

# Winter Wheat and Rye Seedings



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Winter wheat seedings for 1995 are placed at 49.6 million acres, up 1 percent from 1994. Class breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 34.8 million acres; Soft Red Winter, 10.6 million; and White Winter, 4.27 million.

Winter Wheat and Rye: Area Seeded, United States, 1993-95  
(Domestic Units)

	Area Seeded Crop of			Area Seeded as % of Previous Year Crop of		
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			----- Percent -----		
Winter Wheat	51,587	49,247	49,648	101	95	101
Rye	1,493	1,603	1,692	97	107	106
	(Metric Units)					
	----- Hectares -----			----- Percent -----		
Winter Wheat	20,876,740	19,929,770	20,092,050	101	95	101
Rye	604,200	648,720	684,740	97	107	106

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**Durum Wheat:** Arizona and California durum growers intend to seed 165,000 acres for 1995 harvest. This would be a 6 percent increase from 1994, if realized. As of late December, Arizona seeding trailed normal progress, slowed by wet fields. Rain had also delayed plantings in California; additional acreage is going into the San Joaquin Valley.

**Rye:** Seedings for 1995 are placed at 1.69 million acres, up 6 percent from 1994. Seeded area was equal to or greater than last year in all States except Colorado, Maryland, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina.

**Winter Wheat:** Seeded area for 1995 is estimated at 49.6 million acres, up 1 percent from 1994. Planting started last August in a few States; progress moved erratically in many areas, but reached about 97 percent complete by December 1.

Hard Red Winter wheat totals 34.8 million acres, down 1 percent from last year's total, largely because of a 250,000 acre decline in Montana; the Central Plains Hard Red areas increases more than offset acreage declines. Once again late spring crop harvests cut Montana growers' seeding opportunity window as weather was unfavorable once the 1994 crops were out of the fields. Dryness hampered Colorado seedings; late rains may have prevented some Kansas seeding.

Soft Red Winter wheat, at 10.6 million acres, is up 7 percent from a year ago. Favorable conditions allowed Arkansas, Illinois, and Missouri farmers to seed more normal acreage levels.

White Winter seedings are 4.27 million acres, down 3 percent from last season. Hot, dry summer weather hindered plantings in eastern Washington and northern Idaho. Many growers waited hoping for moisture; seeding into dry soils began in early October in Washington. Michigan's crop went into winter rated 80 percent good to excellent.

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Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1993-95

State	Area Seeded			1995/1994
	Crop of			
	1993	1994	1995	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	145	140	145	104
AZ	40	30	30	100
AR	1,150	980	1,100	112
CA	550	590	600	102
CO	2,800	2,900	2,800	97
DE	65	75	65	87
FL	40	25	31	124
GA	400	440	450	102
ID	920	840	830	99
IL	1,650	1,150	1,500	130
IN	720	680	700	103
IA	60	55	50	91
KS	12,100	11,900	12,000	101
KY	590	590	650	110
LA	130	100	100	100
MD	210	230	220	96
MI	580	600	620	103
MN	45	40	35	88
MS	250	180	200	111
MO	1,650	1,200	1,300	108
MT	2,650	1,950	1,700	87
NE	2,350	2,200	2,150	98
NV	5	7	5	71
NJ	43	45	32	71
NM	510	470	460	98
NY	95	120	125	104
NC	610	670	700	104
ND	150	40	40	100
OH	1,050	1,200	1,200	100
OK	7,100	7,100	7,000	99
OR	880	900	900	100
PA	170	170	190	112
SC	280	370	330	89
SD	1,600	1,550	1,600	103
TN	490	500	540	108
TX	6,100	6,000	6,200	103
UT	160	170	140	82
VA	280	280	300	107
WA	2,600	2,400	2,250	94
WV	14	15	15	100
WI	135	145	145	100
WY	220	200	200	100
US	51,587	49,247	49,648	101

Rye: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1993-95

State	Area Seeded			
	Crop of			1995/1994
	1993	1994	1995	
1,000 Acres			Percent	
CO	11	25	15	60
GA	300	340	350	103
IL	40	40	55	138
IN	25	20	20	100
KS	70	90	100	111
MD	30	35	30	86
MI	80	90	100	111
MN	30	40	30	75
NE	100	70	70	100
NJ	32	33	40	121
NY	40	30	42	140
NC	110	100	110	110
ND	35	25	25	100
OH	45	45	45	100
OK	110	160	190	119
PA	40	45	40	89
SC	50	75	50	67
SD	55	50	60	120
TX	130	120	150	125
VA	80	90	90	100
WI	80	80	80	100
US	1,493	1,603	1,692	106

Durum Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1993-95

State	Area Seeded			
	Crop of			1995/1994
	1993	1994	1995 <sup>1/</sup>	
1,000 Acres			Percent	
AZ	55	95	95	100
CA	41	60	70	117
MN	10	40		
MT	115	180		
ND	2,000	2,450		
SD	20	25		
US	2,241	2,850		

<sup>1/</sup> Indicated 1995 area seeded to be published in "Prospective Plantings" released March 31, 1995



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