

SUNFLOWER SEEDS



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SUNFLOWER SEED ACREAGE UP SHARPLY

Sunflower seed acreage planted in 1977 for all purposes is estimated at 2,090,000 acres for the 4 States in the federal estimating program. Acreage for oil at 1,832,000 acres represents 88 percent of the total.

The total Minnesota crop with 89 percent for oil is estimated at 460,000 acres, more than twice the acreage planted last year. North Dakota planted acreage is placed at 1,200,000 acres, up 94 percent from 1976. Oil varieties represent 83 percent of North Dakota's total acreage.

South Dakota's total planted acreage is estimated at 180,000 acres and the Texas planted acreage is estimated at 250,000 acres. Oil varieties represent 98 percent of the total acreage in each State. South Dakota and Texas are new to the federal sunflower statistics program in 1977.

Acreage and product in revisions of the 1976 crop for Minnesota and North Dakota place the two-state total production at 857 million pounds, up 9 percent from 1975. Production of oil varieties accounts for 643 million pounds, up 10 percent; non-oil varieties totaled 214 million pounds, up 6 percent. Oil varieties represent 75 percent of the total production. Total Minnesota production for 1976 is estimated at 257 million pounds, up 8 percent from the 1975 crop. North Dakota increased 10 percent to 600 million pounds. Planted acreage for the two States totaled 834,000 acres, up 6 percent from the 1975 crop. Harvested acreage totaled 810,000 acres, up 14 percent from the previous year. The 1976 yield for the total crop in the two-State area averaged 1,058 pounds per acre compared with 1,109 pounds the previous year. Yield from oil varieties is estimated at 1,072 pounds, down 45 pounds per acre and the non-oil yield decreased 67 pounds to 1,019 pounds per acre.

The first estimate of production of the 1977 crop will be included in the 1977 Annual Crop Summary to be issued in January, 1978.

The addition of South Dakota and Texas to the sunflower seed estimating program is effective with this report. Acres planted and acres for harvest in 1977 are shown for the 4 states now in the program. In addition, revisions for Minnesota and North Dakota for the 1976 crop for planted acres, harvested acres, yield, production, price, and value are included.

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STATE	AREA						YIELD		PRODUCTION	
	PLANTED		IND	HARVESTED		IND	1975	1976	1975	1976
	1975	1976		1977	1975					
1,000 ACRES			1,000 ACRES			POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS		
OIL VARIETIES										
MINN	197	183	410	174	180	393	1,150	1,240	200,100	223,200
N DAK	376	433	1,000	349	420	980	1,100	1,000	383,900	420,000
S DAK			177			172				
TEX			245			235				
MINN-N DAK	573	616	1,410	523	600	1,373	1,117	1,072	584,000	643,200
4 STS			1,832			1,780				
NON-OIL VARIETIES										
MINN	48	31	50	37	30	47	1,030	1,130	38,110	33,900
N DAK	166	187	200	149	180	190	1,100	1,000	163,900	180,000
S DAK			3			3				
TEX			5			5				
MINN-N DAK	214	218	250	186	210	237	1,086	1,019	202,010	213,900
4 STS			258			245				
TOTAL										
MINN	245	214	460	211	210	440	1,129	1,224	238,210	257,100
N DAK	542	620	1,200	498	600	1,170	1,100	1,000	547,800	600,000
S DAK			180			175				
TEX			250			240				
MINN-N DAK	787	834	1,660	709	810	1,610	1,109	1,058	786,010	857,100
4 STS			2,090			2,025				
PRICE PER CWT						VALUE OF PRODUCTION				
1975			1976			1975		1976		
DOLLARS						1,000 DOLLARS				
OIL VARIETIES										
MINN	10.60		10.50		21,211		23,436			
N DAK	10.40		10.80		39,926		45,360			
S DAK										
TEX										
MINN-N DAK	10.50		10.70		61,137		68,796			
4 STS										
NON-OIL VARIETIES										
MINN	12.20		12.90		4,649		4,373			
N DAK	11.70		11.70		19,176		21,060			
S DAK										
TEX										
MINN-N DAK	11.80		11.90		23,825		25,433			
4 STS										
TOTAL										
MINN	10.90		10.80		25,860		27,809			
N DAK	10.80		11.10		59,102		66,420			
S DAK										
TEX										
MINN-N DAK	10.80		11.00		84,962		94,229			
4 STS										

1/ SOUTH DAKOTA AND TEXAS ADDED IN 1977.