

# TIMOTHY SEED

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## TIMOTHY SEED CROP FORECAST UP SHARPLY

The 1978 timothy seed crop is forecast at 16.7 million pounds for four major States, 50 percent above the corresponding States for 1977, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Both acreage and yield are above the previous year when much timothy was cut for hay.

Acreage forecast for harvest this year is 79.0 thousand acres, 36 percent above the 58.0 thousand harvested in the four major States last year. Yields are expected to average 212 pounds per acre, up from the 193 pound average for 1977.

## CARRYOVER AND SUPPLY

The total U. S. supply of timothy seed for the 1978 season is indicated at 18.6 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year. Farmer owned carryover was down 53 percent while dealer owned carryover was down 68 percent. Imports for the year ending June 30, 1978 totaled 1.44 million pounds compared with 790 thousand pounds a year earlier.

TIMOTHY SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION  
1976, 1977 AND 1978

STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1976	1977	1978 <u>1/</u>	1976	1977	1978 <u>1/</u>	1976	1977	1978 <u>1/</u>
	ACRES			POUNDS PER ACRE			1,000 POUNDS		
ILL	5,500	5,000	6,000	120	130	140	660	650	840
IND <u>2/</u>	2,000	1,600		150	140		300	224	
IOWA <u>2/</u>	2,000	1,500		185	190		370	285	
MINN	34,000	35,000	47,000	200	225	240	6,800	7,875	11,280
MO	15,000	11,000	15,000	170	160	180	2,550	1,760	2,700
OHIO	8,000	7,000	11,000	140	130	175	1,120	910	1,925
PA <u>2/</u>	3,500	3,000		135	115		473	345	
WIS <u>2/</u>	3,000	1,000		120	100		360	100	
U S <u>3/</u>	62,500	58,000	79,000	178	193	212	11,130	11,195	16,745

1/ INDICATED.

2/ ESTIMATE DISCONTINUED BEGINNING WITH 1978 CROP YEAR.

3/ IND, IOWA, PA AND WIS NOT INCLUDED IN U S TOTAL FOR 1976 AND 1977.

TIMOTHY SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES, 1976, 1977 AND 1978

ITEM	1976	1977	1978 <u>1/</u>
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	<u>2/</u> 12,633	<u>2/</u> 12,149	16,745
FARM CARRYOVER <u>3/</u>	<u>2/</u> 4,292	<u>2/</u> 1,335	627
DEALER CARRYOVER	5,556	3,920	1,260
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION PLUS CARRYOVER)	<u>2/</u> 22,481	<u>2/</u> 17,404	18,632

1/ INDICATED.

2/ INCLUDES STATES DISCONTINUED FOLLOWING THE 1977 CROP.

3/ INCLUDES GROWER-OWNED SEED STORED IN DEALER WAREHOUSES.