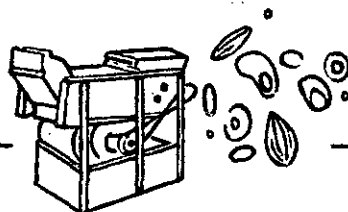


# Seed Crops



SWEETCLOVER SEED FORECAST

September 14, 1967

## 1967 SWEETCLOVER SEED CROP AGAIN SMALLEST OF RECORD

The 1967 production of sweetclover seed is forecast at 12,105,000 pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The indicated crop is 25 percent less than last year's revised total of 16,100,000 pounds and 44 percent less than the 1961-65 average production. Production this year is below last year in all States except Minnesota. Production in Michigan, North Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas this year is the lowest of record. In Minnesota production is up 9 percent from a year earlier.

The acreage intended for seed harvest this year is estimated at a record low 57,200 acres, 25 percent below last year and 47 percent below average. Acreage was the same as last year in Minnesota but ranged from 4 to 50 percent below last year for other States.

The U.S. yield per acre, at 212 pounds, compares with 210 pounds a year earlier, and the average of 201 pounds. Yields are expected to be the same as or lower than last year in all States except Michigan, Minnesota, and Oklahoma.

The average beginning dates of harvest were later than last year in most States. Dates on which harvesting began this year are July 10 in Texas, July 20 in Oklahoma, July 29 in Kansas, August 1 in Illinois, August 6 in South Dakota, August 7 in Missouri and Nebraska, August 10 in Ohio, August 20 in North Dakota, August 21 in Minnesota, and September 1 in Michigan.

Carryover on June 30, 1967 of previous years' seed totaled 12,499,000 pounds (7,888,000 by dealers and 4,611,000 by growers). This compares with 11,275,000 pounds (6,218,000 dealers and 5,057,000 growers) a year earlier and the five-year average of 9,802,000 pounds. Initial supply (Production plus carryover) is expected to be 24,604,000 pounds compared with 27,375,000 pounds for 1966.

Imports of sweetclover seed during the twelve-month period ending June 30, 1967 totaled 10,369,800 pounds--all from Canada (54,900 U.S. seed returned). A year earlier imports were 7,234,700.

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Sweetclover 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			Pounds			Thousand pounds		
Ohio	9,100	8,000	4,000	225	210	190	2,017	1,680	760
Ill.	5,000	5,000	4,800	138	125	120	686	625	576
Mich.	2,500	2,000	1,500	172	140	150	417	280	225
Minn.	17,700	12,000	12,000	209	215	235	3,502	2,580	2,820
Mo.	2,540	2,000	1,400	165	165	165	419	330	231
N. Dak.	7,400	5,000	3,000	234	250	235	1,724	1,250	705
S. Dak.	16,400	13,000	11,500	240	245	240	3,950	3,185	2,760
Nebr.	11,200	7,500	6,000	204	200	190	2,282	1,500	1,140
Kans.	15,600	11,000	5,500	147	170	165	2,254	1,870	908
Okla.	5,220	2,500	1,500	136	100	120	699	250	180
Texas	13,700	8,500	6,000	244	300	300	3,369	2,550	1,800
U. S.	107,920	76,500	57,200	201	210	212	21,550	16,100	12,105

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

Item	Average 1961-65	1966 1/	Indicated 1967
	1,000 pounds		
Production	21,550	16,100	12,105
Farm Carryover	4,059	5,057	4,611
Dealer Carryover	5,743	6,218	7,888
Supply (production plus carryover)	31,352	27,375	24,604

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