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Glenn is Leading Spring Wheat Variety in North Dakota

Glenn is the leading spring wheat variety in North Dakota for the second year in a row with nearly 1.90 million acres planted statewide. Steele-ND ranks second with 9.2 percent of the acres planted. The third most popular variety is Freyr with 8.6 percent of the acres planted. Briggs and Alsen rank fourth and fifth, respectively, both with 7.6 percent of the spring wheat planted. Howard is sixth with 5.1 percent of the spring wheat acreage. Kelby accounts for 4.1 percent of the spring wheat acres planted. These top seven varieties account for 70.1 percent of the spring wheat planted in 2008. Glenn, Steele-ND, Freyr, Howard and Kelby have all been released within the past five years. North Dakota continues to rank first in spring wheat planted acreage in the United States, with 47.9 percent of the nation's total.

Lebsock and Mountrail maintain their rankings as the top two Durum wheat varieties planted in 2008. Lebsock accounts for 26.7 percent of the Durum wheat acreage and Mountrail accounts for 21.0 percent. Ben ranks third, with 10.3 percent of the Durum wheat acres and Divide ranks fourth with 7.6 percent. Pierce is fifth with 7.5 percent of the Durum wheat acres planted. These five varieties account for 73.1 percent of the Durum wheat acreage in North Dakota. Once again, North Dakota ranks first in Durum wheat planted acreage with 64.0 percent of the nation's estimated 2.66 million acres planted.

Jerry accounts for 50.5 percent of the 2008 winter wheat planted acreage in North Dakota. This is the fifth straight year that Jerry has been the top winter wheat variety. CDC Falcon is again the second most popular variety with 13.9 percent of the winter wheat acreage. Jagalene ranks third with 10.4 percent of the winter wheat acreage, and Wesley ranks fourth with 6.2 percent. The top four varieties account for 81.0 percent of the winter wheat acreage planted in North Dakota.

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