



Grass & Legume Seeds

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The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Washington Field Office conducts surveys of grass and legume seed growers and handlers annually. These annual surveys are conducted to document the quantity and value of these regionally important crops. Approximately 300 growers and handlers throughout Washington State were contacted during the fall in regard to these surveys. The data provided by respondents was greatly appreciated, and helps to establish the significant role these crops play in our State's agricultural economy.

Grass & Legume Seed Crops: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price & Value, 2006-2010

| Crop & Year | Harvested | Yield Per Acre | Production | Average Price Per Cwt. | Value of Production |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | Acres | Pounds | Cwt. | Dollars | 1,000 Dollars |
| Alfalfa Seed | | | | | |
| 2006 | 14,100 | 700 | 98,000 | 140.00 | 13,720 |
| 2007 | 17,300 | 670 | 116,000 | 150.00 | 17,400 |
| 2008 | 14,000 | 940 | 131,000 | 200.00 | 26,200 |
| 2009 | 15,500 | 900 | 140,000 | 200.00 | 28,000 |
| 2010 | 10,600 | 970 | 103,000 | 199.00 | 20,500 |
| Kentucky Bluegrass | | | | | |
| 2006 | 50,000 | 630 | 313,500 | 75.00 | 23,513 |
| 2007 | 55,000 | 650 | 354,750 | 90.00 | 31,928 |
| 2008 | 50,000 | 740 | 370,000 | 115.00 | 42,550 |
| 2009 | 46,000 | 570 | 260,000 | 125.00 | 32,500 |
| 2010 | 29,000 | 750 | 217,000 | 142.00 | 30,800 |
| Other Grass 1/ | | | | | |
| 2006 | 13,500 | 740 | 99,700 | 110.00 | 10,967 |
| 2007 | 15,500 | 800 | 124,000 | 220.00 | 27,280 |
| 2008 | 15,500 | 770 | 120,000 | 150.00 | 18,000 |
| 2009 | 14,700 | 560 | 83,000 | 155.00 | 12,865 |
| 2010 | 10,400 | 750 | 78,000 | 127.00 | 9,910 |
| State Total | | | | | |
| 2006 | 77,600 | 659 | 511,200 | 94.00 | 48,200 |
| 2007 | 87,800 | 677 | 594,750 | 129.00 | 76,608 |
| 2008 | 79,500 | 781 | 621,000 | 140.00 | 86,750 |
| 2009 | 76,200 | 634 | 483,000 | 152.00 | 73,365 |
| 2010 | 50,000 | 796 | 398,000 | 154.00 | 61,210 |

1/ Includes Red Clover.

