

# **Winter Wheat Seedings**

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### **Planted Acres Up 1 Percent**

Winter wheat seeded area for 2013 is expected to total 41.8 million acres, up 1 percent from 2012. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.1 million; Soft Red Winter, 9.42 million; and White Winter, 3.27 million.

# Winter Wheat Area Seeded - United States: 2011-2013 (Domestic Units)

Сгор	Crop year			2013
	2011	2012	2013	as a percent of 2012
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Winter wheat	40,646	41,324	41,820	101

# Winter Wheat Area Seeded - United States: 2011-2013 (Metric Units)

Сгор	Crop year			2013
	2011	2012	2013	as a percent of 2012
	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	(percent)
Winter wheat	16,449,030	16,723,410	16,924,140	101

**Winter wheat:** Planted area for harvest in 2013 is estimated at 41.8 million acres, up 1 percent from 2012 and 3 percent above 2011. Seeding began last August but by the middle of September was behind the 5-year average as producers waited for improved soil moisture levels. However, by the end of October, seeding had progressed ahead of last year and the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to the early row crop harvest and higher prices.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is about 29.1 million acres, down 2 percent from 2012. Acreage changes from last year are mixed across the growing region. Growers in Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas planted significantly more acres this year while large acreage decreases occurred in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, and the Dakotas. Widespread drought conditions and lack of moisture continues to be a concern across much of the HRW growing area.

Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area is about 9.42 million acres, up 16 percent from last year. Increases from last year are estimated in most SRW growing States with North Carolina producers seeding a record high area.

White Winter wheat seeded area totals nearly 3.27 million acres, down 2 percent from 2012. Planted acreage in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) is down from last year. Planting got off to an average start but by the middle of October was behind the 5-year average in all three States. By November 13, seeding was virtually complete in the region.

**Durum wheat:** Seedings in Arizona and California for 2013 harvest are estimated at 170,000 acres, down 31 percent from 2012 and 15 percent below 2011. Planting has progressed well in both the San Joaquin Valley and Imperial Valley. No major problems with the crop have been reported.

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# Winter Wheat Area Seeded - States and United States: 2011-2013

	Crop year			2013
State	2011	2012	2013	as a percent of 2012
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Alabama	220	220	240	109
Arizona	7	10	10	100
Arkansas	620	550	660	120
California	670	610	610	100
Colorado	2,300	2,350	2,200	94
Delaware	80	85	75	88
Florida	12	20	20	100
Georgia	250	290	410	141
Idaho	820	780	760	97
Illinois	800	660	830	126
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Indiana	430	350	450	129
lowa	22	18	40	222
Kansas	8,800	9,500	9,300	98
Kentucky	540	580	600	103
Louisiana	240	285	260	91
Maryland	260	310	330	106
Michigan	700	570	590	104
Minnesota	30	40	40	100
Mississippi	360	370	420	114
Missouri	790	790	1,000	127
Montana	2,250	2,300	2,100	91
Nebraska	1,520	1,380	1,480	107
Nevada	15	20	20	100
New Jersey	35	33	34	103
New Mexico	435	450	430	96
New York	120	100	125	125
North Carolina	700	830	960	116
North Dakota	400	750	400	53
Ohio	880	500	620	124
Oklahoma	5,100	5,400	5,500	102
Oregon	830	790	770	97
Pennsylvania	185	165	200	121
South Carolina	190	235	235	100
South Dakota	1,650	1,320	1,200	91
Tennessee	420	420	540	129
Texas	5,300	5,700	5,800	102
Utah	130	140	145	104
Virginia	270	280	290	104
Washington	1,760	1,700	1,650	97
West Virginia	10	8	11	138
Wisconsin	345	265	320	121
Wyoming	150	150	145	97
United States	40,646	41,324	41,820	101

# **Durum Wheat Area Seeded – States and United States: 2011-2013**

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not begun]

State	Crop year			2013
	2011	2012	2013 <sup>1</sup>	as a percent of 2012
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Arizona	80 120 11 400 750 8	105 140 13 520 1,340	80 90	76 64
United States	1,369	2,123		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Indicated 2013 area seeded for all six States and the United States will be published in *Prospective Plantings* released March 2013.

#### **Statistical Methodology**

**Survey procedures:** The estimates in this report are based primarily on surveys conducted the first two weeks of December. The December Agricultural Survey is a probability survey that includes a sample of over 83,000 farm operators selected from a list of producers that ensures all operations in the United States have a chance to be selected. These operators were contacted by mail, internet, telephone, or personal interview to obtain information on crop acreage, yield, and production for the 2012 crop year and winter wheat and Durum wheat seedings for the 2013 crop year.

**Estimating procedures:** National, Regional, State, and grower reported data were reviewed for reasonableness and consistency with historical estimates. Each State Office submits their analysis of the current situation to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB). Survey data are compiled to the National level and are reviewed at this level independently of each State's review. Estimates were based on survey data and the historical relationship of official estimates to survey data.

**Revision policy:** These estimates will not be revised; instead, new forecasts will be made throughout the growing season. End-of-season estimates are made after harvest and published in the *Small Grains Annual Summary* report at the end of September.

**Reliability:** The survey used to make acreage estimates is subject to sampling and non-sampling type errors that are common to all surveys. The survey indications are subject to sampling variability because not all operations with winter wheat are included in the sample. This variability, as measured by the relative standard error at the National level, is approximately 1.5 percent for winter wheat. This means that chances are approximately 95 out of 100 that survey estimates for acres will be within plus or minus 3.0 percent for winter wheat.

Survey indications are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors cannot be measured directly, but they are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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