

FIELD SEED STOCKS



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DEALER FIELD SEED STOCKS DOWN 14 PERCENT

Carryover of field seeds in dealers warehouses shrank 14 percent from a year ago, according to a June 30, 1981 seed stocks survey conducted by the Crop Reporting Board. Legume seeds were down 9 percent, while grass seed stocks dropped 17 percent.

Tall fescue seed carryover (including Kentucky 31) fell 65 percent to the lowest level in many years. High inventories created by the very heavy 1978 crop are now gone. Ryegrass seed inventories were off 5 percent due to a 7 percent decline in annual ryegrass seed. Perennial ryegrass seed stocks were 6 percent. Wheat grass was down 26 percent; while bromegrass dipped 5 percent.

Kentucky bluegrass seed stocks were up 31 percent, pushed by more than double last year's stock of proprietary varieties. Timothy seed carryover gained 13 percent over last June.

The legume seed stocks decline was led by a 19 percent drop in red clover seed. Lespedeza stocks were about half last year's level because of very low inventories of Korean, Striate and Kobe varieties. Sericea lespedeza seed carryover was up 22 percent.

Alfalfa seed inventories were up 10 percent, with certified seed stocks gaining 26 percent, while non-certified seed stocks were down 5 percent.

All data included in this report refer to stocks of seed owned and controlled by dealers. Stocks of farmer owned seed (on-farm or in dealers' warehouses) will be reported in the production forecasts to be issued later this year and in the Annual Seed Crop Report released in January 1982.

DEALER STOCKS OF OLD-CROP SEEDS HELD ON JUNE 30, 1977-81

KIND OF SEED	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
1,000 POUNDS					
ALFALFA:					
CERTIFIED:					
WINTER-HARDY VARIETIES	7,590	8,710	9,000	14,100	17,900
NON-WINTER-HARDY VARIETIES	5,810	3,110	2,490	1,410	1,630
TOTAL CERTIFIED	13,400	11,820	11,490	15,510	19,530
NONCERTIFIED AND IMPORTED:					
NORTH & CENTRAL ORIGINS AND CANADA	7,360	9,880	15,560	14,600	14,000
SOUTH & IMPORTED EXCEPT CANADA	1,360	2,260	1,590	1,410	1,180
TOTAL NONCERTIFIED	8,720	12,140	17,150	16,010	15,180
TOTAL ALFALFA	22,120	23,960	28,640	31,520	34,710
CLOVERS:					
ALSIKE	1,020	2,760	2,110	1,740	1,670
CRIMSON	1,150	1,320	720	980	460
LADINO	1,880	1,730	2,090	2,070	500
RED:					
CERTIFIED (KENLAND, PENNSCOTT, ETC)	1,340	1,290	2,880	3,280	2,700
NONCERTIFIED (INCL MAMMOTH)	6,860	5,330	7,280	8,130	6,500
TOTAL RED CLOVER	8,200	6,620	10,160	11,410	9,200
SWEET (INCL HUBAM)	3,460	5,580	4,270	3,450	2,140
WHITE (DUTCH)	800	720	730	730	520
LESPEDEZA:					
KOREAN	1,100	1,100	1,590	1,540	580
STRIATE, KOBE	420	910	1,120	830	240
OTHER (INCL SERICEA)	320	300	730	640	780
TOTAL LESPEDEZA	1,840	2,310	3,440	3,010	1,600
OTHER LEGUMES:					
BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL	180	520	410	360	680
CROWN VETCH	220	120	70	70	110
PEAS:					
AUSTRIAN WINTER	910	1,030	2,530	1,580	660
WILD WINTER	120	30	130	30	130
VETCH:					
COMMON	640	2,520	600	430	300
HAIRY	1,060	850	1,460	2,180	1,680
OTHERS	100	660	1,180	680	170
GRASSES:					
BENTGRASS	1,550	950	580	600	1,050
BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY:					
PROPRIETARY VARIETIES INCL MERION	6,500	3,200	3,890	3,930	8,420
COMMON & PUBLIC VARIETIES	14,880	7,440	11,920	10,410	10,310
TOTAL KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS	21,380	10,640	15,810	14,340	18,730
BROMEGRASS, SMOOTH	1,470	1,880	3,310	4,000	3,800
DALLISGRASS	40	20	50	100	30
FESCUE:					
CHEWINGS	1,670	1,140	810	1,400	1,480
MEADOW	180	50	54	130	40
RED	9,400	7,150	5,300	4,060	2,400
TALL (INCL KY 31)	9,850	10,890	30,240	24,000	8,400
ORCHARDGRASS	7,170	4,550	3,000	3,890	3,850
REDFOP	320	140	240	270	280
RYEGRASS:					
ANNUAL	20,700	32,060	20,260	27,000	25,000
PERENNIAL	12,700	10,730	12,500	9,640	10,200
PROPRIETARY	-	-	-	-	6,480
COMMON & PUBLIC	-	-	-	-	3,720
ANNUAL & PERENNIAL MIXED	1,270	860	1,570	1,420	940
TOTAL RYEGRASS	34,670	43,650	34,330	38,060	36,140
SUDANGRASS 1/	4,670	7,060	7,650	4,540	1,060
TIMOTHY	3,920	1,260	3,980	6,660	7,500
WHEATGRASS:					
CRESTED	910	2,070	2,440	2,200	1,700
INTERMEDIATE	330	660	760	1,020	650
PUBESCENT	190	160	310	290	180
SLENDER	150	470	430	220	170
TALL	380	410	490	300	300

1/ INCLUDES SUDANGRASS HYBRIDS BUT NOT CROSSES.