

TALL FESCUE SEED SOUTHERN STATES

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TALL FESCUE SEED CROP IN SOUTHERN STATES UP 30 PERCENT

The 1978 production of tall fescue seed in the six Southern States is forecast at 130 million pounds (59.1 thousand metric tons), up 30 percent from last year. Missouri, the largest producing State, is expected to increase production by 28 percent. Acreage for harvest this year is 518 thousand acres (209 thousand hectares), 18 percent above 1977. Yield per acre is expected to average 252 pounds, up 25 pounds from last year.

Harvest in the South was reported later than normal because of heavy rains. However, with favorable moisture conditions, yields were higher than last year and more acreage is suitable for the harvest of seed.

TALL FESCUE SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD PER ACRE, PRODUCTION
1976, 1977, AND 1978

STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978 ^{1/}
	ACRES			POUNDS			1,000 POUNDS		
ALA ^{2/}	4,500	4,000		150	130		675	520	
ARK	16,000	17,000	21,500	280	290	310	4,480	4,930	6,665
GA	10,000	10,000	13,000	200	205	215	2,000	2,050	2,795
KANS	40,000	30,000	28,000	140	150	185	5,600	4,500	5,180
KY	18,000	21,000	34,000	185	190	200	3,330	3,990	6,800
MO	255,000	349,000	405,000	235	235	260	59,925	82,015	105,300
S C ^{2/}	5,000	6,000		180	170		900	1,020	
TENN	12,000	13,000	16,000	200	190	225	2,400	2,470	3,600
TOTAL SOUTHERN STATES ^{3/}	351,000	440,000	517,500	221	227	252	77,735	99,955	130,340

^{1/} INDICATED. ^{2/} ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED BEGINNING WITH 1978 CROP YEAR.

^{3/} ALA AND S C NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL SOUTHERN STATES FOR 1976 AND 1977.

