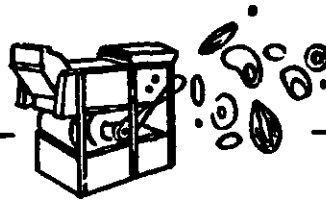

Seed Crops



WHITE CLOVER AND LADINO CLOVER SEED FORECASTS

September 28, 1967

White Clover Seed Supplies 36 Percent Below 1966

WHITE CLOVER: Production of white clover seed this year is forecast at 1,695,000 pounds according to the Crop Reporting Board. The indicated crop would be less than one-half the 1966 revised estimate of 3,640,000 pounds and about one third of the 1961-65 average. Production in Louisiana was 420,000 pounds, 11 percent above the 380,000 pounds produced in 1966. White clover seed produced in Idaho declined sharply and was only one-third of last year's revised level and less than one-fourth of average.

White clover acreage for harvest of seed is estimated at 10,100 acres for the Nation, down 39 percent from 1966 and 63 percent below average. Acreage in Louisiana was the same as in 1966 but 43 percent below average. In Idaho, acreage declined 62 percent from a year earlier. In Oregon acreage was up 5 percent. Yields were above last year in Louisiana but below a year earlier in Oregon and Idaho. In Idaho, the major producing State, the hot, dry weather which prevailed during July and August caused a poor seed set which generally lowered yields.

Carryover of old-crop white clover seed on June 30, 1967 was 3,526,000 pounds (2,489,000 by dealers and 1,037,000 growers). A year earlier carryover was 4,474,000 pounds. The initial supply (1967 production plus carryover) is indicated to be 5,221,000 pounds, 36 percent less than both a year earlier and the average. Imports of white clover seed during the year ended June 30, 1967 were 463,900 pounds. Imports in the previous year were 72,600 pounds.

WHITE CLOVER SEED: Acreage harvested, yield per acre, and production average 1961-65, annual 1966 and 1967

State	Acreage harvested			Yield per acre			Production (clean seed)		
	Average 1961-65	1966 1/	Indi- cated 1967	Average 1961-65	1966 1/	Indi- cated 1967	Average 1961-65	1966 1/	Indi. cated 1967
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
La.	7,000	4,000	4,000	73	95	105	539	380	420
Idaho	17,400	10,500	4,000	244	280	240	4,305	2,940	960
Oreg.	2,060	2,000	2,100	241	160	150	498	320	315
U. S.	27,180	16,500	10,100	196	221	168	5,379	3,640	1,695

1/ Revised.

White Clover Seed Supply: United States, average 1961-65, annual 1966 and 1967

Item	Average 1961-65	1966 1/	Indicated 1967
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Production	5,379	3,640	1,695
Farm carryover	762	1,329	1,037
Dealer carryover	2,024	3,145	2,489
Supply (production plus carryover)	8,165	8,114	5,221

1/ Revised.

Ladino Clover Supplies 17 Percent Below 1966

LADINO CLOVER: Production of Ladino clover seed in California is forecast at 3,335,000 pounds, 21 percent below last year's revised production and 38 percent below average. Acreage of seed harvested at 11,500 acres was 21 percent below a year earlier and 34 percent below average. Yields averaged 290 pounds, the same as a year earlier. Most of the crop has been harvested but over one-half remains to be cleaned. Quality of seed has been variable. Hot weather during August did some damage as many of the heads failed to fill.

Carryover of old-crop seed on June 30, 1967 was 1,774,000 pounds, all in dealers' hands. The 1966 carryover was 1,923,000 pounds and the average 2,082,000 pounds. Initial supply is indicated to be 5,109,000 pounds, 17 percent below a year ago and 32 percent below average. Import records for the year ended June 30, 1967 show 100 pounds, all from Italy. Imports during the previous year were 100 pounds, all from Australia. Exports during the year ended June 30, 1967 totaled 3,373,401 pounds compared with 3,258,898 pounds for the same time a year earlier.

LADINO CLOVER: Acreage harvested, yield per acre, and production average 1961-65, annual 1966 and 1967

State	Acreage harvested			Yield per acre			Production (clean seed)		
	Average : 1961-65	1966 : 1/	Indi- cated : 1967	Average : 1961-65	1966 : 1/	Indi- cated : 1967	Average : 1961-65	1966 : 1/	Indi- cated : 1967
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Calif.	17,200	14,500	11,500	317	290	290	5,399	4,205	3,335
U. S.	2/17,360	14,500	11,500	2/316	290	290	2/5,420	4,205	3,335

1/ Revised.

2/ Includes Oregon for which separate estimates have been discontinued.

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Ladino Clover Seed Supply: United States, Average 1961-65, annual 1966 and 1967

Item	Average 1961-65	1966 1/	Indicated 1967
	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>
Production	5,420	2/4,205	2/3,335
Farm carryover	2	0	0
Dealer carryover	2,082	1,923	1,774
Supply (production plus carryover)	7,504	6,128	5,109

1/ Revised.
 2/ California only.