

# TIMOTHY

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## TIMOTHY SEED CROP FORECAST A RECORD LOW

The 1976 timothy seed crop is expected to drop to a new record low of 9.5 million pounds. This is a sharp 34 percent decline from last year's crop and the lowest since records began 37 years ago. The three leading States, Minnesota, Missouri and Illinois, are expected to be down 33, 21 and 34 percent, respectively.

Acreage forecast for harvest this year is 57,800 acres, a 27 percent decrease from 1975. Much of the acreage is being harvested for hay rather than seed as weather conditions have been less than optimum for seed production in many areas. The yield per acre is expected to average 165 pounds per acre, down from the 183 pounds average last year but the same as two years ago. The average date that harvest began this season was June 30.

Carryover of old-crop seed on June 30 was 9.85 million pounds, 20 percent less than a year ago. This total includes 5.56 million pounds held by dealers and 4.29 million pounds held by growers. The initial supply is indicated at 19.4 million pounds -- down 27 percent from last year's total.

Imports during the 12-month period ending June 30 totaled 552,200 pounds, compared with 708,600 the year before.

TIMOTHY SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION  
1974, 1975 AND 1976

STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1974	1975	1976 <u>1/</u>	1974	1975	1976 <u>1/</u>	1974	1975	1976 <u>1/</u>
	ACRES			POUNDS PER ACRE			1,000 POUNDS		
ILL	7,500	7,000	6,000	150	155	120	1,125	1,085	720
IND	5,000	2,400	1,200	200	150	150	1,000	360	180
IOWA	3,400	1,800	1,100	180	180	180	612	324	198
MINN	57,000	<u>2/34,000</u>	28,000	170	<u>2/220</u>	180	9,690	<u>2/7,480</u>	5,040
MO	34,000	<u>16,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>	190	<u>180</u>	175	6,460	2,880	2,275
OHIO	25,000	10,000	4,000	135	135	140	3,375	1,350	560
PA	6,000	4,500	3,500	112	119	136	672	536	476
WIS	3,500	3,000	1,000	100	120	100	350	360	100
U S	141,400	<u>2/78,700</u>	57,800	165	<u>2/183</u>	165	23,284	<u>2/14,375</u>	9,549

TIMOTHY SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES, 1974, 1975 AND 1976

ITEM	1974	1975 <u>2/</u>	1976 <u>1/</u>
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	23,284	14,375	9,549
FARM CARRYOVER	1,357	2,704	4,292
DEALER CARRYOVER	6,738	9,568	5,556
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION PLUS CARRYOVER)	31,379	26,647	19,397

1/ INDICATED.

2/ REVISED.