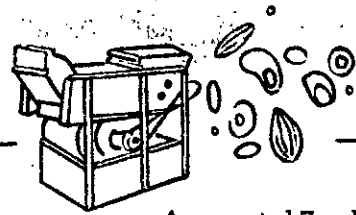


Seed Crops



August 17, 1967

TALL FESCUE SEED

U. S. Tall Fescue Seed Production Down 28 Percent

Idaho and Oregon: Production of tall fescue seed in Idaho and Oregon this year is forecast at 10,665,000 pounds, compared with 10,700,000 pounds produced last year, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Production in Oregon is the same as a year earlier because a decrease in acreage was offset by an increase in yield. Yields have been highly variable this year as hot, dry weather greatly affected some fields. The degree of damage was dependent upon the development of the field during the dry period. The yield of 660 pounds per acre is 20 pounds above 1966 and 63 pounds above the 1961-65 average. In Idaho a sharply declining acreage was partly offset by higher yields. However, the State's production is indicated to be 25 percent below 1966.

United States: In view of the unfavorable weather conditions just prior to and during the harvest season in the Southern States, a recheck of the Southern States total was completed. This resulted in a downward revision of about 13 percent in the area total published in the July 13 report. The revised estimates of 1967 acres, harvested yield per acre, and production for the area, are shown in the table of this report. Revised 1967 data are not available by States. Adding the current forecast for Idaho and Oregon to the revised forecast for the Southern States gives a U. S. total production of 48,691,000 pounds, 28 percent less than last year's revised production of 67,895,000 pounds but 4 percent above average.

Total carryover of old-crop seed is estimated at 23,553,000 pounds (17,594,000 by dealers and 5,959,000 by growers), compared with the 13,510,000 pound carryover a year earlier and 8,583,000 average carryover. Initial supply at 72,244,000 pounds is 11 percent less than a year ago but 31 percent above average. There were 600 pounds of tall fescue seed imported from July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967 compared with no imports a year earlier.

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TALL FESCUE 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	Indicated 1967	Average 1961-65	1966	Indicated 1967	Average 1961-65	1966	Indicated 1967
	Acres			Pounds			1,000 pounds		
Idaho	1,060	700	300	289	200	350	304	140	105
Oregon	12,200	16,500	16,000	597	640	660	7,391	10,560	10,560
Total 2 States	13,260	17,200	16,300	572	622	654	7,695	10,700	10,665
So. States	203,920	261,000	1/184,300	191	219	1/206	39,075	57,195	1/38,026
United States	217,180	278,200	200,600	215	244	243	46,770	67,895	48,691

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

Item	Average 1961-65	1966	Indicated 1967
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Production	46,770	67,895	48,691
Farm Carryover	2,048	2,853	5,959
Dealer Carryover	6,535	10,657	17,594
Supply (Production plus Carryover)	55,353	81,405	72,244

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