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NEBRASKA 2002 WHEAT VARIETIES

LINCOLN, Neb., January 25, 2002-Alliance was the most popular winter wheat variety planted for the 2002 crop year in Nebraska for the second year in a row, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics. It was first planted in the State in 1994 and has steadily increased in popularity. For the 2002 crop, Alliance accounted for 16.6 percent of the acreage.

Arapahoe accounted for 13 percent of the acreage and remained second after falling behind Alliance last year. The variety Pronghorn was third with 10.8 percent and the variety 2137 was fourth with 8 percent of the State total.

Hard white winter wheat varieties accounted for less than 1 percent of the 2002 acreage.

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