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Washington's 2012 Winter Wheat Seedings Down 2 Percent From Last Year U. S. Planted Acres Rose 3 Percent

OLYMPIA, Wash., January 12, 2012 -- Washington winter wheat growers seeded an estimated 1.72 million acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2012. This is down 2 percent from the area seeded in both 2011 and 2010. Winter wheat seeded in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) totaled 3.31 million acres, 3 percent below the 2011 crop. Idaho growers seeded 780,000 acres, 5 percent below the 2011 crop, but 4 percent above the 2010 crop. Oregon farmers planted 810,000 acres, down 2 percent from the 2011 crop and 1 percent below the 2010 crop. Nationally, planted area for harvest in 2012 is estimated at 41.9 million acres, up 3 percent from 2011 and 12 percent above 2010. 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.

U.S. White Winter wheat seeded area totals nearly 3.49 million acres, down 3 percent from 2011. Seeding started off slow but by the end of October was at or ahead of the 5-year average in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. By November 6, seeding was virtually complete in the region with 83 percent of the acreage emerged in Washington, 90 percent emerged in Idaho, and 48 percent emerged in Oregon.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is about 30.1 million acres, up 6 percent from 2011. Acreage is above last year's level in all States in the HRW growing area except California, Montana, Nebraska, and South Dakota. The dry fall limited planting in South Dakota, while winter wheat seeded area in Nebraska is a record low.

Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area is about 8.37 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. While large acreage increases from last year are estimated in the Southeast, large acreage decreases occurred in most States in the Corn Belt and Northeast, primarily due to a late row crop harvest. In Ohio, a record low area was planted due to wet soil conditions during the fall of 2011.

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Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, By State & United States, 2010-2012

State	Crop Year			2012/2011
	2010	2011	2012	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Alabama	150	220	220	100
Arizona	9	7	8	114
Arkansas	200	620	520	84
California	660	670	660	99
Colorado	2,450	2,300	2,400	104
Delaware	50	80	90	113
Florida	12	12	20	167
Georgia	170	250	300	120
Idaho	750	820	780	95
Illinois	330	800	660	83
Indiana	250	430	370	86
Iowa	15	22	28	127
Kansas	8,400	8,800	9,500	108
Kentucky	390	540	600	111
Louisiana	125	240	290	121
Maryland	180	260	290	112
Michigan	530	700	570	81
Minnesota	65	30	50	167
Mississippi	125	360	500	139
Missouri	370	790	770	97
Montana	2,050	2,250	2,200	98
Nebraska	1,600	1,520	1,400	92
Nevada	19	15	19	127
New Jersey	28	35	28	80
New Mexico	470	435	460	106
New York	110	120	100	83
North Carolina	500	700	800	114
North Dakota	330	400	700	175
Ohio	780	880	580	66
Oklahoma	5,300	5,100	5,500	108
Oregon	820	830	810	98
Pennsylvania	165	185	165	89
South Carolina	145	190	220	116
South Dakota	1,350	1,650	1,350	82
Tennessee	260	420	450	107
Texas	5,700	5,300	5,900	111
Utah	135	130	145	112
Virginia	180	270	340	126
Washington	1,750	1,760	1,720	98
West Virginia	7	10	9	90
Wisconsin	240	345	265	77
Wyoming	165	150	160	107
United States	37,335	40,646	41,947	103