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Winter Wheat Seedings

Oregon

Oregon winter wheat seeded area for 2009 is expected to total 780,000 acres. This level is equal to 2008 and up 6 percent from 2007.

United States

Planted area for harvest in 2009 is estimated at 42.1 million acres, down 9 percent from 2008. Seeding began last August behind the 5-year average pace and remained behind until mid-November due to wet weather and delayed row crop harvest. 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 complete by the end of December in California. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 65 percent good to excellent compared with 44 percent the previous year.

Winter wheat: Area seeded by crop year, 2007-2009¹

Area	Crop year			2009/ 2008
	2007	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	735	780	780	100
Idaho	750	850	740	87
Washington	1,720	1,750	1,740	99
Pacific Northwest ²	3,205	3,380	3,260	96
United States	45,012	46,281	42,098	91

¹ Total for all purposes.

² Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

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