



# Winter Wheat Seedings

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## Planted Acres Down 3 Percent

Winter wheat seeded area for 2014 is expected to total 41.9 million acres, down 3 percent from 2013. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 30.1 million; Soft Red Winter, 8.44 million; and White Winter, 3.39 million.

### Winter Wheat Area Seeded – United States: 2012-2014 (Domestic Units)

Crop	Crop year			2014 as a percent of 2013
	2012	2013	2014	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Winter wheat .....	41,224	43,090	41,892	97

### Winter Wheat Area Seeded – United States: 2012-2014 (Metric Units)

Crop	Crop year			2014 as a percent of 2013
	2012	2013	2014	
	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	(percent)
Winter wheat .....	16,682,940	17,438,090	16,953,270	97

**Winter wheat:** Planted area for harvest in 2014 is estimated at 41.9 million acres, down 3 percent from 2013 but 2 percent above 2012. Seeding began in August but by the end of September was slightly behind the 5-year average pace. However, by the end of October, seeding had progressed slightly ahead of the 5-year average pace.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is expected to be 30.1 million acres, up 2 percent from 2013. Acreage changes from last year are mixed across the growing region. Growers in Colorado, Montana, and North Dakota planted significantly more acres this year while large acreage decreases occurred in Kansas, Oklahoma, and South Dakota. Record low acreage was seeded in Utah. In contrast, North Dakota growers seeded record high area. By November 24, Hard Red Winter wheat conditions were improved from last year with most acreage rated in good to excellent condition.

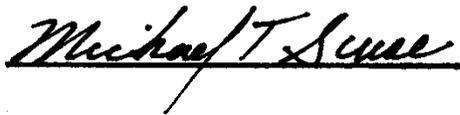
Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area is about 8.44 million acres, down 16 percent from last year. Acreage decreases from last year are expected in most SRW growing States with significant acreage decreases estimated in Arkansas and Mississippi.

White Winter wheat seeded area totals nearly 3.39 million acres, down 3 percent from 2013. Planted acreage in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) is down from last year. Planting got off to a normal start but by the middle of October progress was behind the 5-year average pace in Idaho and Washington. By November 10, seeding was virtually complete in the region.

**Durum wheat:** Seedings in Arizona and California for 2014 harvest are estimated at 145,000 acres, down 6 percent from 2013 and 41 percent below 2012. 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: 2012-2014

State	Crop year			2014 as a percent of 2013
	2012	2013	2014	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Alabama .....	220	300	250	83
Arizona .....	10	12	6	50
Arkansas .....	550	680	400	59
California .....	610	610	570	93
Colorado .....	2,350	2,300	2,900	126
Delaware .....	85	85	65	76
Florida .....	20	25	15	60
Georgia .....	290	420	270	64
Idaho .....	780	770	730	95
Illinois .....	660	875	740	85
Indiana .....	350	470	430	91
Iowa .....	18	30	25	83
Kansas .....	9,400	9,500	8,800	93
Kentucky .....	580	700	600	86
Louisiana .....	285	260	160	62
Maryland .....	310	345	350	101
Michigan .....	570	630	650	103
Minnesota .....	40	30	45	150
Mississippi .....	370	400	200	50
Missouri .....	790	1,100	1,000	91
Montana .....	2,300	2,000	2,500	125
Nebraska .....	1,380	1,470	1,500	102
Nevada .....	20	20	20	100
New Jersey .....	33	34	30	88
New Mexico .....	450	440	420	95
New York .....	100	125	100	80
North Carolina .....	830	990	830	84
North Dakota .....	750	220	750	341
Ohio .....	500	690	630	91
Oklahoma .....	5,400	5,600	5,300	95
Oregon .....	790	790	730	92
Pennsylvania .....	165	185	185	100
South Carolina .....	235	270	230	85
South Dakota .....	1,320	1,300	1,200	92
Tennessee .....	420	610	510	84
Texas .....	5,700	6,200	6,200	100
Utah .....	140	120	120	100
Virginia .....	280	320	320	100
Washington .....	1,700	1,690	1,650	98
West Virginia .....	8	9	11	122
Wisconsin .....	265	315	290	92
Wyoming .....	150	150	160	107
United States .....	41,224	43,090	41,892	97

## Durum Wheat Area Seeded – States and United States: 2012-2014

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not begun]

State	Crop year			2014 as a percent of 2013
	2012	2013	2014 <sup>1</sup>	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Arizona .....	105	80	70	88
California .....	140	75	75	100
Idaho .....	13	11		
Montana .....	550	505		
North Dakota .....	1,340	795		
South Dakota .....	5	4		
United States .....	2,153	1,470		

<sup>1</sup> Indicated 2014 area seeded for all six States and the United States will be published in *Prospective Plantings* released March 2014.

## 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 82,000 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 2013 crop year and winter wheat and Durum wheat seedings for the 2014 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 1.7 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 3.4 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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