

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 many field seeds on June 30, 1978 were down from a year earlier.

Stocks of certified alfalfa seed owned or controlled by dealers were down 12 percent from last year, while stocks of noncertified alfalfa increased 39 percent. Annual ryegrass stocks were up 55 percent, but stocks of perennial ryegrass were down 16 percent. Tall fescue seed stocks increased 11 percent from a year earlier. Stocks of certified red clover were down 4 percent, and noncertified red clover seed stocks were 22 percent below a year earlier.

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 dealers' 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 1979.

DEALER STOCKS OF OLD-CROP SEEDS, HELD ON JUNE 30, 1974-78

KIND OF SEED	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
	1,000 POUNDS				
ALFALFA:					
CERTIFIED:					
WINTER-HARDY VARIETIES	9,326	14,100	11,348	7,590	8,710
NON-WINTER-HARDY VARIETIES	1,981	4,645	2,950	5,810	3,110
TOTAL CERTIFIED	11,307	18,745	14,298	13,400	11,820
NONCERTIFIED AND IMPORTED:					
NO & CENTRAL ORIGINS AND CANADA	12,443	16,265	11,388	7,360	9,880
SO & IMPORTED EXCEPT CANADA	2,100	3,146	1,910	1,360	2,260
TOTAL NONCERTIFIED	14,543	19,411	13,298	8,720	12,140
TOTAL ALFALFA	25,850	38,156	27,596	22,120	23,960
CLOVERS:					
ALSIKE	1,081	1,119	1,235	1,020	2,760
CRIMSON	429	145	637	1,150	1,320
LADINO	1,254	1,646	1,716	1,880	1,730
RED:					
CERTIFIED (KENLAND, PENNSCOTT, ETC)	938	920	1,520	1,340	1,290
NONCERTIFIED (INCL MAMMOTH)	5,064	3,828	4,787	6,860	5,330
TOTAL RED CLOVER	6,002	4,748	6,307	8,200	6,620
SWEET (INCL HUBAM)	4,918	6,109	2,994	3,460	5,580
WHITE (DUTCH)	920	914	799	800	720
LESPEDEZA:					
KOREAN	1,368	995	748	1,100	1,100
STRIATE, KODE	888	205	173	420	910
OTHER (INCL SERICEA)	884	575	578	320	300
TOTAL LESPEDEZA	3,140	1,775	1,499	1,840	2,310
OTHER LEGUMES:					
BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL	414	325	247	180	520
PEAS:					
AUSTRIAN WINTER	1,283	2,203	1,430	910	1,030
WILD WINTER	33	62	99	120	30
VETCH:					
COMMON	695	292	295	640	2,520
CROWN	226	151	166	220	120
HAIRY	3,628	703	2,688	1,060	850
OTHERS	529	53	150	100	660
GRASSES:					
BENTGRASS	2,603	2,000	1,720	1,550	950
BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY, MERION	2,619	1,986	2,097	1,100	440
BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY, OTHER THAN MERION:					
PROPRIETARY VARIETIES	5,787	8,700	8,280	5,400	2,760
COMMON & PUBLIC VARIETIES	17,281	19,500	12,160	14,880	7,440
TOTAL	23,068	28,200	20,440	20,280	10,200
BROMEGRASS, SMOOTH	2,650	3,275	3,179	1,470	1,880
DALLISGRASS	57	36	49	40	20
FESCUE:					
CHEWINGS	2,365	2,178	2,019	1,670	1,140
MEADOW	127	159	126	180	50
RED	6,349	6,000	5,391	9,400	7,150
TALL (INCL KY 31)	23,668	18,205	25,020	9,850	10,890
ORCHARDGRASS	8,604	8,013	8,630	7,170	4,550
REDFOP	489	597	526	320	140
RYEGRASS:					
ANNUAL	23,165	20,623	30,796	20,700	32,060
PERENNIAL	9,495	9,820	15,712	12,700	10,730
ANNUAL & PERENNIAL MIXED	1,902	1,722	2,063	1,270	860
SUDANGRASS 2/	7,065	6,672	4,397	4,670	7,060
TIMOTHY	6,738	9,568	5,556	3,920	1,260
WHEATGRASS:					
CRESTED	1,638	1,354	1,634	910	2,070
INTERMEDIATE	1,159	897	547	330	660
PUBESCENT	392	391	432	190	160
SLENDER	216	261	196	150	470
TALL	310	459	495	380	410

1/ INCLUDES GROWER OWNED SEED IN DEALERS' WAREHOUSES. 2/ INCLUDES SUDANGRASS HYBRIDS BUT NOT CROSSES.