



# Winter Wheat Seedings

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## Planted Acres Down 14 Percent

Winter wheat seeded area for 2010 is expected to total 37.1 million acres, down 14 percent from 2009. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 27.8 million; Soft Red Winter, 5.92 million; and White Winter, 3.33 million.

### Winter Wheat Area Seeded - United States: 2008-2010 (Domestic Units)

State	Crop year			2010 as a percent of 2009
	2008	2009	2010	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Winter Wheat .....	46,307	43,311	37,097	86

### Winter Wheat Area Seeded - United States: 2008-2010 (Metric Units)

State	Crop year			2010 as a percent of 2009
	2008	2009	2010	
	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	(percent)
Winter Wheat .....	18,739,980	17,527,530	15,012,780	86

**Winter Wheat:** Planted area for harvest in 2010 is estimated at 37.1 million acres, down 14 percent from 2009 and the lowest since 1913. Seeding began last August and by mid-September was behind the 5-year average. The late row crop harvest and wet weather delayed planting in most States. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 64 percent good to excellent compared with 65 percent the previous year.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is about 27.8 million acres, down 12 percent from 2009. Poor weather, low prices, and the late row crop harvest contributed to the decrease. Acreage is expected to be below last year's level in most States in the HRW growing area, with a record low in Nebraska. The largest acreage decreases are in Kansas, Montana, Oklahoma, and Texas. Winter wheat seeded in Kansas is down 700,000 acres, 8 percent below 2009 and the lowest planted acres since 1957. Montana is down 550,000 acres, 22 percent below 2009 and the third largest decrease on record. Winter wheat in Oklahoma is expected to be down 500,000 acres, the lowest acreage since 1971. Acreage in Texas is down 1.00 million acres, the fourth largest decrease on record and lowest planted area since 1973.

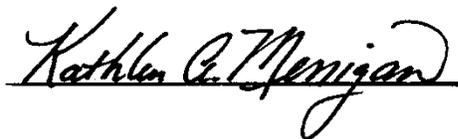
Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area is about 5.92 million acres, down 29 percent from last year. Large acreage decreases from last year occurred in all SRW growing States due to the late row crop harvest, heavy rains, and wet soil conditions. Record low acreages are expected in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and Ohio. The largest acreage decreases are in Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, and Ohio. Winter wheat in Arkansas is down 230,000 acres, 53 percent below 2009. Illinois is down 500,000 acres, 59 percent below last year. Acreage seeded in Missouri is down 360,000 acres, a 46 percent drop from 2009. Ohio is down 210,000 acres, down 21 percent from 2009.

White Winter wheat seeded area totals nearly 3.33 million acres, down 1 percent from 2009. Planted acreage in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) is up from last year. Winter wheat planted area is up 40,000 acres from 2009 in Idaho, up 50,000 in Oregon, and unchanged in Washington. Seeding began ahead of normal in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. By November 8, virtually all fields had been seeded in the region with 90 percent of the acreage emerged in Washington, 81 percent in Idaho, and 67 percent in Oregon.

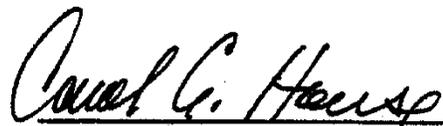
**Durum Wheat:** Seedings in Arizona and California for 2010 harvest are estimated at 205,000 acres, down 33 percent from the 2009 level. Planted acreage is down 35,000 in Arizona and down 65,000 in California. Planting is ongoing in California's San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys. No major problems with the crop have been reported.

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## Winter Wheat Area Seeded - State and United States: 2008-2010

State	Crop year			2010 as a percent of 2009
	2008	2009	2010	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Alabama .....	240	220	180	82
Arizona .....	9	7	7	100
Arkansas .....	1,070	430	200	47
California .....	680	590	505	86
Colorado .....	2,150	2,600	2,400	92
Delaware .....	80	70	55	79
Florida .....	25	17	16	94
Georgia .....	480	340	200	59
Idaho .....	850	740	780	105
Illinois .....	1,200	850	350	41
Indiana .....	580	470	300	64
Iowa .....	40	28	15	54
Kansas .....	9,600	9,300	8,600	92
Kentucky .....	580	510	450	88
Louisiana .....	400	185	140	76
Maryland .....	255	230	210	91
Michigan .....	730	620	500	81
Minnesota .....	75	55	70	127
Mississippi .....	520	180	120	67
Missouri .....	1,250	780	420	54
Montana .....	2,600	2,550	2,000	78
Nebraska .....	1,750	1,700	1,500	88
Nevada .....	12	16	10	63
New Jersey .....	35	34	27	79
New Mexico .....	430	450	480	107
New York .....	130	115	110	96
North Carolina .....	820	700	600	86
North Dakota .....	630	580	340	59
Ohio .....	1,120	1,010	800	79
Oklahoma .....	5,600	5,700	5,200	91
Oregon .....	780	760	810	107
Pennsylvania .....	195	190	170	89
South Carolina .....	220	165	150	91
South Dakota .....	2,050	1,700	1,250	74
Tennessee .....	620	430	290	67
Texas .....	5,800	6,400	5,400	84
Utah .....	130	140	130	93
Virginia .....	310	250	200	80
Washington .....	1,750	1,700	1,700	100
West Virginia .....	11	9	7	78
Wisconsin .....	350	335	250	75
Wyoming .....	150	155	155	100
United States .....	46,307	43,311	37,097	86

## Durum Wheat Area Seeded - State and United States: 2008-2010

State	Crop year			2010 as a percent of 2009
	2008	2009	2010 <sup>1</sup>	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Arizona .....	150	125	90	72
California .....	160	180	115	64
Idaho .....	10	20	NA	NA
Montana .....	590	570	NA	NA
North Dakota .....	1,800	1,650	NA	NA
South Dakota .....	11	9	NA	NA
United States .....	2,721	2,554	NA	NA

NA Not Available.

<sup>1</sup> Indicated 2010 area seeded for all six States and the US will be published in "Prospective Plantings" released March 31, 2010.

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