

TALL FESCUE SEED OREGON



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OREGON TALL FESCUE SEED CROP UP 30 PERCENT

OREGON: The 1980 tall fescue crop in Oregon is forecast at 9.35 million pounds (4240 metric tons), up 30 percent from last year. Yields are good and are forecast at a record high 850 pounds per acre, up 18 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 11.0 thousand up 10 percent from 1979. No problems from volcanic ash have been reported.

UNITED STATES: The U.S. tall fescue seed crop for 1980 is forecast at 81.7 million pound (37.1 thousand metric tons), down 15 percent from 1979. This forecast combines the Oregon forecast with those made in July for the 6 Southern States. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 299, thousand acres (121 thousand hectares), down 12 percent from last year. In spite of the good crop in Oregon, the U.S. average yield per acre, at 273 pounds, is expected to be down 10 pounds from last year. Smaller crops in Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee more than offset better crops in other States.

CARRYOVER AND SUPPLY

Carryover of old-crop tall fescue seed on June 30, 1980 is estimated at 37.4 million pounds. Farmers held or controlled 13.4 million pounds of seed, while dealers kept another 24.0 million pounds. The initial supply (production plus carryover) is estimated at 119 million pounds, 20 percent below a year earlier. Imports of tall fescue seed July 1, 1979 through May 31, 1980 totaled 29.4 thousand pounds compared with 51.9 thousand pounds for the same period the previous year.

TALL FESCUE SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION, 1978, 1979, AND 1980

STATE <u>1/</u>	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1978	1979	1980	1978	1979	1980	1978	1979	1980
	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	225,000	230,000	315	280	255	130,725	71,400	58,650
OREG	9,500	10,000	11,000	700	720	850	6,650	7,200	9,350
TENN	23,000	10,000	8,000	200	220	195	4,600	2,200	1,560
TOTAL ABOVE STATES	566,000	341,000	299,000	303	283	273	171,560	96,490	81,695

1/ ESTIMATES CARRIED FORWARD FROM JUL 10 SOUTHERN STATES TALL FESCUE SEED REPORT EXCEPT FOR OREG.

TALL FESCUE SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES: 1978, 1979, AND 1980

ITEM	1978	1979	1980 <u>1/</u>
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	171,560	96,490	81,695
FARM CARRYOVER <u>2/</u>	2,004	21,336	13,449
DEALER CARRYOVER	10,890	30,240	24,000
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION PLUS CARRYOVER)	184,454	148,066	119,144

1/ INDICTED

2/ INCLUDES GROWER OWNED SEED STORED IN DEALER WAREHOUSE.