

# Winter Wheat and Rye Seedings



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Winter wheat seedings for 1996 total 52.0 million acres, up 7 percent from last year's adjusted level. Class breakdowns approximate 11.5 million acres for Soft Red Winter, 4.6 for White Winter, and 35.8 million for Hard Red Winter.

Winter Wheat and Rye: Area Seeded, United States, 1994-96  
(Domestic Units)

Item	Area Seeded Crop of			Area Seeded as % of Previous Year Crop of		
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			----- Percent -----		
Winter Wheat	49,197	48,726	51,960	95	99	107
Rye	1,613	1,612	1,537	108	100	95
	(Metric Units)					
	----- Hectares -----			----- Percent -----		
Winter Wheat	19,909,530	19,718,920	21,027,690	95	99	107
Rye	652,760	652,360	622,010	108	100	95

**Winter Wheat:** Seedings for 1996 harvest are expected to total 52.0 million acres, up 7 percent from 1995. This is the largest acreage since 1990. Planting began last August in the Plains, parts of Utah, and in Washington. About 98 percent of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1.

Soft Red Winter wheat totals 11.5 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. Generally good seeding conditions were enjoyed from Arkansas through Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Missouri's acreage increased the most from last year and Ohio's total is the largest planting since 1982.

White Winter seedings are 4.6 million acres, up 6 percent from a year ago. High prices and ideal conditions fostered Idaho's increase. Washington's crop was seeded ahead of normal and is rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Good early fall weather allowed the Michigan seeding to progress ahead of normal.

Hard Red Winter wheat, at 35.8 million acres, is also up 6 percent from 1995 mainly due to increases in Montana and South Dakota. Seeding of Hard Red was slowed by dryness in the Plains, except in Oklahoma, where September wetness delayed the start. The Montana total is a return to more normal planted acreage levels; seeding into last spring's idled acres was common in South Dakota. The dryness since September may have prevented some Kansas planting, and has curtailed grazing in Oklahoma and the Texas High Plains.

**Durum Wheat:** Growers in Arizona and California have seeded or intend to seed 205,000 acres for harvest this summer. If realized, this total would be up 21 percent from the 1995 final planting. A late cotton harvest had small grain seeding trailing average progress. California's Durum seeding progressed rapidly under ideal conditions and was virtually complete in the San Joaquin Valley by December 1. Imperial Valley planting will continue through February.

**Rye:** Area for 1996 totals 1.54 million acres, down 5 percent from 1995. Kansas and Texas declines account for most of the drop in acreage.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Seeded			
	Crop of			
	1994	1995	1996	1996/1995
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	140	120	100	83
AZ	30	25	30	120
AR	980	1,100	1,250	114
CA	590	580	600	103
CO	2,900	2,900	3,000	103
DE	75	70	74	106
FL	25	20	13	65
GA	440	350	400	114
ID	840	830	900	108
IL	1,150	1,480	1,650	111
IN	680	700	850	121
IA	55	50	60	120
KS	11,900	11,700	11,800	101
KY	590	650	700	108
LA	100	100	140	140
MD	230	230	250	109
MI	600	630	700	111
MN	40	35	35	100
MS	180	180	180	100
MO	1,250	1,350	1,700	126
MT	1,950	1,500	2,250	150
NE	2,200	2,150	2,200	102
NV	7	5	8	160
NJ	45	36	46	128
NM	470	460	470	102
NY	120	130	160	123
NC	670	720	640	89
ND	40	40	80	200
OH	1,200	1,230	1,380	112
OK	7,000	6,900	7,100	103
OR	900	910	880	97
PA	170	190	195	103
SC	370	300	290	97
SD	1,550	1,600	2,000	125
TN	500	600	620	103
TX	6,000	5,800	6,000	103
UT	170	145	160	110
VA	280	300	270	90
WA	2,400	2,250	2,400	107
WV	15	15	14	93
WI	145	145	145	100
WY	200	200	220	110
US	49,197	48,726	51,960	107

Rye: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Seeded			
	Crop of			1996/1995
	1994	1995	1996	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
CO	25	15	28	187
GA	340	300	320	107
IL	40	55	50	91
IN	20	20	25	125
KS	90	100	60	60
MD	35	30	35	117
MI	90	90	80	89
MN	40	30	25	83
NE	80	60	60	100
NJ	33	40	25	63
NY	30	42	49	117
NC	100	100	90	90
ND	25	25	25	100
OH	45	45	45	100
OK	160	190	200	105
PA	45	50	60	120
SC	75	50	50	100
SD	50	55	40	73
TX	120	150	120	80
VA	90	90	80	89
WI	80	75	70	93
US	1,613	1,612	1,537	95

Durum Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Seeded			
	Crop of			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AZ	95	100	95	95
CA	60	70	110	157
MN	13	13		
MT	180	270		
ND	2,450	2,950		
SD	25	33		
US	2,823	3,436		

1/ Indicated 1996 area seeded for all six states will be published in "Prospective Plantings" released March 29, 1996.

The next "Winter Wheat and Rye Seedings" report will be released in January 1997.

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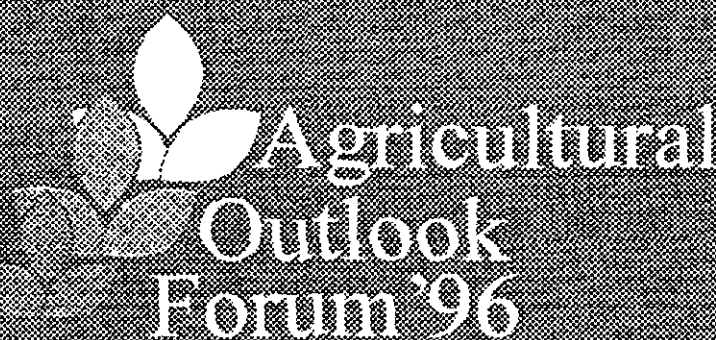
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