



Winter Wheat Seedings

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Planted Acres Down 4 Percent

Winter wheat seeded area for 2005 is expected to total 41.6 million acres, down 4 percent from 2004. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 30.5 million; Soft Red Winter, 6.6 million; and White Winter, 4.5 million.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, United States, 2003-2005
(Domestic Units)

| Item | Crop Year | | | 2005 as Pct. of 2004 |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | |
| | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Winter Wheat | 45,384 | 43,350 | 41,567 | 96 |

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, United States, 2003-2005
(Metric Units)

| Item | Crop Year | | | 2005 as Pct. of 2004 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | |
| | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Winter Wheat | 18,366,450 | 17,543,310 | 16,821,750 | 96 |

Winter Wheat: Planted area for harvest in 2005 is estimated at 41.6 million acres. This is down 4 percent from 2004. Seeding began last August and advanced ahead of the 5-year average pace until the middle of October, when wet weather slowed progress. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1. Most remaining intended area is in the Southeast and California. Although frequent rainfall hampered seeding progress in many areas, the precipitation was beneficial and contributed to record high condition ratings throughout much of the fall.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is about 30.5 million acres, down 1 percent from 2004. Acreage changes from last year are mixed across the growing region. Growers in Texas and Oklahoma planted significantly fewer acres this year, due largely to wet fall weather. Late cotton harvest and high cattle prices also contributed to the declines. Conversely, large acreage increases occurred in Colorado and Montana, where seeding conditions and moisture supplies were supportive.

Soft Red Winter (SRW) area, at about 6.6 million acres, is down 19 percent from last year. Large acreage declines are recorded in most SRW growing States. Wet fall conditions prevented operators from planting all of the acreage that they normally would across much of the region. Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia, and New Jersey are all at record low levels.

White Winter wheat seeded area totals about 4.5 million acres, up 4 percent from 2004. Farmers in all three Pacific Northwest States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) took advantage of good seeding conditions and adequate soil moisture and planted more acres than a year ago.

Durum Wheat: Seedings in Arizona and California for 2005 harvest are estimated at 210,000 acres. This total is down 5 percent from their final 2004 acreage. Planting is ongoing in California's San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys. No major problems with the crop have been reported.

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Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 2003-2005

| State | Crop Year | | | 2005 as Pct. of 2004 |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | |
| | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| AL | 150 | 120 | 120 | 100 |
| AZ | 4 | 5 | 5 | 100 |
| AR | 700 | 670 | 240 | 36 |
| CA | 740 | 560 | 500 | 89 |
| CO | 2,600 | 2,300 | 2,650 | 115 |
| DE | 50 | 50 | 50 | 100 |
| FL | 20 | 18 | 20 | 111 |
| GA | 380 | 330 | 290 | 88 |
| ID | 760 | 750 | 770 | 103 |
| IL | 850 | 920 | 650 | 71 |
| IN | 460 | 450 | 360 | 80 |
| IA | 25 | 28 | 25 | 89 |
| KS | 10,500 | 10,000 | 10,100 | 101 |
| KY | 500 | 530 | 460 | 87 |
| LA | 155 | 180 | 130 | 72 |
| MD | 165 | 160 | 150 | 94 |
| MI | 680 | 660 | 650 | 98 |
| MN | 25 | 27 | 20 | 74 |
| MS | 150 | 160 | 110 | 69 |
| MO | 960 | 1,050 | 700 | 67 |
| MT | 1,900 | 1,900 | 2,150 | 113 |
| NE | 1,900 | 1,850 | 1,850 | 100 |
| NV | 7 | 6 | 7 | 117 |
| NJ | 31 | 28 | 28 | 100 |
| NM | 500 | 490 | 490 | 100 |
| NY | 130 | 105 | 120 | 114 |
| NC | 530 | 600 | 580 | 97 |
| ND | 130 | 245 | 260 | 106 |
| OH | 1,060 | 920 | 840 | 91 |
| OK | 6,700 | 6,200 | 5,800 | 94 |
| OR | 970 | 820 | 870 | 106 |
| PA | 175 | 140 | 180 | 129 |
| SC | 200 | 190 | 180 | 95 |
| SD | 1,650 | 1,650 | 1,500 | 91 |
| TN | 430 | 400 | 290 | 73 |
| TX | 6,600 | 6,300 | 5,800 | 92 |
| UT | 160 | 130 | 135 | 104 |
| VA | 210 | 210 | 220 | 105 |
| WA | 1,850 | 1,800 | 1,900 | 106 |
| WV | 12 | 8 | 7 | 88 |
| WI | 205 | 240 | 200 | 83 |
| WY | 160 | 150 | 160 | 107 |
| US | 45,384 | 43,350 | 41,567 | 96 |

Durum Wheat: Area Seeded, by State and United States, 2003-2005

| State | Crop Year | | | 2005 as Pct. of 2004 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 ¹ | |
| | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>1,000 Acres</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| AZ | 115 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| CA | 130 | 120 | 110 | 92 |
| ID ² | | | | |
| MN ³ | 2 | 1 | | |
| MT | 640 | 570 | | |
| ND | 2,000 | 1,750 | | |
| SD | 28 | 20 | | |
| US | 2,915 | 2,561 | | |

¹ Indicated 2005 area seeded for all six states will be published in "Prospective Plantings" released March 31, 2005.

² Estimates began in 2005.

³ Estimates discontinued in 2005.

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