
FIELD SEED STOCKS



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The mid-year survey of seed dealers across the U.S. indicated that old crop stocks of many field seeds on June 30, 1979 were up from a year earlier.

Stocks of certified alfalfa seed owned or controlled by dealers were down 3 percent from last year, while stocks of non-certified alfalfa increased 41 percent. Annual ryegrass stocks were down 37 percent, but stocks of perennial ryegrass were up 16 percent. Tall fescue seed stocks increased 178 percent from a year earlier. Stocks of certified red clover were up 123 percent, and noncertified red clover seed stocks were 37 percent above 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 1980.

DEALER STOCKS OF OLD-CROP SEEDS HELD ON JUNE 30, 1975-79

KIND OF SEED	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
	1,000 POUNDS				
ALFALFA:					
CERTIFIED:					
WINTER-HARDY VARIETIES	14,100	11,348	7,590	8,710	9,000
NON-WINTER-HARDY VARIETIES	4,645	2,950	5,810	3,110	2,490
TOTAL CERTIFIED	18,745	14,298	13,400	11,820	11,490
NONCERTIFIED AND IMPORTED:					
NO & CENTRAL ORIGINS AND CANADA	16,265	11,388	7,360	9,880	15,560
SO & IMPORTED EXCEPT CANADA	3,146	1,910	1,360	2,260	1,590
TOTAL NONCERTIFIED	19,411	13,298	8,720	12,140	17,150
TOTAL ALFALFA	38,156	27,596	22,120	23,960	28,640
CLOVERS:					
ALSIKE	1,119	1,235	1,020	2,760	2,110
CRIMSON	145	637	1,150	1,320	720
LADINO	1,646	1,716	1,880	1,730	2,090
RED:					
CERTIFIED (KENLAND, PENNSCOTT, ETC)	920	1,520	1,340	1,290	2,880
NONCERTIFIED (INCL MAMMOTH)	3,828	4,787	6,860	5,330	7,280
TOTAL RED CLOVER	4,748	6,307	8,200	6,620	10,160
SWEET (INCL HUBAM)	6,109	2,994	3,460	5,580	4,270
WHITE (DUTCH)	914	799	800	720	730
LESPEDEZA:					
KOREAN	995	748	1,100	1,100	1,590
STRIATE, KOBE	205	173	420	910	1,120
OTHER (INCL SERICEA)	575	578	320	300	730
TOTAL LESPEDEZA	1,775	1,499	1,840	2,310	3,440
OTHER LEGUMES:					
BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL	325	247	180	520	410
CROWN VETCH	151	166	220	120	70
PEAS:					
AUSTRIAN WINTER	2,203	1,430	910	1,030	2,530
WILD WINTER	62	99	120	30	130
VETCH:					
COMMON	292	295	640	2,520	600
HAIRY	703	2,688	1,060	850	1,460
OTHERS	53	150	100	660	1,180
GRASSES:					
BENTGRASS	2,000	1,720	1,550	950	580
BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY:					
PROPRIETARY VARIETIES INCL MERION	10,686	10,377	6,500	3,200	3,890
COMMON & PUBLIC VARIETIES	19,500	12,160	14,880	7,440	11,920
TOTAL KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS	30,186	22,537	21,380	10,640	15,810
BROMEGRASS, SMOOTH	3,275	3,179	1,470	1,880	3,310
DALLISGRASS	36	49	40	20	50
FESCUE:					
CHEWINGS	2,178	2,019	1,670	1,140	810
MEADOW	159	126	180	50	54
RED	6,000	5,391	9,400	7,150	5,300
TALL (INCL KY 31)	18,205	25,020	9,850	10,890	30,240
ORCHARDGRASS	8,013	8,630	7,170	4,550	3,000
REOTOP	597	526	320	140	240
RYEGRASS:					
ANNUAL	20,623	30,796	20,700	32,060	20,260
PERENNIAL	9,820	15,712	12,700	10,730	12,500
ANNUAL & PERENNIAL MIXED	1,722	2,063	1,270	860	1,570
TOTAL RYEGRASS	32,165	48,571	34,670	43,650	34,330
SUDANGRASS 1/	6,672	4,397	4,670	7,060	7,650
TIMOTHY	9,568	5,556	3,920	1,260	3,980
WHEATGRASS:					
CRESTED	1,354	1,634	910	2,070	2,440
INTERMEDIATE	897	547	330	660	760
PUBESCENT	391	432	190	160	310
SLENDER	261	196	150	470	430
TALL	459	495	380	410	490

1/ INCLUDES SUDANGRASS HYBRIDS BUT NOT CROSSES.