

# Winter Wheat and Rye Seedings



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Rye area seeded for 1992 is expected to total 1.59 million acres, down 5 percent from 1991.

Winter Wheat and Rye: Area Seeded, United States, 1990-92  
(Domestic Units)

Item	Area Seeded Crop of			Area Seeded as % of Previous Year Crop of		
	1990	1991	1992	1990	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			----- Percent -----		
Winter Wheat	56,948	51,049	50,215	103.37	89.64	98.37
Rye	1,625	1,671	1,585	80.69	102.83	94.85
	(Metric Units)					
	----- Hectares -----			----- Percent -----		
Winter Wheat	23,046,290	20,659,020	20,321,510	103.37	89.64	98.37
Rye	657,620	676,240	641,430	80.69	102.83	94.85

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**Winter Wheat:** Seeded area for harvest in 1992 is placed at 50.2 million acres, down 2 percent from 1991.

Seeding of the 1992 crop got its start in some States last August. By September 1, about 2 percent of the acreage was planted. As of December 1, 1991, completion reached 98 percent. Most remaining acreage to be seeded was in California, Texas, and the Southeast.

Hard Red Winter wheat totals 35.3 million acres, down slightly from last year. Major producing States in the Plains plus Montana have acreage seeded off 1 percent from 1991.

Early seeding conditions were favorable in Colorado. Abundant moisture prompted germination and emergence. Dry September and October weather sapped soil moisture. Low temperatures in November froze plant growth back in several areas. Kansas planting got off to a good start in September. Subsequent dry weather through October depleted the already short surface soil moisture supplies. Many farmers dusted in their wheat. Early growth was slow with little or no secondary root development noted. Poor to very poor conditions through most of November were improved by moderate rains in early December. Seeding of the Texas crop finished nearly on schedule in early December. Most fields are emerging to good stands. December rainfall brought an increase of insect activity.

Soft Red Winter wheat, at 10.6 million acres, is down 7 percent from last season. The Arkansas to Ohio crescent is also down 7 percent. Indiana's crop is rated in fair to good condition. Early frigid November temperatures caused early dormancy in some fields. Temperatures were moderate in December, with virtually no snow cover. Short soil moisture slowed seeding progress in Ohio. Rains were in time to promote germination. Ponding has not been a problem thus far and the crop generally looks good.

Area seeded to White Winter is expected to total 4.30 million acres, up 5 percent from 1991. The Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) total seedings are up 1 percent. Acreage is up 11 percent in Michigan.

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**Durum Wheat:** Arizona and California growers intend to seed 140,000 acres of 1992 crop durum wheat. This is up 92 percent from the 1991 planted acres for the two states. California's acreage is up sharply, apparently because durum is fairly tolerant to the new strain of whitefly infesting southern parts of the State.

**Rye:** Rye seeded for 1992 is expected to total 1.59 million acres, down 5 percent from 1991. Area is down in Georgia and Minnesota and unchanged in Nebraska from last year. The Dakota's seeded area increased from the previous year.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Seeded <u>1/</u>				1992/1991
	Crop Of				
	1990	1991	1992		
	1,000 Acres			Percent	
AL	280	170	140	82	
AZ	55	30	30	100	
AR	1,500	1,100	1,000	91	
CA	620	450	500	111	
CO	2,700	2,600	2,550	98	
DE	65	70	70	100	
FL	65	50	55	110	
GA	650	500	400	80	
ID	960	870	870	100	
IL	2,050	1,650	1,450	88	
IN	1,050	850	770	91	
IA	80	75	70	93	
KS	12,400	11,800	11,800	100	
KY	700	640	650	102	
LA	440	300	200	67	
MD	200	205	210	102	
MI	770	570	630	111	
MN	130	60	50	83	
MS	600	350	300	86	
MO	2,150	1,650	1,550	94	
MT	2,700	2,350	2,350	100	
NE	2,450	2,350	2,300	98	
NV	7	6	6	100	
NJ	36	35	35	100	
NM	520	550	550	100	
NY	150	115	115	100	
NC	600	550	500	91	
ND	250	100	200	200	
OH	1,400	1,150	1,180	103	
OK	7,500	7,400	7,400	100	
OR	950	850	870	102	
PA	215	180	180	100	
SC	400	300	285	95	
SD	1,850	1,500	1,650	110	
TN	580	440	440	100	
TX	6,700	6,200	5,900	95	
UT	155	140	125	89	
VA	290	280	270	96	
WA	2,300	2,200	2,200	100	
WV	15	13	14	108	
WI	195	140	145	104	
WY	220	210	205	98	
US	56,948	51,049	50,215	98.4	

1/ Total area seeded for all purposes.

Rye: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Seeded <u>1/</u>			1992/1991
	Crop of			
	1990	1991	1992	
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
CO	15	15	10	67
GA	300	330	300	91
IL	45	60	45	75
IN	30	25	20	80
KS	35	70	50	71
MD	45	35	45	129
MI	135	125	110	88
MN	55	36	30	83
NE	110	130	130	100
NJ	50	42	48	114
NY	60	50	52	104
NC	100	110	90	82
ND	35	40	50	125
OH	40	40	40	100
OK	95	110	130	118
PA	60	45	50	111
SC	60	68	60	88
SD	60	50	60	120
TX	100	100	100	100
VA	110	100	105	105
WI	85	90	60	67
US	1,625	1,671	1,585	95

1/ Total area seeded for all purposes.

Durum Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Seeded			1992/1991
	Crop of			
	1990	1991	1992	
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
AZ	45	40	50	125
CA	60	33	90	273
MN <u>1/</u>	30	30		
MT <u>1/</u>	245	180		
ND <u>1/</u>	3,100	2,900		
SD <u>1/</u>	90	70		
US <u>1/</u>	3,570	3,253		

1/ Indicated 1992 area seeded to be published in "Prospective Plantings" released March 31, 1992.



