

# TALL FESCUE SEED SOUTHERN STATES

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## SOUTHERN STATES TALL FESCUE SEED CROP DOWN 19 PERCENT

The 1980 production of tall fescue seed in six southern States is forecast at 72.3 million pounds (32.8 thousand metric tons). That is down 19 percent from last year and 56 percent short of the crop's 1978 production peak. Acreage for harvest this year dropped 13 percent to 288 thousand acres (117 thousand hectares). Yields are expected to average 251 pounds per acre, down 19 pounds from last year.

Production in the Nation's leading tall fescue State, Missouri, is forecast at 58.7 million pounds, down 18 percent from a year ago. Lower acreage harvested in each of the six southern fescue States reflects continued weak demand and low prices for seed.

### TALL FESCUE SEED (SOUTHERN STATES)

STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			: PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1978	1979	1980 1/	1978	1979	1980 1/	1978	1979	1980 1/
	ACRES			POUNDS			1,000 POUNDS		
ARK	25,500	14,000	13,000	310	295	300	7,905	4,130	3,900
GA	14,000	11,000	10,000	210	220	225	2,940	2,420	2,250
KANS	37,000	24,000	12,000	200	225	230	7,400	5,400	2,760
KY	42,000	17,000	15,000	270	220	215	11,340	3,740	3,225
MO	415,000	255,000	230,000	315	280	255	130,725	71,400	58,650
TENN	23,000	10,000	8,000	200	220	195	4,600	2,200	1,560
TOTAL ABOVE:									
STATES	556,500	331,000	288,000	296	270	251	164,910	89,290	72,345

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