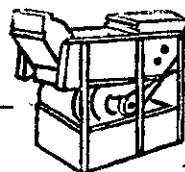


Seed Crops

FIELD SEED STOCKS REPORT



August 3, 1967

Dealer Stocks of All Field Seeds 10 Percent Above Last Year And 10 Percent Above Average

Carryover of field seeds owned or controlled by dealers and cooperatives on June 30, 1967 totaled 192,136,000 pounds, 10 percent above last year's carryover and 10 percent above the 1961-65 average, according to a nationwide survey just completed by the Crop Reporting Board.

Carryover of winter cover-crop seeds was 1 percent more than in 1966. Stocks of grass seeds (excluding ryegrass) were 24 percent above a year earlier.

Stocks this year compared with 1966 were larger for 21 crops and smaller for 20 crops. Largest increases--more than double last year--were reported for Hairy Vetch and Lupine. Increases from 20 to 87 percent were reported for: Alsike clover, sweetclover, Striate-Kobe lespedeza, Austrian winter peas, Wild winter peas, Timothy, Merion Kentucky Bluegrass, meadow fescue, tall fescue, tall wheatgrass, Sudangrass, and mixed ryegrass.

The largest declines--30 percent or more below last year--were reported for: Southern alfalfa, crimson clover, Korean lespedeza, other lespedeza, common vetch, other vetch, crested wheatgrass, Pubescent wheatgrass, perennial ryegrass, and Dallisgrass.

Stocks of all alfalfa seed, both certified and noncertified, totaled 28,331,000 pounds, 2 percent more than a year earlier, but 1 percent less than average. Total clover seed stocks (excluding crimson clover) at 31,791,000 pounds, were 4 percent above last year but 18 percent above average.

All known wholesalers, large retailers, cooperative associations, country shippers, and others who owned or controlled commercial quantities of field seeds were included in the survey. The carryover statistics for 1967 have essentially the same degree of national coverage as those for 1966 and previous years.

In addition to the stocks shown on the reverse side, significant quantities of grower-owned old-crop seed were stored in dealers' warehouses--especially alfalfa, red clover, white clover, timothy, and ryegrass. Stocks of grower-owned seed in these positions, together with farm-stored seed, will be included in each of the production forecast reports issued during the year. For the eleventh consecutive year no commercial stocks, exclusive of foundation seed, were held by the Federal Government.

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DEALER STOCKS OF OLD-CROP SEEDS HELD ON JUNE 30, 1963-67 AND AVERAGE 1961-65

Kind of seed	Average 1961-65	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
ALFALFA:						
Cert. Ranger, Buffalo, Vernal, etc.	11,911	7,122	8,841	15,677	12,130	14,396
Noncertified and Imported:						
No. & Central origins & Canada	12,824	12,319	17,135	14,496	12,457	12,411
So. & imported except Canada	3,788	4,117	4,576	5,281	3,105	1,524
TOTAL ALFALFA	28,523	23,558	30,552	35,454	27,692	28,331
CLOVERS:						
RED						
Cert. Kenland, Pennscoot, etc.	1,691	1,282	1,642	2,059	2,279	2,569
Noncertified (incl. Mammoth)	11,525	9,842	10,595	14,077	14,501	13,770
TOTAL RED CLOVER	13,216	11,124	12,237	16,136	16,780	16,339
Alsike	3,969	4,728	3,200	1,821	2,644	3,301
Sweet (incl. Hubam)	5,743	5,061	7,374	7,271	6,218	7,888
White (Dutch)	2,024	1,054	2,439	3,795	3,145	2,489
Ladino	2,082	2,424	2,207	2,540	1,923	1,774
Crimson	2,345	2,090	2,414	3,069	1,492	224
LESPEDEZA:						
Korean	2,342	4,163	2,701	1,461	3,546	2,454
Striate, Kobe	368	970	438	175	1,574	1,930
Other	594	138	23	549	718	268
TOTAL LESPEDEZA	3,324	5,271	3,162	2,185	5,838	4,652
OTHER LEGUMES:						
Hairy Vetch	2,780	3,399	3,067	1,523	1,243	5,448
Common Vetch	1,435	431	2,121	3,744	1,317	640
Other Vetches	955	2,008	1,256	449	4,031	1,435
Austrian Winter Peas	2,864	1,486	3,119	6,183	1,679	2,720
Wild Winter Peas	497	360	564	997	850	1,287
Lupine	187	139	90	57	51	368
Birdsfoot Trefoil	378	310	236	242	457	410
GRASSES:						
Timothy	8,285	5,232	3,095	5,540	8,992	14,330
Orchardgrass	3,462	3,950	2,582	4,549	4,944	5,814
Redtop	1,738	1,465	840	1,025	1,612	1,743
Kentucky Bluegrass	1/11,934	1/11,485	1/9,730	1/7,530	1/7,798	1/9,284
Merion Ky. Bluegrass	1,622	2,743	1,424	1,684	1,303	2,439
Chewings Fescue	4,396	5,010	2,594	1,801	2,378	2,235
Meadow Fescue	491	668	262	297	416	594
Red Fescue	5,746	4,443	3,644	2,649	6,817	5,813
Tall Fescue (Alta & Ky. 31)	6,535	2,358	7,702	10,299	10,657	17,594
Bentgrass	1,709	1,197	2,201	2,717	2,636	1,940
Smooth Bromegrass	4,582	3,810	2,150	5,054	2,375	2,197
Crested Wheatgrass	2,087	2,755	2,058	1,161	1,164	583
Intermediate Wheatgrass	673	712	954	1,218	1,368	986
Pubescent Wheatgrass	153	151	180	178	263	115
Slender Wheatgrass	269	255	385	265	189	219
Tall Wheatgrass	349	418	310	287	221	349
Sudangrass	7,428	11,457	8,070	3/8,544	3/12,408	3/15,298
Ryegrass, Annual	28,846	24,711	28,479	31,547	24,157	25,650
Ryegrass, Perennial	10,912	13,576	11,606	7,797	9,270	6,385
Ryegrass, Annual & Perennial Mixed	2/2,141	2,653	2,308	1,461	902	1,234
Dallisgrass	216	82	380	188	45	28

- 1/ Includes Grower-owned seed stored in dealers' warehouses.
 2/ Short-time average.
 3/ Includes Sudangrass hybrids but not crosses.