

FIELD SEED STOCKS



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DEALER STOCKS OF FIELD SEEDS

The mid-year survey of seed dealers across the U. S. indicated that old crop stocks of most field seeds on June 30, 1977 were down from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Notable exceptions were crimson, ladino, and sweet clover, noncertified red clover, Korean and Striate lespedeza, red and meadow fescue, and sudangrass.

Stocks of certified alfalfa seed owned or controlled by dealers were down 6 percent from last year, and stocks of noncertified alfalfa declined 34 percent. The 43 percent increase in noncertified red clover stocks more than offset the 12 percent decline in certified red clover. Dealer stocks of tall fescue seed declined 61 percent from last year. Annual ryegrass stocks were down 33 percent from June 30, 1976, and stocks of perennial ryegrass seed were down 19 percent.

All data included in this report refer to stocks of seed owned or controlled by dealers. Stocks of farmer owned seed (on farm or in dealer's warehouses) will be reported in the production forecast releases to be issued later this year, and in the Annual Seed Crop report released in January 1978.

DEALER STOCKS OF OLD-CROP SEEDS HELD ON JUNE 30, 1973-77

KIND OF SEED	1973	1974	1975	1976 ^{1/}	1977
	1,000 POUNDS				
ALFALFA:					
CERTIFIED:					
WINTER-HARDY VARIETIES	N/A	9,326	14,100	11,348	7,590
NON WINTER-HARDY VARIETIES	N/A	1,981	4,645	2,950	5,810
TOTAL CERTIFIED	9,564	11,307	18,745	14,298	13,400
NONCERTIFIED AND IMPORTED:					
NO. & CENTRAL ORIGINS AND CANADA	9,990	12,443	16,265	11,388	7,360
SO. & IMPORTED EXCEPT CANADA	2,060	2,100	3,146	1,910	1,360
TOTAL NONCERTIFIED	12,050	14,543	19,411	13,298	8,720
TOTAL ALFALFA	21,614	25,850	38,156	27,596	22,120
CLOVERS:					
ALSIKE	1,691	1,081	1,119	1,235	1,020
CRIMSON	625	429	145	637	1,150
LADINO	1,443	1,254	1,646	1,716	1,880
RED:					
CERTIFIED (KENLAND, PENNSCOTT, ETC.)	1,356	938	920	1,520	1,340
NONCERTIFIED (INCL. MAMMOTH)	6,665	5,064	3,828	4,787	6,860
TOTAL RED CLOVER	8,021	6,002	4,748	6,307	8,200
SWEET (INCL. HUBAM)	7,421	4,918	6,109	2,994	3,460
WHITE (DUTCH)	1,751	920	914	799	800
LESPEDeza:					
KOREAN	778	1,368	995	748	1,100
STRIATE, KOBE	634	888	205	173	420
OTHER (INCL. SERICEA)	459	884	575	578	320
TOTAL LESPEDEZA	1,871	3,140	1,775	1,499	1,840
OTHER LEGUMES:					
BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL	431	414	325	247	180
PEAS:					
AUSTRIAN WINTER	2,918	1,283	2,203	1,430	910
WILD WINTER	224	33	62	99	120
VETCH:					
COMMON	1,896	695	292	295	640
CROWN	N/A	226	151	166	220
HAIRY	2,590	3,628	703	2,688	1,060
OTHERS	2,700	529	53	150	100
GRASSES:					
BENTGRASS	2,444	2,603	2,000	1,720	1,550
BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY, MERION	2,311	2,619	1,986	2,097	1,100
BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY, OTHER THAN MERION:					
PROPRIETARY VARIETIES	N/A	5,787	8,700	8,280	5,400
COMMON & PUBLIC VARIETIES	N/A	17,281	19,500	12,160	14,880
TOTAL	2/15,593	2/23,068	28,200	20,440	20,280
BROMEGRASS, SMOOTH	2,915	2,650	3,275	3,179	1,470
DALLISGRASS	134	57	36	49	40
FESCUE:					
CHEWINGS	2,159	2,365	2,178	2,019	1,670
MEADOW	153	127	159	126	180
RED	3,410	6,349	6,000	5,391	9,400
TALL (INCL. KY 31)	9,430	23,668	18,205	25,020	9,850
ORCHARDGRASS	7,154	8,604	8,013	8,630	7,170
REDTOP	204	489	597	526	320
RYEGRASS:					
ANNUAL	30,850	23,165	20,623	30,796	20,700
PERENNIAL	8,567	9,495	9,820	15,712	12,700
ANNUAL & PERENNIAL MIXED	1,590	1,902	1,722	2,063	1,270
SUDANGRASS ^{3/}	4,015	7,055	6,672	4,397	4,670
TIMOTHY	2,593	6,738	9,568	5,556	3,920
WHEATGRASS:					
CRESTED	1,712	1,638	1,354	1,634	910
INTERMEDIATE	1,312	1,159	897	547	330
PUBESCENT	329	392	391	432	190
SLENDER	126	216	261	196	150
TALL	215	310	459	495	380

^{1/} REVISED. ^{2/} INCLUDES GROWER OWNED SEED IN DEALERS' WAREHOUSES. ^{3/} INCLUDES SUDANGRASS HYBRIDS BUT NOT CROSSES.