

TALL FESCUE SEED OREGON

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OREGON TALL FESCUE SEED CROP DOWN 3 PERCENT

OREGON: The 1978 tall fescue seed crop in Oregon is forecast at 6.30 million pounds (2.86 thousand metric tons), down 3 percent from last year. Acreage is down 10 percent from last year, while yield per acre is expected to average 700 pounds, up 50 pounds from last year. A good growing season was reported in Oregon with the seed harvested between rain showers. Although some seed was light, yields held up well.

UNITED STATES: The U S production forecast, at 137 million pounds (62.0 thousand metric tons), is up 28 percent from 1977. This estimate combines the current forecast of production for Oregon with the July forecast for the six Southern States. Acreage for harvest this year is 527 thousand acres (213 thousand hectares), 17 percent above 1977. Average yield per acre is forecast at 260 pounds, up 23 pounds from last year.

CARRYOVER AND SUPPLY

Carryover of old-crop tall fescue seed on June 30, 1978 is estimated at 12.9 million pounds (10.9 million by dealers and 2.01 million by growers). This is an increase of 12 percent from last year (9.85 million pounds by dealers and 1.62 million by growers). The initial supply (production plus carryover) is indicated to be 150 million pounds, 25 percent above a year earlier. Imports of tall fescue seed during the year ended June 30, 1978 totaled 4,000 pounds compared with 6,200 pounds the previous year.

TALL FESCUE SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, AND
PRODUCTION, 1976, 1977 AND 1978

STATE ^{1/}	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978
	ACRES			POUNDS			1,000 POUNDS		
ALA ^{2/}	4,500	4,000		150	130		675	520	
ARK	16,000	17,000	21,500	280	290	310	4,480	4,930	6,665
GA	10,000	10,000	13,000	200	205	215	2,000	2,050	2,795
KANS	40,000	30,000	28,000	140	150	185	5,600	4,500	5,180
KY	18,000	21,000	34,000	185	190	200	3,330	3,990	6,800
MO	255,000	349,000	405,000	235	235	260	59,925	82,015	105,300
OREG	10,000	10,000	9,000	600	650	700	6,000	6,500	6,300
S C ^{2/}	5,000	6,000		180	170		900	1,020	
TENN	12,000	13,000	16,000	200	190	225	2,400	2,470	3,600
U S ^{3/}	361,000	450,000	526,500	232	237	260	83,735	106,455	136,640

^{1/} ESTIMATES FOR STATES OTHER THAN OREGON CARRIED FORWARD FROM JULY 13 SOUTHERN STATES TALL FESCUE SEED REPORT. ^{2/} ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED BEGINNING WITH 1978 CROP YEAR. ^{3/} ALA AND S C NOT INCLUDED IN U S TOTAL FOR 1976 AND 1977.

TALL FESCUE SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES: 1976, 1977, AND 1978

ITEM	1976	1977	1978
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	1/ 85,310	1/ 107,995	136,640
FARM CARRYOVER ^{2/}	1/ 7,119	1/ 1,615	2,007
DEALER CARRYOVER	25,020	9,850	10,890
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION & CARRYOVER)	1/ 117,449	1/ 119,460	149,537

^{1/} INCLUDES STATES DISCONTINUED FOLLOWING THE 1977 CROP.
^{2/} INCLUDES GROWER OWNED SEED STORED IN DEALER WAREHOUSES.