

# Seed Crops



CHEWINGS AND RED FESCUE

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## Larger Crops Forecast For Chewings Fescue and Red Fescue Seed

Chewings Fescue: Production of chewings fescue seed in Oregon this year is forecast at 7,525,000 pounds, 5 percent more than the estimate of 7,175,000 pounds (revised) in 1966 and 2 percent more than the 1961-65 average. Prospective production is larger than last year because of a higher expected yield per acre. The yield, at 430 pounds per acre, is 20 pounds above last year and 36 pounds above the 1961-65 average yield.

Carryover on June 30, 1967 totaled 3,024,000 pounds (2,235,000 by dealers and 789,000 by growers), 21 percent above the 2,504,000 pounds last year but 41 percent below the average carryover of 5,085,000 pounds.

Initial supply (1967 production plus carryover) for seeding in 1967-68 is estimated at 10,549,000 pounds, 9 percent above the supply of a year earlier. There were 29,000 pounds of seed imported during the twelve-month period ended June 30, 1967. During the same period a year earlier only 100 pounds of chewings fescue was imported.

Red Fescue: This year's production of red fescue seed in Washington and Oregon is forecast at 7,663,000 pounds, 11 percent more than the revised 1966 production of 6,918,000 pounds. The 1961-65 average is 5,018,000 pounds. Compared with last year, production increased because of a higher yield as acreage was slightly lower.

Carryover on June 30 this year totaled 6,420,000 pounds (5,813 by dealers and 607,000 by growers), down 7 percent from last year's carryover but 3 percent above the 1961-65 average carryover. Initial supply is indicated at 14,083,000 pounds, 2 percent more than the supply available a year earlier. Imports of red fescue seed during the year ended June 30, 1967 totaled 9,701,000 pounds (8,542,900 Canada (59,600 U.S. seed returned); 643,800 Denmark, 514,200 Netherlands, and 100 Sweden) compared with 14,436,100 pounds during the same time last year.

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FESCUE SEED: Acreage, yield and production, average 1961-65, 1966 and 1967

Kind of seed and 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
<u>CHEWINGS FESCUE:</u>		<u>Acres</u>			<u>Pounds</u>			<u>Thousand Pounds</u>	
Oregon	19,100	17,500	17,500	394	410	430	7,400	7,175	7,525
<u>RED FESCUE</u>									
Washington	566	750	700	425	330	590	253	248	413
Oregon	11,100	14,500	14,500	426	460	500	4,717	6,670	7,250
United States	11,826	15,250	15,200	427	454	504	5,018	6,918	7,663

1/ Revised.

FESCUE SEED SUPPLY: United States, average 1961-65, annual 1966 and 1967

Kind of seed and Item	Average 1961-65	1966 1/	Indicated 1967
<u>CHEWINGS FESCUE</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Production	7,400	7,175	7,525
Farm Carryover	689	126	789
Dealer Carryover	4,396	2,378	2,235
Supply (Production plus Carryover)	12,485	9,679	10,549
<u>RED FESCUE</u>			
Production	5,018	6,918	7,663
Farm Carryover	505	114	607
Dealer Carryover	5,746	6,817	5,813
Supply (Production plus Carryover)	11,269	13,849	14,083

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