



How is USDA Research Working for Alaska?

In FY 2012, Alaska received:

- **\$700,000** from the Agriculture Research Service (ARS)
- **\$375,000** from the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)

Agriculture Research Investments in Alaska

Researchers at the **University of Alaska, Fairbanks** are using AFRI funding to develop local and regional strategies to create a sustainable livestock production enterprise.

Invasive weed plants are widespread throughout Alaska, resulting in decreased forage value and decreased habitat for native plants and animals. AFRI funding at the **University of Alaska, Anchorage** is being used to test if adding carbon to the soil can increase native plant growth and provide a more cost effective weed management solution.

Agriculture Value in Alaska

- Alaska has **680 farms** that account for **\$31 million in total commodities**, **\$12.2 billion in agricultural exports** and over **1,800 jobs**
- U.S. public investments in agriculture research and development **produce benefit-cost ratios of 20:1 and higher**