



Winter Wheat and Canola Seedings

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Winter Wheat Planted Acres Down Less Than 1 Percent

Winter wheat seeded area for 2026 is expected to total 33.0 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 2025. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 23.5 million; Soft Red Winter, 6.14 million; and White Winter, 3.36 million.

Winter Wheat Area Seeded – United States: 2024-2026 (Domestic Units)

Crop	Crop year			2026 as a percent of 2025
	2024	2025	2026	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Winter wheat	33,535	33,153	32,990	100

Winter Wheat Area Seeded – United States: 2024-2026 (Metric Units)

Crop	Crop year			2026 as a percent of 2025
	2024	2025	2026	
	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	(percent)
Winter wheat	13,571,280	13,416,690	13,350,720	100

Winter wheat: Planted area for harvest in 2026 is estimated at 33.0 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 2025 and down 2 percent from 2024. A record low planted area is expected in California and Nebraska. Seeding of the 2026 acreage was underway in early-September. Planting reached 97 percent complete by November 23. Emergence was at 87 percent complete on November 23.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is expected to total 23.5 million acres, down slightly from 2025. The largest increase in planted acreage is estimated in Oklahoma, while Montana is estimated to have the largest decrease.

Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area totals 6.14 million acres, up less than 1 percent from 2025. Compared with last year, the largest acreage increase is expected in Ohio, while the largest acreage decrease is expected in Tennessee.

White Winter wheat seeded area totals 3.36 million acres, down 5 percent from 2025. Idaho, Oregon, and Washington are expecting decreased acreage.

Durum wheat: Seedings in Arizona and California for 2026 harvest are estimated at a combined 75,000 acres, up 15 percent from 2025 but 11 percent below 2024.

Canola: This report contains the first estimate of 2026 canola seedings for Kansas and Oklahoma. Acres seeded in Kansas and Oklahoma for 2026 harvest are estimated at a combined 29,000 acres, an increase of 2,500 acres from 2025.

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Winter Wheat Area Seeded – States and United States: 2024-2026

State	Crop year			2026 as a percent of 2025
	2024	2025	2026	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Alabama	110	110	105	95
Arkansas	130	110	120	109
California	325	290	280	97
Colorado	2,100	2,100	2,000	95
Delaware	70	53	70	132
Georgia	145	165	160	97
Idaho	760	780	760	97
Illinois	770	780	730	94
Indiana	310	320	320	100
Kansas	7,600	7,300	7,200	99
Kentucky	560	490	450	92
Maryland	325	315	310	98
Michigan	400	530	550	104
Mississippi	60	65	65	100
Missouri	680	640	610	95
Montana	1,950	2,250	1,900	84
Nebraska	1,000	950	850	89
New Mexico	375	365	380	104
New York	135	150	150	100
North Carolina	410	350	390	111
North Dakota	125	100	80	80
Ohio	530	570	640	112
Oklahoma	4,400	4,150	4,800	116
Oregon	750	750	740	99
Pennsylvania	250	260	240	92
South Carolina	80	80	80	100
South Dakota	860	780	720	92
Tennessee	385	345	290	84
Texas	5,500	5,500	5,600	102
Utah	115	115	115	100
Virginia	150	130	180	138
Washington	1,800	1,850	1,700	92
Wisconsin	265	300	300	100
Wyoming	110	110	105	95
United States	33,535	33,153	32,990	100

Durum Wheat Area Seeded – States and United States: 2024-2026

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not begun]

State	Crop year			2026 as a percent of 2025
	2024	2025	2026 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Arizona	59	50	60	120
California	25	15	15	100
Montana	880	890		
North Dakota	1,100	1,230		
United States	2,064	2,185		

¹ Indicated 2026 area seeded for all four States and the United States will be published in *Prospective Plantings* released March 2026.

Canola Area Seeded – States and United States: 2024-2026

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not begun]

State	Crop year			2026 as a percent of 2025
	2024	2025	2026 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Idaho	97.0	82.0		
Kansas	8.5	10.5	10.0	95
Minnesota	110.0	115.0		
Montana	215.0	155.0		
North Dakota	2,140.0	1,810.0		
Oklahoma	21.0	16.0	19.0	119
Washington	160.0	150.0		
United States	2,751.5	2,338.5		

¹ Indicated 2026 area seeded for all seven States and the United States will be published in *Prospective Plantings* released March 2026.

Statistical Methodology

Survey procedures: The estimates in this report are based primarily on surveys conducted during the month of December. The December Agricultural Survey is a probability survey that includes a sample of approximately 73,100 farm operators selected from a list of producers that ensures all operations in the United States have a chance to be selected. Data from farm operators was collected by mail, internet, or telephone to obtain information on crop acreage, yield, and production for the 2025 crop year and winter wheat, Durum wheat, and canola seedings for the 2026 crop year.

Estimating procedures: National, Regional, State, and grower reported data were reviewed for reasonableness and consistency with historical estimates. Each Regional Office submits their analysis of the current situation to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB). Survey data are compiled to the National level and are reviewed at this level independently of each State's review. Estimates were based on survey data and the historical relationship of official estimates to survey data.

Revision policy: These estimates will not be revised; instead, new estimates will be made throughout the growing season. End-of-season wheat estimates are made after harvest and published in the *Small Grains Annual Summary* report at the end of September. End-of-season canola estimates are published in the *Crop Production Annual Summary* report in the middle of January.

Reliability: The survey used to make acreage estimates is subject to sampling and non-sampling type errors that are common to all surveys. The survey indications are subject to sampling variability because not all operations with winter wheat are included in the sample. This variability, as measured by the relative standard error at the National level, is approximately 2.2 percent for winter wheat. This means that chances are approximately 95 out of 100 that survey estimates for acres will be within plus or minus 3.8 percent for winter wheat.

Survey indications are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors cannot be measured directly, but they are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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