2/	3,200	2,600	2,840	3,250	3,500	4,050	4,370	4,860
STATE TOTAL	4,100	3,500	3,700	4,300	4,700	5,100	5,400	6,100
Value (000) Dollars	3,218.0	3,250.0	3,295.0	3,875.0	4,190.0	4,450.0	5,344.0	6,710.0

The same bulletin indicates that in 1999 there were 890 milk cows that calved in Tanana Valley and Southcentral. In 2006 the total population of milk cows that calved in both areas was 770.

MILK COWS THAT HAVE CALVED								
Tanana Valley	320	300	190	230	250	200	240	250
Matanuska Valley	570	590	900	960	1,040	980	940	520
Kenai Peninsula	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20
Southwest 2/	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	10
STATE TOTAL	900	900	1,100	1,200	1,300	1,200	1,200	800
Value (000) Dollars	1,062.0	1,055.0	1,430.0	1,680.0	1,920.0	1,800.0	1,800.0	1,120.0

These numbers indicate that the trend is for increasing numbers of beef animals versus decreasing numbers of dairy animals.