

# FIELD SEED STOCKS

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## DEALER STOCKS OF FIELD SEEDS

The June 30, 1980 survey of seed dealers across the U.S. placed carryover field seed stocks 1 percent less than a year ago. Legume seeds were up 3 percent, while grass seed stocks were down 3 percent.

Stocks of certified alfalfa seed owned and controlled by dealers were up 35 percent, while non-certified alfalfa seed stocks were down 7 percent. Clover seed stocks gained 1 percent, led by a 12 percent increase in red clover seed.

Bluegrass carryover stocks were down 9 percent. A slight gain in proprietary varieties of bluegrass seed was more than offset by a drop in common and public varieties. Tall fescue seed stocks held relatively high, but were down 21 percent from last year's large carryover. Annual ryegrass jumped one-third to push the all ryegrass total up 11 percent from 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 1981.

DEALER STOCKS OF OLD-CROP SEEDS HELD ON JUNE 30, 1976-80

KIND OF SEED	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
	1,000 POUNDS				
ALFALFA:					
CERTIFIED:					
WINTER-HARDY VARIETIES	11,348	7,590	8,710	9,000	14,100
NON-WINTER-HARDY VARIETIES	2,950	5,810	3,110	2,490	1,410
TOTAL CERTIFIED	14,298	13,400	11,820	11,490	15,510
NONCERTIFIED AND IMPORTED:					
NORTH & CENTRAL ORIGINS AND CANADA	11,388	7,360	9,880	15,560	14,600
SOUTH & IMPORTED EXCEPT CANADA	1,910	1,360	2,260	1,590	1,410
TOTAL NONCERTIFIED	13,298	8,720	12,140	17,150	16,010
TOTAL ALFALFA	27,596	22,120	23,960	28,640	31,520
CLOVERS:					
ALSIKE	1,235	1,020	2,760	2,110	1,740
CRIMSON	637	1,150	1,320	720	980
LADINO	1,716	1,880	1,730	2,090	2,070
RED:					
CERTIFIED (KENLAND, PENNSCOTT, ETC)	1,520	1,340	1,290	2,880	3,280
NONCERTIFIED (INCL MAMMOTH)	4,787	6,860	5,330	7,280	8,130
TOTAL RED CLOVER	6,307	8,200	6,620	10,160	11,410
SWEET (INCL HUBAM)	2,994	3,460	5,580	4,270	3,450
WHITE (DUTCH)	799	800	720	730	730
LESPEDEZA:					
KOREAN	748	1,100	1,100	1,590	1,540
STRIATE, KOBE	173	420	910	1,120	830
OTHER (INCL SERICEA)	578	320	300	730	640
TOTAL LESPEDEZA	1,499	1,840	2,310	3,440	3,010
OTHER LEGUMES:					
BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL	247	180	520	410	360
CROWN VETCH	166	220	120	70	70
PEAS:					
AUSTRIAN WINTER	1,430	910	1,030	2,530	1,580
WILD WINTER	99	120	30	130	30
VETCH:					
COMMON	295	640	2,520	600	430
HAIRY	2,688	1,060	850	1,460	2,180
OTHERS	150	100	660	1,180	680
GRASSES:					
BENTGRASS	1,720	1,550	950	580	600
BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY:					
PROPRIETARY VARIETIES INCL MERION	10,377	6,500	3,200	3,890	3,930
COMMON & PUBLIC VARIETIES	12,160	14,880	7,440	11,920	10,410
TOTAL KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS	22,537	21,380	10,640	15,810	14,340
BROMEGRASS, SMOOTH	3,179	1,470	1,880	3,310	4,000
DALLISGRASS	49	40	20	50	100
FESCUE:					
CHEWINGS	2,019	1,670	1,140	810	1,400
MEADOW	126	180	50	54	130
RED	5,391	9,400	7,150	5,300	4,060
TALL (INCL KY 31)	25,020	9,850	10,890	30,240	24,000
ORCHARDGRASS	8,630	7,170	4,550	3,000	3,890
REDTOP	526	320	140	240	270
RYEGRASS:					
ANNUAL	30,796	20,700	32,060	20,260	27,000
PERENNIAL	15,712	12,700	10,730	12,500	9,640
ANNUAL & PERENNIAL MIXED	2,063	1,270	860	1,570	1,420
TOTAL RYEGRASS	48,571	34,670	43,650	34,330	38,060
SUDANGRASS 1/	4,397	4,670	7,060	7,650	4,540
TIMOTHY	5,556	3,920	1,260	3,980	6,660
WHEATGRASS:					
CRESTED	1,634	910	2,070	2,440	2,200
INTERMEDIATE	547	330	660	760	1,020
PUBESCENT	432	190	160	310	290
SLENDER	196	150	470	430	220
TALL	495	380	410	490	300

1/ INCLUDES SUDANGRASS HYBRIDS BUT NOT CROSSES.