

# OREGON WHEAT

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## Oregon Winter Wheat Seedings

### Oregon

Wheat producers in Oregon seeded 810,000 acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2012. This is down 2 percent from last year's estimate of 830,000 acres, and down 1 percent from two years ago. Planted acreage also fell in Idaho and Washington. By the end of November, the winter wheat crop was reported to be 97 percent fair to good.

### United States

Planted area for harvest in 2011 is estimated at 41.9 million acres, up 3 percent from 2011 and up 12 percent from 2010. Seeding began last September and ended the month behind the 5-year average as late row crop harvest delayed planting in many northern States. However, by the end of October, seeding had progressed slightly ahead of the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to higher prices and an acreage rebound in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas where dry conditions had limited 2011 planted acres. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 52 percent good to excellent compared with 47 percent the previous year.

**Winter wheat: Area seeded by crop year, 2010-2012<sup>1</sup>**

Area	Crop year			2012 / 2011
	2010	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>98</b>
Idaho	750	820	780	95
Washington	1,750	1,760	1,720	98
Pacific Northwest <sup>2</sup>	3,320	3,410	3,310	97
United States	37,335	40,646	41,947	103

<sup>1</sup> Total for all purposes.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

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