

KENTUCKY WHEAT VARIETIES

Pioneer Brand 2552 was the leading variety seeded in the fall of 1997 for 1998 wheat production. Pioneer Brand 2552 accounted for 14.4 percent of the 750,000 acres seeded in 1997 for 1998 harvest. Madison with 8.9 percent of the seeded acreage ranked second followed by Southern States FFR 555 with 7.1, Clark with 6.7 percent and Pioneer Brand 2568 with 4.6 percent. The top five varieties accounted for 41.7 percent while in 1995 the top five varieties accounted for 54.8 percent.

Clark was the leading variety in the 1995 survey with 15.5 percent and Madison was second with 15.1 percent. Of the nineteen varieties with 1 percent or more of the seeded acreage ten varieties were new to the table while nine were repeat varieties. A total of 26.8 percent was reported by growers as varieties with less than 1 percent of all varieties seeded or unknown variety. Unknown variety included both soft and hard red wheat. A sizable amount of the unknown acreage was used as cover crop for tobacco and not harvested for grain. The survey was based on 67,000 tabulated acres.

PERCENTAGE OF WHEAT ACREAGE SEEDED

FOR SPECIFIED CROP YEARS

CLASS AND VARIETY	1998	1995	1993	1989	1979
Soft Red Winter					
Pioneer Brand 2552	14.4	-	-	-	-
Madison	8.9	15.1	10.5	-	-
Southern States FFR 555	7.1	8.3	2.4	-	-
Clark	6.7	15.5	25.2	-	-
Pioneer Brand 2568	4.6	-	-	-	-
Patterson	4.5	-	-	-	-
NK Coker 9803	3.7	8.6	2.1	-	-
Pioneer Brand 2545	2.9	3.9	1.5	-	-
Southern States FFR 523	2.4	-	-	-	-
Pioneer Brand 2584	2.4	-	-	-	-
NK Coker 9474	2.3	-	2.3	-	-
Agripro Foster	2.0	-	-	-	-
Agripro Elkhart	1.9	-	-	-	-
Pioneer Brand 2540	1.8	-	-	-	-
Pioneer Brand 2548	1.7	4.7	6.3	-	-
Arthur	1.7	1.7	2.8	3.8	34.4
Verne	1.6	2.1	1.2	-	-
Pioneer Brand 2510	1.5	2.7	3.2	-	-
Pioneer Brand 2SR26	1.1	-	-	-	-
Cardinal	-	7.3	10.7	2.4	-
Wakefield	-	2.9	2.1	-	-
Pioneer Brand 2684	-	2.7	-	-	-
Coker 9543	-	2.2	-	-	-
Caldwell	-	1.3	3.1	25.5	-
Becker	-	1.2	2.2	-	-
Coker 916	-	-	1.5	11.6	-
Saluda	-	-	-	15.9	-
Pioneer Brand 2550	-	-	-	3.4	-
Able	-	-	-	1.1	25.4
Coker 747	-	-	-	1.6	-
Tyler	-	-	-	2.0	-
Arthur 71	-	-	-	1.1	24.3
Compton	-	-	-	4.5	-
All Other Soft <u>1/</u>	23.8	18.8	21.4	21.4	14.0
All Hard Red Winter <u>2/</u>	3.0	1.0	3.8	5.7	1.9

1/Includes reported varieties which comprise less than 1 percent of the State's total reported seeded acreage as well as reports where the variety was unknown. 2/Includes all reports of hard wheat, both known and unknown varieties.

WHEAT VARIETY RANKINGS, SELECTED KENTUCKY REGIONS, 1998 1/

Region	First	%	Second	%	Third	%	Fourth	%
Far Western	Pioneer Brand 2552	13.3	Madison	12.4	Clark	9.9	NK Coker 9803	7.7
Midwestern	Pioneer Brand 2552	18.6	Madison	12.0	Clark	9.8	Pioneer Brand 2568	8.5
Central	Pioneer Brand 2552	17.1	Patterson	11.1	Southern States FFR 555	8.4	Agripro Foster	4.5

1/These 3 regions (Agr'l Statistics Districts 1, 2 & 3) made up 92.5 percent of the wheat acreage harvested for grain in 1997.