

Peony Grower Statistics 2014 season

1. Number of growers with roots in the ground statewide 2014 season = 76 (Fig 4.14)

Roots per farm:

Max 15,000

Min 10

Mean 2346 ± 3252

Median 1240

2. Number of growers statewide who have >500 peony roots in the ground = 51

3. Number of roots in the ground statewide= 168,961 (Fig 3.14), an increase of 37,172 over 2013

4. Total stems harvested 75,264, sold 59,949

(those not sold were used for marketing, trial sales, donations to charitable orgs, parades, community events, as well as cooler losses and grade-out losses)

Limitations to sales (comments by growers)

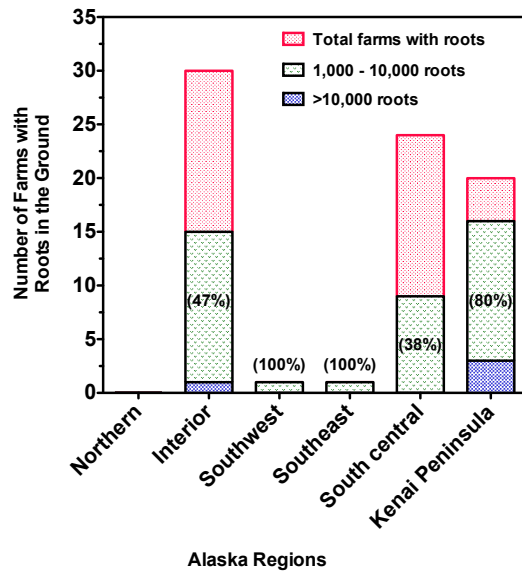
1. Not enough labor for harvest
2. Inadequate cold storage facilities
3. Cultivation management issues (insects, disease)

Communities with peony growers:

Anchor Point*	Anchorage*	Big Lake
Chickaloon	Chugiak	Cordova
Delta Junction*	Eagle River*	Ester*
Fairbanks*	Fritz Creek*	Homer*
Juneau	Kasilof	Kenai*
Kotzebue	Meadow Lakes	Nenana*
Nikiski	Ninilchik	North Pole*
Palmer*	Salcha	Soldotna*
Sterling*	Sutton	Tok
Trapper Creek*	Two Rivers*	Wasilla*
Willow*		

*Have growers with > 500 peonies in the ground

Fig 4.14 Total number of farms with roots in the ground



Roots per Farm:
 Maximum 15,000
 Minimum 10
 Mean 2346 ± 3252
 Median 1240

Fig.3.14 Roots in ground, Fall 2014

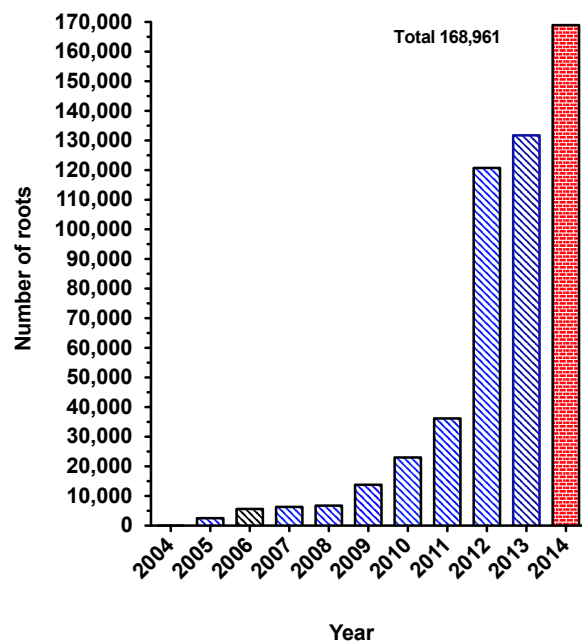
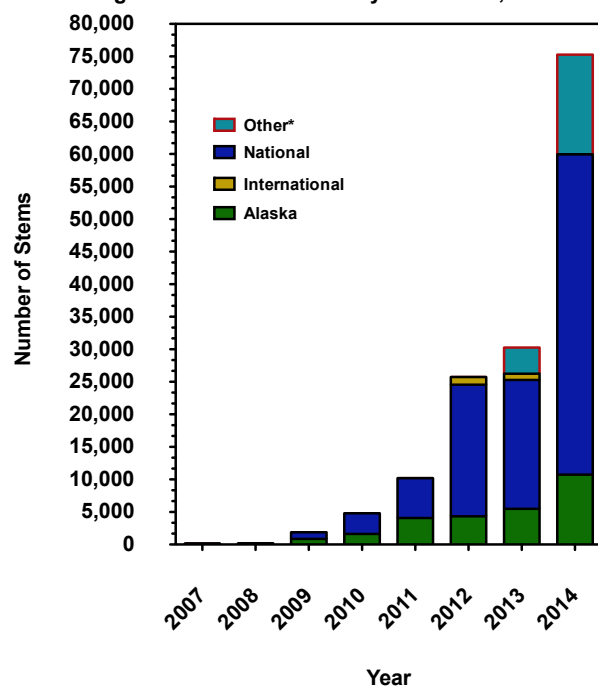


Fig.7.14. Stems harvested by destination, 2014



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*Other = marketing, advertising, public events, donations to charity, exhibits, unsold, wrong bud stage, storage losses