



CULTIVATED WILD RICE

Wild Rice is the only cereal grain native to the United States. In 1977, the State Legislature designated wild rice as Minnesota's official State Grain.

The cultivated crop is grown in the northern one-third of the state on an estimated 23,000 acres in the counties of Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Itasca, Koochiching, Polk, and St. Louis.

In 2003, cultivated wild rice production was 4.24 million processed pounds, down 24% from 2002.

Source: Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council

MINNESOTA FERTILIZER USAGE

Minnesota fertilizer consumption totaled 2.3 million tons for the year ending June 30, 2003, an increase of 10 percent from the previous year. Minnesota was the 10th ranking state in total tonnage.

Usage of the primary nutrients is shown on the chart; nitrogen increased 6 percent from 2002, phosphate (P_2O_5) usage increased 1 percent, and potash (K_2O) usage increased 8 percent.

Fertilizer consumption represents all commercial fertilizer sold or shipped for farm and non-farm use as fertilizer.

Source: The Association of American Plant Food Control Officials, University of Kentucky

MINNESOTA'S USAGE OF PRIMARY NUTRIENTS AS FERTILIZER

