

TIMOTHY SEED



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TIMOTHY SEED CROP OFF 55 PERCENT

The 1980 production of timothy seed is forecast at 7.66 million pounds (3470 metric tons), down 55 percent from 1979 for the four major States - Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Illinois. Severe drought in Minnesota, the Nations leading producing State, cut crop prospects there nearly two-thirds from last year's output. Hot, dry weather reduced yield prospects in Missouri.

Acres for harvest in the four States is forecast at 66.5 thousand acres (26.9 thousand hectares), 10 percent below last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 115 pounds, half that of last year.

CARRYOVER AND SUPPLY

The total supply of timothy seed for the 1980-81 crop marketing season is indicated at 15.8 million pounds, 27 percent below a year ago. Farmer owned carryover seed was up 90 percent while dealer stocks increased 67 percent. The higher carryover will partially offset the lower production from this year's drought-stricken crop. Imports of timothy seed from July 1, 1979 through May 31, 1980 totaled 1.19 million pounds compared with 0.84 million pounds for the same period a year earlier.

TIMOTHY SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION
1978, 1979 AND 1980

STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1978	1979	1980 <u>1/</u>	1978	1979	1980 <u>1/</u>	1978	1979	1980 <u>1/</u>
	ACRES			POUNDS PER ACRE			1,000 POUNDS		
ILL	5,500	4,000	3,500	140	130	140	770	520	490
MINN	49,000	53,000	48,000	235	255	100	11,515	13,515	4,800
MO	13,000	8,000	7,000	175	190	155	2,275	1,520	1,085
OHIO	11,000	8,500	8,000	180	150	160	1,980	1,275	1,280
TOTAL ABOVE STATES	78,500	73,500	66,500	211	229	115	16,540	16,830	7,655

1/ INDICATED.

TIMOTHY SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES, 1978, 1979 AND 1980

ITEM	1978	1979	1980 <u>1/</u>
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	16,540	16,830	7,655
FARM CARRYOVER <u>2/</u>	627	774	1,470
DEALER CARRYOVER	1,260	3,980	6,660
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION PLUS CARRYOVER)	18,427	21,584	15,785

1/ INDICATED.

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

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