

TIMOTHY SEED

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TIMOTHY SEED CROP FORECAST RECORD LOW

The 1977 timothy seed crop is forecast at 11.0 million pounds, down 13 percent from last year, according to the Crop Reporting Board. If realized, this would be the smallest crop since records began in 1919. Poor hay crops in several States forced farmers to cut the timothy for hay rather than seed.

Acreage forecast for harvest this year is 64,200 acres, down 13 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 172 pounds per acre, down slightly from last year's average of 173 pounds.

CARRYOVER AND SUPPLY

The total U. S. supply of timothy seed for the 1977 season is indicated at 16.3 million pounds, down 28 percent from last year. Farmer owned carryover was down 69 percent while dealer owned inventories declined 29 percent. Imports for the year ending June 30, 1977 totaled 789,900 pounds, compared with 552,200 a year earlier.

TIMOTHY SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION
1975, 1976 AND 1977

STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1975	1976	1977 ^{1/}	1975	1976	1977 ^{1/}	1975	1976	1977 ^{1/}
	ACRES			POUNDS PER ACRE			1,000 POUNDS		
ILL	7,000	6,000	6,000	155	120	135	1,085	720	810
IND	2,400	2,000	1,600	150	150	150	360	300	240
IOWA	1,800	2,000	1,100	180	185	215	324	370	237
MINN	34,000	34,000	33,000	220	200	200	7,480	6,800	6,600
MO	16,000	15,000	11,000	180	170	160	2,880	2,550	1,760
OHIO	10,000	8,000	7,000	135	140	130	1,350	1,120	910
PA	4,500	3,500	3,000	119	135	105	536	473	315
WIS	3,000	3,000	1,500	120	120	100	360	360	150
U S	78,700	73,500	64,200	183	173	172	14,375	12,693	11,022

^{1/} INDICATED.

TIMOTHY SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES, 1975, 1976 AND 1977

ITEM	1975	1976	1977 ^{1/}
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	14,375	12,693	11,022
FARM CARRYOVER ^{2/}	2,704	4,292	1,344
DEALER CARRYOVER	9,568	5,556	3,920
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION PLUS CARRYOVER)	26,647	22,541	16,286

^{1/} INDICATED.

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