

RED CLOVER

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1976 RED CLOVER SEED OUTPUT DOWN 14 PERCENT

Production of the 1976 red clover seed crop is forecast to be 14 percent less than a year ago. This year's production is expected to be 32.2 million pounds, compared with 37.5 million pounds in 1975 and 30.2 million in 1974. Significant decreases are anticipated in Illinois, Minnesota and Missouri. States showing increases include Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Washington.

The decrease in production is caused by fewer acres harvested and lower yields. The 1976 crop is expected to be harvested from 329,200 acres, down nearly 26,000 acres from last year. Illinois and Missouri show the largest declines in harvested acres, resulting from dry weather and increased demand for hay. The average yield per acre for the U.S. is forecast at 98 pounds, 8 pounds less than last year's average, as dry weather in the mid-west cut yields.

Carryover of 1975 and earlier crop seed on June 30, 1976 is estimated at 12.2 million pounds (5.8 million pounds by growers and 6.3 million pounds by dealers). Initial supply (1976 production plus June 30, 1976 carryover) of red clover seed is 44.3 million pounds, 6 percent less than last year but 10 percent more than 1974.

Imports during the year ended June 30, 1976 were 5,041,100 pounds, compared with 5,450,600 pounds the previous year. Exports during the same period totaled 812,760 pounds, compared with 575,446 pounds a year earlier.

RED CLOVER SEED: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION
1974, 1975 AND 1976

STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION (CLEAN SEED)		
	1974	1975	1976 ^{1/}	1974	1975	1976 ^{1/}	1974	1975	1976 ^{1/}
	ACRES			POUNDS PER ACRE			1,000 POUNDS		
CALIF	300	^{2/}	^{2/}	390	^{2/}	^{2/}	117	^{2/}	^{2/}
IDAHO	2,700	2,100	2,500	400	410	360	1,080	860	900
ILL	75,000	75,000	60,000	70	80	75	5,250	6,000	4,500
IND	30,000	32,000	33,000	80	75	90	2,400	2,400	2,970
IOWA	11,000	15,000	13,000	75	85	80	825	1,275	1,040
KANS	12,000	14,000	15,000	75	100	90	900	1,400	1,350
KY	6,100	6,700	6,000	65	100	110	397	670	660
MICH	40,000	30,000	30,000	90	^{3/80}	90	3,600	^{3/2,400}	2,700
MINN	32,000	27,000	23,000	105	^{3/105}	95	3,360	^{3/2,835}	2,185
MO	24,000	57,000	49,000	80	130	85	1,920	7,410	4,165
NEBR	3,800	3,900	3,900	70	85	65	266	332	254
N Y	6,000	12,000	7,000	65	95	75	390	1,140	525
OHIO	27,000	30,000	33,000	70	83	90	1,890	2,490	2,970
OREG	13,000	12,000	14,000	255	350	280	3,315	4,200	3,920
PA	14,000	10,000	11,000	74	76	75	1,036	760	825
WASH	2,000	3,400	3,800	445	345	350	890	1,173	1,330
WIS	30,000	25,000	25,000	85	85	75	2,550	2,125	1,875
U S	328,900	355,100	329,200	92	^{3/106}	98	30,186	^{3/37,470}	32,169

^{1/} INDICATED. ^{2/} CALIF. NOT INCLUDED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS. ^{3/} REVISED.

RED CLOVER SEED SUPPLY: UNITED STATES, 1974, 1975 AND 1976

ITEM	1974	1975 ^{1/}	1976 ^{2/}
	1,000 POUNDS		
PRODUCTION	30,186	37,470	32,169
FARM CARRYOVER	4,154	4,835	5,848
DEALER CARRYOVER	6,002	4,748	6,307
SUPPLY (PRODUCTION PLUS CARRYOVER)	40,342	47,053	44,324

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