

Winter Wheat and Rye Seedings



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Winter wheat seedings for 1994 are estimated at 50.6 million acres, down 2 percent from 1993. Hard Red Winter wheat seedings are 35.8 million acres, Soft Red Winter wheat totals 10.3 million acres, and White Winter wheat 4.54 million acres.

Winter Wheat and Rye: Area Seeded, United States, 1992-94
(Domestic Units)

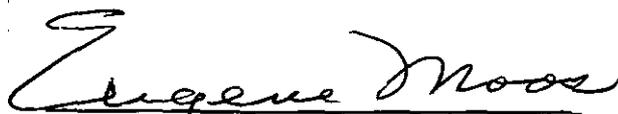
Item	Area Seeded Crop of			Area Seeded as % of Previous Year Crop of		
	1992	1993	1994	1992	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			----- Percent -----		
Winter Wheat	51,057	51,727	50,612	100	101	98
Rye	1,582	1,493	1,780	95	94	119
	(Metric Units)					
	----- Hectares -----			----- Percent -----		
Winter Wheat	20,662,260	20,933,400	20,482,170	100	101	98
Rye	640,220	604,200	720,350	95	94	119

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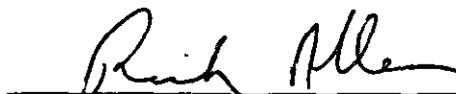
Durum Wheat: Farmers in Arizona and California intend to seed 130,000 acres of durum wheat for 1994. If realized, this will result in a 35 percent increase from 1993. Arizona's acreage will be the largest since 1989; planting conditions have been ideal. California's Imperial Valley growers delayed planting a little because of dryness. Favorable conditions prevailed during early December. Seeding will continue through January.

Rye: Rye seedings for 1994 are placed at 1.78 million acres, up 19 percent from 1993 to highest level in 5 years. Area seeded is up in Georgia and Minnesota and unchanged in Nebraska from last year. The seeded area continues to decline in the Dakotas.

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Winter Wheat: Area seeded for the 1994 crop is estimated at 50.6 million acres, down 2 percent from 1993. This would be the lowest seeded area since 1988. Planting began last August in several States with about 2 percent of the crop in by September 1. Planting progressed favorably in many areas but less so in others, finally reaching 98 percent completion by December 1.

Soft Red Winter wheat totals 10.3 million acres, down 4 percent from 1993. The Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio crescent is down 12 percent from last year, solely due to a combined 850,000 acre drop in Illinois and Missouri. Increased Ohio acreage, coupled with mid-Atlantic and Southeastern increases partially offset the drop. The Illinois and Missouri acreage estimates are both the smallest since 1987. Indiana's crop is in good condition, but fields are wet.

White Winter wheat seedings are 4.54 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. Plantings in the Pacific Northwest are down 2 percent from 1993. Eastern Washington has enjoyed good precipitation and relatively mild temperatures. Oregon seeding conditions were favorable. Michigan's area is up slightly; late harvests and wet conditions again prevented some intended area from being seeded. New York growers had favorable fall seeding weather.

Hard Red Winter wheat, at 35.8 million acres, is down 2 percent from 1993, largely because of 450,000 and 300,000 acre drops in Montana and Texas, respectively. Most Hard Red areas are down from last year. Only Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma have seeded more acreage than a year ago. California and South Dakota are unchanged. Extremely late 1993 spring wheat harvests limited Montana growers' opportunity to seed winter wheat. Dry planting conditions curtailed acreage in the Plains and central areas of Texas; the wheat that did get in needs rain. Seeding and emergence progressed ahead of average in Colorado; the crop rated 80 percent good or better going into winter. Conditions were generally favorable in Oklahoma, but some re-planting was needed in the few dry areas. Wetness prevented seedings in some north central Kansas counties. California's emerged wheat rated mostly good or better as seeding continues.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1992-94

State	Area Seeded			1994/1993
	Crop of			
	1992	1993	1994	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	140	145	150	103
AZ	45	40	30	75
AR	950	1,100	1,100	100
CA	600	550	550	100
CO	2,650	2,800	2,900	104
DE	75	65	75	115
FL	45	40	35	88
GA	400	400	500	125
ID	870	920	900	98
IL	1,450	1,650	1,150	70
IN	800	720	750	104
IA	70	60	50	83
KS	12,000	12,100	12,200	101
KY	620	680	640	94
LA	200	130	110	85
MD	230	210	250	119
MI	650	580	600	103
MN	50	45	40	89
MS	300	250	200	80
MO	1,500	1,650	1,300	79
MT	2,600	2,650	2,200	83
NE	2,350	2,350	2,300	98
NV	6	5	7	140
NJ	36	43	55	128
NM	550	510	490	96
NY	120	95	120	126
NC	600	610	720	118
ND	200	150	40	27
OH	1,230	1,050	1,150	110
OK	7,400	7,200	7,400	103
OR	860	880	900	102
PA	190	170	200	118
SC	285	280	310	111
SD	1,650	1,600	1,600	100
TN	410	490	470	96
TX	5,900	6,100	5,800	95
UT	145	160	160	100
VA	290	280	300	107
WA	2,200	2,600	2,500	96
WV	15	14	15	107
WI	145	135	145	107
WY	230	220	200	91
US	51,057	51,727	50,612	98

Rye: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1992-94

State	Area Seeded			1994/1993
	Crop of			
	1992	1993	1994	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
CO	10	11	17	155
GA	300	300	420	140
IL	45	40	45	113
IN	25	25	20	80
KS	50	70	90	129
MD	30	30	35	117
MI	110	80	100	125
MN	30	30	50	167
NE	110	100	100	100
NJ	50	32	33	103
NY	52	40	30	75
NC	90	110	150	136
ND	45	35	25	71
OH	40	45	50	111
OK	130	110	120	109
PA	70	40	60	150
SC	60	50	75	150
SD	55	55	50	91
TX	120	130	120	92
VA	90	80	100	125
WI	70	80	90	113
US	1,582	1,493	1,780	119

Durum Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 1992-94

State	Area Seeded			1994/1993
	Crop of			
	1992	1993	1994 ^{1/}	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AZ	45	55	70	127
CA	57	41	60	146
MN	10	10		
MT	160	115		
ND	2,200	1,950		
SD	35	20		
US	2,507	2,191		

^{1/} Indicated 1994 area seeded to be published in "Prospective Plantings" released March 31, 1994.

