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NEBRASKA 2003 WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS INCREASE

LINCOLN, Neb., January 10, 2003 - Nebraska's winter wheat seedings for the 2003 crop is expected to total 1.7 million acres, up 3 percent from last year, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This change is the first increase in acres devoted to winter wheat since the 1996 crop.

Seeding was underway by the first of September. Minimal rainfall allowed seeding to progress at a near normal pace. At the end of December, the crop condition rated 38 percent good or excellent, well below the 66 percent last year.

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