

TIMOTHY SEED

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TIMOTHY SEED PRODUCTION UP TWO-THIRDS

Production of timothy seed in 1981 is forecast at 13.5 million pounds (6114 metric tons), up 66 percent from last year's short crop, but 28 percent below 1979 production. Farmers in the 4-State production area of Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Ohio expect to harvest 57.0 thousand acres (23.1 thousand hectares) this year, 8 percent less than last year. The average yield of clean seed is forecast at 236 pounds per acre, up 80 percent from last year's drought-stricken crop.

Farmers in Illinois and Missouri reported heavy seed loss from excessive and heavy rains at harvest time. In Minnesota, growing conditions were generally good except for scattered severe hail and insect damage. Some Ohio acreage intended for seed was cut for hay after rains caused shattering of leads. However, excellent yields were obtained from fields that were harvested.

CARRY OVER AND SUPPLY

The total supply of timothy seed for the 1981-82 marketing season is indicated at 22.5 million pounds. This is one-third higher than last year, but 4 percent short of the 1979 supply. Farmer-owned carryover of 1.49 million pounds was down 23 percent, but this was more than offset by heavier stocks held by dealers.

TIMOTHY SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION
1979, 1980 AND 1981

STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1979	1980	1981 <u>1/</u>	1979	1980	1981 <u>1/</u>	1979	1980	1981 <u>1/</u>
	ACRES			POUNDS PER ACRE			1,000 POUNDS		
ILL	4,000	4,000	3,500	130	130	120	520	520	420
MINN	56,000	42,000	44,000	275	115	260	15,400	4,830	11,440
MO	8,000	7,000	3,500	190	170	120	1,520	1,190	420
OHIO	8,500	9,000	6,000	150	175	200	1,275	1,575	1,200
TOTAL ABOVE STATES	76,500	62,000	57,000	245	131	236	18,715	8,115	13,480

1/ INDICATED.

TIMOTHY SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES, 1979, 1980 AND 1981

ITEM	1979	1980	1981 <u>1/</u>
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	18,715	8,115	13,480
FARM CARRYOVER <u>2/</u>	794	1,945	1,493
DEALER CARRYOVER	3,980	6,660	7,500
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION PLUS CARRYOVER)	23,469	16,720	22,473

1/ INDICATED.

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