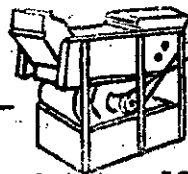


Seed Crops



October 12, 1967

RED CLOVER SEED FORECAST

Red Clover Seed Crop 30 Percent Below 1966

Production of red clover seed this year is estimated at 44,823,000 pounds, 30 percent less than the 1966 revised total of 64,384,000 pounds, and 37 percent less than the 1961-65 average, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Production at this level would be the lowest since 1937. Smaller crops are expected in eighteen of the twenty producing States.

Acreage of red clover seed harvested this year, at 500,600 acres, was 27 percent less than last year and 39 percent below average. Sharpest acreage changes were in Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Kentucky and Idaho where declines ranged from 31 to 40 percent from last year. Adverse weather reduced the U. S. yield per acre from 94 pounds in 1966 to 90 in 1967. Yields were below last year in eight States, including Illinois which accounts for about 22 percent of the U. S. acreage.

Wet weather has been a problem in the Plains and Eastern producing States. In New York and Pennsylvania wet weather late in the season delayed maturity of the crop, and weeds are becoming a problem. In Maryland, Kentucky and Illinois wet weather caused rank growth and poor seed sets in many areas. In Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas the late season rains have delayed harvest. The red clover season was generally favorable in Montana after a late start. In the Northwest conditions have been good to excellent in Washington, fair in Idaho and poor in Oregon.

Harvest of red clover seed was later than in 1966 in all States except Washington and Oregon, and ranged from one day later in Idaho to almost a month later in Maryland. The beginning date of harvest this year was between August 29 and September 14 in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Virginia, Kentucky, Washington, Oregon and California; September 15 and 30 in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Maryland, Montana and Idaho. Beginning harvest dates in Wisconsin were October 4 and in New York, October 10.

Carryover of 1966 and earlier crop seed on June 30, 1967 is estimated at 32,257,000 pounds, (16,339,000 by dealers and 15,918,000 by growers). Initial supply (1967 production plus June 30, 1967 carryover) of red clover seed is 77,080,000 pounds, 19 percent less than last year and 21 percent below average. Imports during the year ended June 30, 1967 amounted to 3,081,500 pounds, almost three times the 1,083,500 pounds imported a year earlier. Imports were 200 pounds from Australia, 3,077,100 pounds from Canada (48,600 U. S. seed returned), 900 from Great Britain, 700 Germany, 2,200 Japan and 400 pounds from the Netherlands.

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RED 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	pounds	pounds	pounds
N.Y.	12,000	12,000	10,000	94	90	95	1,142	1,080	950
Pa.	19,200	15,000	11,000	63	60	65	1,244	900	715
Ohio	125,000	106,000	64,000	69	77	70	8,537	8,162	4,480
Ind.	103,000	82,000	52,000	71	80	85	7,235	6,560	4,420
Ill.	163,200	130,000	112,000	81	75	70	13,134	9,750	7,840
Mich.	56,600	42,000	38,000	73	80	85	4,135	3,360	3,230
Wis.	32,600	45,000	30,000	68	95	90	2,218	4,275	2,700
Minn.	32,800	42,000	29,000	99	110	110	3,206	4,620	3,190
Iowa	54,400	45,000	35,000	59	79	78	3,222	3,555	2,730
Mo.	100,800	75,000	52,000	89	90	80	8,849	6,750	4,160
Nebr.	18,400	10,000	9,500	71	70	80	1,310	700	760
Kans.	24,800	11,000	9,000	79	75	75	1,936	825	675
Md.	8,900	7,000	5,000	66	70	60	604	490	300
Va.	8,400	5,500	5,000	77	80	95	658	440	475
Ky.	16,600	18,000	11,000	86	90	90	1,424	1,620	990
Mont.	1,360	1,100	800	230	165	200	307	182	160
Idaho	15,400	13,000	8,000	322	360	370	4,972	4,680	2,960
Wash.	5,140	7,000	4,900	303	330	375	1,663	2,310	1,838
Oreg.	21,700	19,000	13,500	226	185	140	4,957	3,515	1,890
Calif.	1,560	1,000	900	450	610	400	694	610	360
U.S.	821,860	686,600	500,600	88	94	90	71,446	64,384	44,823

1/ Revised.

Red 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
	pounds	pounds	pounds
Production	71,446	64,384	44,823
Farm Carryover	13,283	14,240	15,918
Dealer carryover	13,216	16,780	16,339
Supply (production plus carryover)	97,945	95,404	77,080

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