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NEBRASKA 2003 WHEAT VARIETIES

LINCOLN, Neb., January 24, 2003-Alliance was the most popular winter wheat variety planted for the 2003 crop year in Nebraska for the third year in a row, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. It was first planted in the State in 1994 and for the 2003 crop, Alliance accounted for 11.5 percent of the total planted acreage.

Varieties Pronghorn and 2137 tied for second place with 10.3 percent of the acreage and Arapahoe and Buckskin were fourth and fifth respectively.

Hard white winter wheat varieties accounted for 2 percent of the 2003, up from two tenths of one percent in 2002.

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