



Winter Wheat and Canola Seedings

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Winter Wheat Planted Acres Down 1 Percent

Winter wheat seeded area for 2020 is expected to total 30.8 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 21.8 million; Soft Red Winter, 5.64 million; and White Winter, 3.37 million.

Winter Wheat Area Seeded – United States: 2018-2020 (Domestic Units)

Crop	Crop year			2020 as a percent of 2019 (percent)
	2018	2019	2020	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	
Winter wheat	32,542	31,159	30,804	99

Winter Wheat Area Seeded – United States: 2018-2020 (Metric Units)

Crop	Crop year			2020 as a percent of 2019 (percent)
	2018	2019	2020	
	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	
Winter wheat	13,169,420	12,609,740	12,466,070	99

Winter wheat: Planted area for harvest in 2020 is estimated at 30.8 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019 and down 5 percent from 2018. This represents the second lowest United States acreage on record. Seeding of the 2020 acreage was underway in mid-September but was behind the 5-year average pace. About a month into seeding, progress was at or ahead of the 5-year average for the remainder of seeding the 2020 acreage. Seeding was mostly complete by November 17, 2019.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is expected to total 21.8 million acres, down 3 percent from 2019. Planted acreage is down from last year across most of the growing region. The largest increases in planted acreage are estimated in Texas while the largest decreases are estimated in Colorado and Montana. Record low acreage was seeded in Nebraska and Utah.

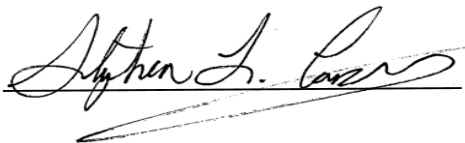
Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area totals 5.64 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. Compared with last year, acreage increases are expected in most of the SRW growing States, while decreases are expected in Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

White Winter wheat seeded area totals 3.37 million acres, down 4 percent from 2019. Planting in the Pacific Northwest was ahead of the 5-year average pace in Oregon but was behind in Idaho and Washington. Seeding was virtually complete in the region by early November.

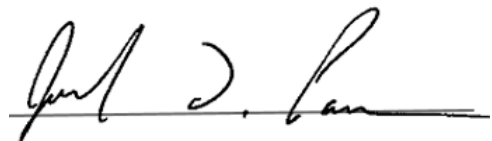
Durum wheat: Seedings in Arizona and California for 2020 harvest are estimated at a combined 70,000 acres, up 9 percent from 2019 but 41 percent below 2018.

Canola: This report contains the first estimate of 2020 canola seedings for Kansas and Oklahoma. Acres seeded in Kansas and Oklahoma for 2020 harvest are estimated at a combined 27,000 acres, a decline of 58 percent, or 37,000 acres, from 2019. If realized, planted acreages in both States would represent a new record low.

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Winter Wheat Area Seeded – States and United States: 2018-2020

State	Crop year			2020 as a percent of 2019
	2018	2019	2020	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Alabama	160	130	185	142
Arizona ¹	22	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Arkansas	175	110	160	145
California	380	390	340	87
Colorado	2,250	2,150	1,900	88
Delaware	75	60	55	92
Florida ¹	15	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Georgia	200	150	160	107
Idaho	720	730	720	99
Illinois	600	650	490	75
Indiana	310	330	310	94
Iowa ¹	16	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Kansas	7,700	6,900	6,900	100
Kentucky	450	460	540	117
Louisiana ¹	15	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Maryland	360	345	400	116
Michigan	510	540	500	93
Minnesota ¹	11	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Mississippi	55	45	45	100
Missouri	740	550	440	80
Montana	1,650	2,000	1,600	80
Nebraska	1,100	1,070	900	84
Nevada ¹	13	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
New Jersey	18	19	29	153
New Mexico	320	360	330	92
New York	110	90	150	167
North Carolina	460	290	440	152
North Dakota	85	85	75	88
Ohio	490	500	560	112
Oklahoma	4,400	4,200	4,200	100
Oregon	720	740	700	95
Pennsylvania	195	180	245	136
South Carolina	80	70	110	157
South Dakota	830	860	700	81
Tennessee	380	280	370	132
Texas	4,500	4,500	4,900	109
Utah	120	125	120	96
Virginia	230	180	260	144
Washington	1,700	1,750	1,700	97
West Virginia ¹	7	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Wisconsin	240	195	140	72
Wyoming	130	125	130	104
United States	32,542	31,159	30,804	99

(NA) Not available.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Estimates discontinued in 2019.

Durum Wheat Area Seeded – States and United States: 2018-2020

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not begun]

State	Crop year			2020 as a percent of 2019
	2018	2019	2020 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Arizona	74	34	45	132
California	45	30	25	83
Idaho	11	5		
Montana	840	550		
North Dakota	1,100	720		
South Dakota ²	3	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
United States	2,073	1,339		

(NA) Not available.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Indicated 2020 area seeded for all five States and the United States will be published in *Prospective Plantings* released March 2020.

² Estimates discontinued in 2019.

Canola Area Seeded – States and United States: 2018-2020

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State	Crop year			2020 as a percent of 2019
	2018	2019	2020 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Idaho ²	43.0	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Kansas	47.0	29.0	15.0	52
Minnesota	46.0	51.0		
Montana	120.0	150.0		
North Dakota	1,590.0	1,700.0		
Oklahoma	70.0	35.0	12.0	34
Oregon ²	4.7	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Washington	70.0	75.0		
United States	1,990.7	2,040.0		

(NA) Not available.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Indicated 2020 area seeded for all six States and the United States will be published in *Prospective Plantings* released March 2020.

² Estimates discontinued in 2019.

Statistical Methodology

Survey procedures: The estimates in this report are based primarily on surveys conducted the first two weeks of December. The December Agricultural Survey is a probability survey that includes a sample of approximately 78,600 farm operators selected from a list of producers that ensures all operations in the United States have a chance to be selected. Data from farm operators was collected by mail, internet, telephone, or personal interview to obtain information on crop acreage, yield, and production for the 2019 crop year and winter wheat, Durum wheat, and canola seedings for the 2020 crop year.

Estimating procedures: National, Regional, State, and grower reported data were reviewed for reasonableness and consistency with historical estimates. Each Regional Office submits their analysis of the current situation to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB). Survey data are compiled to the National level and are reviewed at this level independently of each State's review. Estimates were based on survey data and the historical relationship of official estimates to survey data.

Revision policy: These estimates will not be revised; instead, new estimates will be made throughout the growing season. End-of-season wheat estimates are made after harvest and published in the *Small Grains Annual Summary* report at the end of September. End-of-season canola estimates are published in the *Crop Production Annual Summary* report in the middle of January.

Reliability: The survey used to make acreage estimates is subject to sampling and non-sampling type errors that are common to all surveys. The survey indications are subject to sampling variability because not all operations with winter wheat are included in the sample. This variability, as measured by the relative standard error at the National level, is approximately 1.8 percent for winter wheat. This means that chances are approximately 95 out of 100 that survey estimates for acres will be within plus or minus 3.6 percent for winter wheat.

Survey indications are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors cannot be measured directly, but they are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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