

Winter Wheat and Rye Seedings



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WINTER WHEAT seedings for 1991 are estimated at 51.0 million acres, down 10 percent from 1990.

RYE area seeded for 1991 is expected to total 1.71 million acres, up 5 percent from 1990.

WINTER WHEAT AND RYE SEEDINGS UNITED STATES SUMMARY (DOMESTIC UNITS)

ITEM	AREA SEEDED CROP OF			AREA SEEDED AS % OF PREVIOUS YEAR CROP OF		
	1989	1990	1991	1989	1990	1991
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT		
WINTER WHEAT	55,091	56,998	51,018	112.89	103.46	89.51
RYE	2,014	1,625	1,709	84.84	80.69	105.17

UNITED STATES SUMMARY (METRIC UNITS)

ITEM	AREA SEEDED CROP OF			AREA SEEDED AS % OF PREVIOUS YEAR CROP OF		
	1989	1990	1991	1989	1990	1991
	HECTARES			PERCENT		
WINTER WHEAT	22,294,780	23,066,520	20,646,470	112.89	103.46	89.51
RYE	815,050	657,620	691,620	84.84	80.68	105.17

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WINTER WHEAT: Winter wheat seeded area for 1991 is placed at 51.0 million acres, down 10 percent from 1990.

Seeding of the 1991 crop began last August and by September 1, nearly 3 percent of the intended acreage was planted. By December 1, 1990, progress had reached 98 percent completion. Most of the area yet intended to be seeded was in California, Georgia, and Texas.

Planted acreage in the Arkansas to Ohio Soft Red Winter wheat belt is down 21 percent from 1990. Delayed row crop harvest hampered Indiana's seeding progress. A very wet fall shortened Ohio's planting season.

Major Hard Red Winter production States in the Plains plus Montana have seedings totaling 6 percent less than in 1990. Moisture was favorable for seeding in Colorado; the crop is off to a good start, though top growth is short in some areas. Late September rains replenished surface moisture supplies in Kansas allowing rapid seeding progress. Emerged stands in Kansas are rated in good to excellent condition; early November rains boosted secondary root growth. North central Montana was dry during the planting season; very dry soils in the eastern third of the State curtailed seeding there. Dry soils prevented some acreage from being planted in South Dakota; northwestern fields are moisture stressed. Seeding in Oklahoma ran one to two weeks ahead of average. The crop is in good condition with ample soil moisture. Early emergence of the Texas crop was good, since then windy, dry conditions have slowed growth in parts of the State.

Seeded area in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) is off 9 percent from 1990. Michigan seedings are down 31 percent as poor weather limited planting progress.

DURUM WHEAT: Growers intend to seed a total of 56.0 thousand acres of Durum wheat for 1991 harvest in Arizona and California, down 44 percent from 1990. About 85 percent of Arizona's intended acres was seeded as of December 30. Emerged stands were rated in mostly good condition. Growers in California's Imperial Valley expect to have adequate water to irrigate the acreage.

RYE: Rye seeded for 1991 is expected to total 1.71 million acres, up 5 percent from 1990's record low acreage. Area is up in Georgia while Nebraska and South Dakota are unchanged from 1990 seedings.

WINTER WHEAT

STATE	AREA SEEDED 1/			
	CROP OF			1991
	1989	1990	1991	1990
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
AL	300	280	200	71
AZ	35	55	35	64
AR	1,300	1,500	1,100	73
CA	625	620	450	73
CO	2,700	2,700	2,600	96
DE	80	65	70	108
FL	80	65	50	77
GA	800	650	550	85
ID	880	960	800	83
IL	1,850	2,100	1,650	79
IN	940	1,050	900	86
IA	80	80	75	94
KS	12,400	12,400	11,800	95
KY	630	700	670	96
LA	390	440	300	68
MD	230	200	205	103
MI	660	770	530	69
MN	135	130	60	46
MS	525	600	350	58
MO	1,970	2,150	1,650	77
MT	2,500	2,700	2,350	87
NE	2,550	2,450	2,250	92
NV	7	7	4	57
NJ	43	36	40	111
NM	550	520	550	106
NY	135	150	130	87
NC	680	600	550	92
ND	100	250	80	32
OH	1,260	1,400	1,150	82
OK	7,300	7,500	7,600	101
OR	840	950	850	89
PA	220	215	180	84
SC	460	400	300	75
SD	1,600	1,850	1,500	81
TN	540	580	450	78
TX	6,700	6,700	6,000	90
UT	165	155	140	90
VA	300	290	270	93
WA	2,100	2,300	2,200	96
WV	16	15	14	93
WI	200	195	155	79
WY	215	220	210	95
US	55,091	56,998	51,018	90

1/ TOTAL AREA SEEDED FOR ALL PURPOSES.

RYE

STATE	AREA SEEDED 1/			
	1989	1990	IND 1991	1991/1990
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
CO	25	15	20	133
DE	17	2/	2/	
GA	320	300	330	110
IL	50	45	60	133
IN	45	30	36	120
IA	25	2/	2/	
KS	45	35	70	200
KY	50	2/	2/	
MD	40	45	35	78
MI	120	135	125	93
MN	60	55	36	65
MO	25	2/	2/	
NE	160	110	110	100
NJ	47	50	42	84
NY	80	60	50	83
NC	150	100	140	140
ND	45	35	30	86
OH	40	40	50	125
OK	100	95	105	111
OR	20	2/	2/	
PA	70	60	50	83
SC	80	60	75	125
SD	100	60	60	100
TX	90	100	100	100
VA	140	110	100	91
WI	70	85	85	100
US	2,014	1,625	1,709	105

1/ TOTAL AREA SEEDED FOR ALL PURPOSES. 2/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED.

DURUM WHEAT

STATE	AREA SEEDED			
	1989	1990	IND 1991	1991/1990
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
AZ	85	45	20	44
CA	106	55	36	65
MN	30	30	1/	
MT	340	245	1/	
ND	3,100	3,100	1/	
SD	130	90	1/	
US	3,791	3,565	1/	

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