

Winter Wheat and Rye Seedings



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Winter wheat seedings for 1993 are estimated at 51.5 million acres, up 1 percent from 1992. Hard Red Winter wheat totals 36.3 million acres, Soft Red Winter 10.7 million, and White Winter 4.47 million.

Rye area seeded for use in 1993 is 1.48 million acres, down 6 percent from 1992 to the lowest level on record.

Winter Wheat and Rye: Area Seeded, United States, 1991-93
(Domestic Units)

Item	Area Seeded Crop of			Area Seeded as % of Previous Year Crop of		
	1991	1992	1993	1991	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			----- Percent -----		
Winter Wheat	51,064	51,057	51,506	90	100	101
Rye	1,671	1,582	1,481	103	95	94
	(Metric Units)					
	----- Hectares -----			----- Percent -----		
Winter Wheat	20,665,090	20,662,260	20,843,960	90	100	101
Rye	676,240	640,220	599,350	103	95	94

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Winter Wheat: Seeded area for the 1993 crop is set at 51.5 million acres, up 1 percent from 1992. Planting of the 1993 crop began last August in a handful of States. From then on, seeding progressed by varying degrees thorough the fall, reaching 97 percent completion as of December 1, 1992.

Hard Red Winter wheat totals 36.3 million acres, up slightly from 1992. Most major producing States in the Great Plains are unchanged from 1992. Increased area in Texas offset a decline in Kansas. Late spring planted grain harvests cut into intended seedings in several States. Weather conditions hurt others.

Short soil moisture in southwest and south central Kansas curbed the over planting needed for wheat pasture. Harvesting operations competed with planting operations in Montana last fall. What was planted there had good moisture for germination and warm temperatures for development; however, little snow cover exists. Early dryness has slowed emergence in Texas; the overall condition is below 1992. Soil replenishing August rains in Colorado were followed by a dry September - early October. This allowed seeding to progress normally. Frequent snows have provided good cover going into winter. Above normal rains then snow cover improved soil moisture conditions in Wyoming. Planting continues in California as weather permits.

Soft Red Winter wheat, at 10.7 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year. Increased seedings in Arkansas and Illinois more than offset reductions in Indiana and Ohio. Missouri is unchanged from 1992. The Kentucky acreage is up 110,000 from last year; Tennessee is up 90,000 acres. These two States, aided by increases in the Carolinas and Alabama, offset declines apparent in the remaining Soft Red States. Wet conditions hindered planting in northern and some central areas of Indiana. Wet weather and late fall harvests were echoed by several States for lower than anticipated acreage.

Area seeded to White Winter wheat is placed at 4.47 million acres, up 5 percent from a year ago. Plantings in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) are up 7 percent from 1992. Idaho growers have increased area in anticipation of another dry year. Weather was generally favorable for seeding in Oregon. Most of Washington's wheat has adequate snow cover. The dryland wheat is rated mostly fair; irrigated wheat, good. Late row crop harvest prevented some Michigan acreage from getting seeded as acreage is off 8 percent from last year. Seeding started well in New York but got bogged down by rain and wet fields.

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Durum Wheat: Growers in the "Desert Durum" areas of Arizona and California intend to seed 110,000 acres of durum wheat for harvest in 1993. If realized, this will be up 8 percent from their 1992 plantings. Planting continues in California's Imperial Valley. Early planted fields there are in good condition.

Rye: Rye seedings for 1993 are placed at 1.48 million acres, down 6 percent from 1992. This is the lowest seeded area on record. Acreage is down in the Dakotas and Nebraska. Area is up in Georgia and North Carolina.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1991-93

State	Area Seeded			1993/1992
	Crop of			
	1991	1992	1993	
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
AL	170	140	150	107
AZ	30	45	50	111
AR	1,100	950	1,100	116
CA	450	600	700	117
CO	2,600	2,650	2,650	100
DE	70	75	65	87
FL	50	45	40	89
GA	500	400	400	100
ID	870	870	920	106
IL	1,650	1,450	1,650	114
IN	850	800	700	88
IA	75	70	60	86
KS	11,800	12,000	11,800	98
KY	640	620	730	118
LA	300	200	150	75
MD	205	230	210	91
MI	570	650	600	92
MN	60	50	45	90
MS	350	300	250	83
MO	1,650	1,500	1,500	100
MT	2,350	2,600	2,600	100
NE	2,350	2,350	2,350	100
NV	6	6	4	67
NJ	35	36	43	119
NM	550	550	530	96
NY	115	120	100	83
NC	550	600	630	105
ND	100	200	150	75
OH	1,150	1,230	1,100	89
OK	7,400	7,400	7,400	100
OR	850	860	900	105
PA	180	190	170	89
SC	300	285	300	105
SD	1,500	1,650	1,650	100
TN	440	410	500	122
TX	6,200	5,900	6,100	103
UT	140	145	160	110
VA	280	290	280	97
WA	2,200	2,200	2,400	109
WV	13	15	14	93
WI	140	145	135	93
WY	225	230	220	96
US	51,064	51,057	51,506	101

Rye: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1991-93

State	Area Seeded				1993/1992
	Crop of				
	1991	1992	1993		
	1,000 Acres			Percent	
CO	15	10	11	110	
GA	330	300	340	113	
IL	60	45	40	89	
IN	25	25	20	80	
KS	70	50	70	140	
MD	35	30	30	100	
MI	125	110	80	73	
MN	36	30	30	100	
NE	130	110	100	91	
NJ	42	50	32	64	
NY	50	52	40	77	
NC	110	90	110	122	
ND	40	45	35	78	
OH	40	40	35	88	
OK	110	130	100	77	
PA	45	70	60	86	
SC	68	60	58	97	
SD	50	55	40	73	
TX	100	120	90	75	
VA	100	90	80	89	
WI	90	70	80	114	
US	1,671	1,582	1,481	94	

Durum Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1991-93

State	Area Seeded				1993/1992
	Crop of				
	1991	1992	1993 ^{1/}		
	1,000 Acres			Percent	
AZ	40	45	55	122	
CA	33	57	55	96	
MN	30	10			
MT	180	160			
ND	2,900	2,200			
SD	70	35			
US	3,253	2,507			

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