

OREGON WHEAT

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Winter Wheat Seedings

Oregon

Wheat producers in Oregon seeded 780,000 acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2008. This is up 4 percent from last year's estimate of 750,000 acres, and up 3 percent from two years ago.

United States

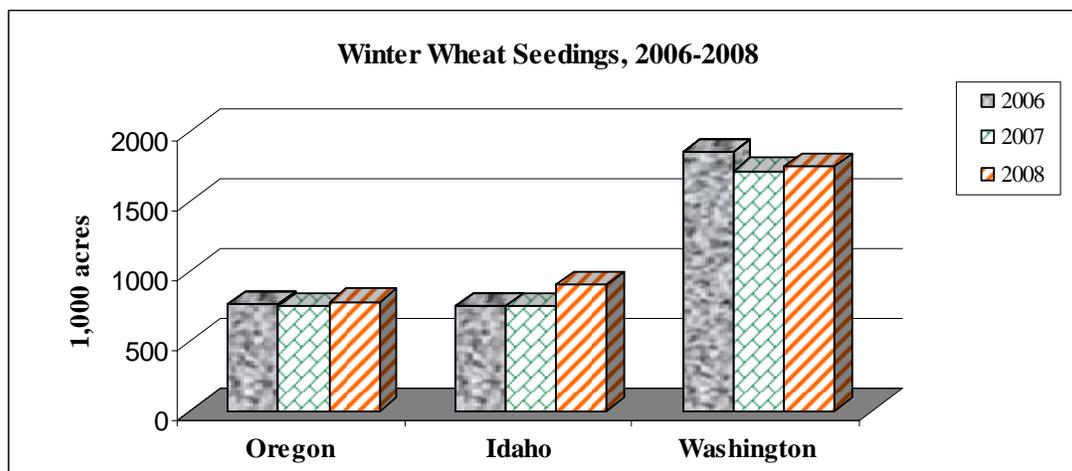
Planted area for harvest in 2008 is estimated at 46.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2007. Seeding began last August behind the 5-year average pace and remained behind until mid-November due to a lack of moisture in the Great Plains during much of the seeding period. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1 with the exception of some intended acres in the Southeast and California. Seeding was completed by the end of December in California. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated at 44 percent good to excellent compared to 53 percent the previous year.

Winter wheat: Area seeded by crop year, 2006-2008 ¹

Area	Crop year			2008/ 2007
	2006	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	760	750	780	104
Idaho	750	750	900	120
Washington	1,850	1,720	1,750	102
Pacific Northwest ²	3,360	3,220	3,430	107
United States	40,575	44,987	46,610	104

¹ Total for all purposes.

² Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.



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