

TALL FESCUE • OREGON

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OREGON TALL FESCUE SEED CROP DOWN 26 PERCENT

Oregon: The 1976 tall fescue seed crop in Oregon is forecast at 7.0 million pounds, 2.5 million pounds or 26 percent less than year's final production. Acreage is down 20 percent from last year, and yield per acre, at 700 pounds, is well below the 760 pounds realized in 1975.

United States: The forecast of total U. S. production is set at 104.6 million pounds, 16 percent below the 1975 crop. This estimate is the result of combining the current forecast of production for Oregon and the July forecast for the eight Southern States. The average yield per acre is forecast at 240 pounds, compared with 271 pounds in 1975 and 253 pounds in 1974. The total acreage expected to be harvested in 1976 is 436,500 acres, down 6 percent from last year. This is 26,000 acres below 1975, but 18,500 more than in 1974. Estimates for 1975 and 1976 include Kansas.

CARRYOVER AND SUPPLY

Total U. S. supply of tall fescue (including Kansas) for the 1976 season is indicated at 135.3 million pounds. This is well below the 1975 supply of 152.9 million pounds. The 1975 supply estimate includes Kansas' 1975 production and dealer carryover, but no data are available for the June 1975 farm carryover in Kansas. Imports from July 1, 1975 to May 31, 1976 totaled only 1,700 pounds, compared with 10,200 pounds a year earlier.

TALL FESCUE SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, AND
PRODUCTION, 1974, 1975, AND 1976

STATE <u>1/</u>	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1974	1975 <u>2/</u>	1976	1974	1975 <u>2/</u>	1976	1974	1975 <u>2/</u>	1976
	ACRES			POUNDS PER ACRE			1,000 POUNDS		
ALA	7,000	5,000	5,500	180	160	150	1,260	800	825
ARK	17,000	14,000	12,000	275	270	270	4,675	3,780	3,240
GA	14,000	10,000	10,000	210	220	210	2,940	2,200	2,100
KANS <u>3/</u>		45,000	50,000		250	200		11,250	10,000
KY	36,000	36,000	29,000	200	200	210	7,200	7,200	6,090
MO	292,000	309,000	294,000	250	275	240	73,000	84,975	70,560
OREG	16,000	12,500	10,000	630	760	700	10,080	9,500	7,000
S C	14,000	11,000	11,000	175	170	180	2,450	1,870	1,980
TENN	22,000	20,000	15,000	195	185	190	4,290	3,700	2,850
U S <u>3/</u>	418,000	462,500	436,500	253	271	240	105,895	125,275	104,645

1/ ESTIMATES FOR STATES OTHER THAN OREGON CARRIED FORWARD FROM JULY 15 SOUTHERN STATES TALL FESCUE SEED REPORT. 2/ REVISED.

3/ INCLUDES ESTIMATES FOR KANSAS BEGINNING WITH 1975.

TALL FESCUE SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES: 1974, 1975, AND 1976

ITEM	1974 <u>1/</u>	1975 <u>2/</u>	1976 <u>3/</u>
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	105,895	125,275	104,645
FARM CARRYOVER	6,477	9,452	6,596
DEALER CARRYOVER	23,668	18,205	24,061
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION & CARRYOVER)	136,040	152,932	135,302

1/ KANSAS PRODUCTION AND FARM CARRYOVER EXCLUDED.

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3/ INDICATED.