

# RED CLOVER SEED

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## RED CLOVER SEED OUTPUT DOWN 25 PERCENT

Production of red clover seed in 1981 is forecast at 18.9 million pounds (8550 thousand metric tons), down 25 percent from 1980 and the lowest since records began in 1919. Acreage for harvest at 153 thousand acres (61.7 thousand hectares) falls 32 percent short of 1980 harvested acreage. Much of the reduced acreage was in the Mid-West and Plains States as a result of last years drought. The average yield of seed per acre is expected to be up 12 pounds from last year to 124 pounds per acre.

Harvest began in early September in the Southern States, and in the North West. Excessive rains caused harvest delays and damage to many seed fields in the Mid-west and Northern States. Conditions in the Northwestern States were ideal through early harvest but rains and wind slowed progress later in the month.

## CARRYOVER AND SUPPLY

The total supply of red clover seed for the 1981-82 marketing season is indicated at 32.5 million pounds, down 21 percent from the previous year. Farmer-owned carryover on June 30, 1981 was up 3 percent, totalling 4.40 million pounds, while dealer stocks at 9.20 million pounds were off 19 percent. Total carryover of old crop seed was 13.6 million pounds, down 13 percent from a year earlier. Summaries of red clover seed imports are not available for the 1980-81 marketing season. Exports of 1.45 million pounds were down 9 percent from the previous year.

RED CLOVER 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		
IDAHO	5,200	4,000	2,800	280	345	355	1,456	1,380	994
ILL	35,000	36,000	18,000	80	85	65	2,800	3,060	1,170
IND	15,000	18,000	16,000	65	80	70	975	1,440	1,120
IOWA	13,000	10,000	7,000	90	90	80	1,170	900	560
KANS	6,000	6,000	4,500	80	75	90	480	450	405
KY	3,200	5,000	3,000	65	75	70	208	375	210
MICH	26,000	16,000	16,000	95	95	90	2,470	1,520	1,440
MINN	30,000	30,000	20,000	95	100	100	2,850	3,000	2,000
MO	26,000	22,000	9,000	90	80	70	2,340	1,760	630
NEBR <u>2/</u>	2,200	2,000		70	85		154	170	
N Y	4,000	10,000	5,000	90	85	80	360	850	400
OHIO	15,000	17,000	9,500	65	75	70	975	1,275	665
OREG	29,000	25,000	22,000	220	240	320	6,380	6,000	7,040
PA	8,000	10,000	10,000	70	70	75	560	700	750
WASH	8,500	5,700	2,700	310	300	360	2,635	1,710	972
WIS	14,000	8,000	7,000	70	80	80	980	640	560
U S	240,100	224,700	152,500	112	112	124	26,793	25,230	18,916

1/ INDICATED

2/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED IN 1981.

RED CLOVER SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES, 1979, 1980 AND 1981

ITEM	1979	1980	1981 <u>1/</u>
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	26,793	25,230	18,916
FARM CARRYOVER <u>2/</u>	6,103	4,278	4,399
DEALER CARRYOVER <u>3/</u>	10,160	11,410	9,200
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION PLUS CARRYOVER):	43,056	40,918	32,515

1/ INDICATED.

2/ AS OF JUN 30TH. INCLUDES GROWER-OWNED SEED STORED IN DEALER WAREHOUSES.

3/ AS OF JUN 30TH.