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NEBRASKA 2004 WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS UNCHANGED

LINCOLN, Neb., January 12, 2004 -- Nebraska's winter wheat seedings for the 2004 crop is expected to total 1.9 million acres, unchanged from last year, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This maintains the higher acreage level devoted to wheat after five consecutive years of declines which started with the 1997 crop.

Seeding was underway by the first of September. Minimal rainfall allowed seeding to progress at a slightly faster than normal pace. At the end of December, the crop condition rated 36 percent good or excellent, near the 38 percent of a year ago.

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