TALL FESCUE SEED SOUTHERN STATES

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SOUTHERN STATES TALL FESCUE SEED CROP UP ONE-THIRD

The 1981 production of tall fescue seed in six southern States is forecast at 91.3 million pounds (41.4 thousand metric tons). This is 32 percent above last year's short crop but 2 percent below the 1979 crop. Acreage for harvest climbed 23 percent to 369 thousand acres (149 thousand hectares). Yields are expected to average 247 pounds per acre, almost midway between last year and the year before.

Production in Missouri is forecast at 74.0 million pounds, up 34 percent from last year but rainy weather has held up harvest in all areas of the State. Spring weather in Georgia was favorable for grass seed production but harvest competed with a much larger than usual wheat crop and some acreage intended for seed may not have been cut. In Kentucky and Tennessee, May and June rains slowed crop progress and placed a very heavy workload on farmers during normal harvest time for tall fescue seed. Arkansas and Kansas growers have diverted some of their seed acreage to hay. Excessive rains, wind and hail in Kansas contributed to the acreage decline.

TALL FESCUE SEED (SOUTHERN STATES)

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