

# TALL FESCUE SEED OREGON

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## OREGON TALL FESCUE SEED PRODUCTION DOWN 14 PERCENT, UNITED STATES UP 26 PERCENT

OREGON: The 1981 tall fescue seed crop in Oregon is forecast at 8.05 million pounds (3650 metric tons), down 14 percent from last year, but up 12 percent from two years ago. Acreage for harvest, estimated at 11.5 thousand acres (4650 hectares), increased 5 percent from last year, but forecast seed yield at 700 pounds per acre, is well below the record yield of 850 pounds per acre realized last year.

UNITED STATES: The U.S. tall fescue seed crop is expected to total 99.3 million pounds (45.1 thousand metric tons) in 1981, up 26 percent from last year. This estimate combines the Oregon forecast with those made in July for the 6 Southern States. Acreage for harvest in the U.S. totaled 381 thousand acres (154 thousand hectares), up 22 percent from last year. The U.S. average yield at 261 pounds per acre, gained 9 pounds per acre from last year. ~~Larger crops in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia more than offset smaller crops in Arkansas, Kansas and Oregon.~~

### CARRYOVER AND SUPPLY

Carryover of old crop tall fescue seed on June 30, 1981 is estimated at 9.13 million pounds, down sharply from last year's 38.0 million pounds. Farmers virtually cleaned out their bins, leaving only 775 thousand pounds. Dealer stocks at 8.40 million pounds were only one-third of last year's carryover inventory. The initial supply for 1981 (carryover plus production) is estimated at 109 million pounds, 7 percent less than last year.

TALL FESCUE SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION, 1979, 1980, AND 1981

STATE <sup>1/</sup>	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
	ACRES			POUNDS			1,000 POUNDS		
ARK	14,000	13,000	11,000	295	260	270	4,130	3,380	2,970
GA	11,000	10,000	11,000	220	215	220	2,420	2,150	2,420
KANS	27,000	17,000	13,000	225	150	150	6,075	2,550	1,950
NY	17,000	20,000	32,000	220	190	230	3,740	3,800	7,360
MO	265,000	230,000	290,000	280	240	255	74,200	55,200	73,950
OREG	10,000	11,000	11,500	720	850	700	7,200	9,350	8,050
TENN	10,000	11,000	12,000	240	200	220	2,400	2,200	2,640
TOTAL ABOVE STATES	354,000	312,000	380,500	283	252	261	100,165	78,630	99,340

<sup>1/</sup> ESTIMATES CARRIED FORWARD FROM JUL 9 SOUTHERN STATES TALL FESCUE SEED REPORT EXCEPT FOR OREG.

TALL FESCUE SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES: 1979, 1980, AND 1981

ITEM	1979	1980	1981 <sup>1/</sup>
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	100,165	78,630	99,340
FARM CARRYOVER <sup>2/</sup>	21,358	14,020	775
DEALER CARRYOVER	30,240	24,000	8,400
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION PLUS CARRYOVER)	151,763	116,650	108,515

<sup>1/</sup> INDICTED

<sup>2/</sup> INCLUDES GROWER OWNED SEED STORED IN DEALER WAREHOUSE.