

# TALL FESCUE • OREGON

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## OREGON TALL FESCUE SEED CROP SAME AS LAST YEAR

OREGON: The 1977 tall fescue seed crop in Oregon is forecast at 6.0 million pounds, unchanged from last year's final production, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Acreage harvested and yields are expected to both be at last year's level. The growing season has been good with the seed being harvested under nearly ideal weather conditions. However, yields have been spotty and the seed lighter than normal.

UNITED STATES: The forecast of total U.S. production is set at 100.6 million pounds, 16 percent above the 1976 crop. This estimate is the result of combining the current forecast of production for Oregon with the July forecast for the eight Southern States. The total acreage expected to be harvested in 1977 is 447,500 acres, up 19 percent from last year. The average yield per acre is forecast at 225 pounds, down 5 pounds per acre from 1976.

## CARRYOVER AND SUPPLY

The total U.S. supply of tall fescue seed for the 1977 season is indicated at 112.1 million pounds, down 5 percent from the supply available last year. Imports from July 1, 1976 to May 31, 1977 totaled 6,200 pounds, compared with 1,700 a year earlier.

TALL FESCUE SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, AND  
PRODUCTION, 1975, 1976 AND 1977

STATE <u>1/</u>	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977
	ACRES			POUNDS			1,000 POUNDS		
ALA	5,000	5,000	4,000	160	170	150	800	850	600
ARK	14,000	16,000	16,500	270	280	280	3,780	4,480	4,620
GA	10,000	10,000	9,000	220	200	215	2,200	2,000	1,935
KANS	45,000	40,000	35,000	180	140	140	8,100	5,600	4,900
KY	36,000	18,000	15,000	200	185	210	7,200	3,330	3,150
MO	309,000	255,000	333,000	275	235	225	84,975	59,925	74,925
OREG	12,500	10,000	10,000	760	600	600	9,500	6,000	6,000
S C	11,000	10,000	10,000	170	185	180	1,870	1,850	1,800
TENN	20,000	13,000	15,000	185	200	175	3,700	2,600	2,625
U S	462,500	377,000	447,500	264	230	225	122,125	86,635	100,555

1/ ESTIMATES FOR STATES OTHER THAN OREGON CARRIED FORWARD FROM JULY 14 SOUTHERN STATES TALL FESCUE SEED REPORT.

TALL FESCUE SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES: 1975, 1976 AND 1977

ITEM	1975 <u>1/</u>	1976	1977
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	122,125	86,635	100,555
FARM CARRYOVER <u>2/</u>	9,452	6,596	1,697
DEALER CARRYOVER	18,205	25,020	9,850
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION & CARRYOVER)	149,782	118,251	112,102

1/ KANSAS FARM CARRYOVER EXCLUDED.

2/ INCLUDES GROWER OWNED SEED STORED IN DEALER WAREHOUSES.