



Winter Wheat Seedings

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Planted Acres Up 10 Percent

Winter wheat seeded area for 2011 is expected to total 41.0 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.6 million; Soft Red Winter, 7.76 million; and White Winter, 3.66 million.

Winter Wheat Area Seeded – United States: 2009-2011 (Domestic Units)

State	Crop year			2011 as a percent of 2010
	2009	2010	2011	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Winter wheat	43,346	37,335	40,990	110

Winter Wheat Area Seeded – United States: 2009-2011 (Metric Units)

State	Crop year			2011 as a percent of 2010
	2009	2010	2011	
	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	(percent)
Winter wheat	17,541,690	15,109,100	16,588,240	110

Winter wheat: Planted area for harvest in 2011 is estimated at 41.0 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010 but 5 percent below 2009. Seeding began last August and during September was slightly behind the 5-year average. During October, seeding progressed slightly ahead of the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to the early row crop harvest and higher prices. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 47 percent good to excellent compared with 63 percent the previous year.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is about 29.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2010. Acreage is above last year's level in all States in the HRW growing area except Nebraska, New Mexico, and Wyoming. The largest acreage increases are in Kansas and South Dakota, up 400,000 and 300,000 acres, respectively. The dry fall limited planted acres in some States and lack of moisture continues to be a concern across much of the HRW growing area.

Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area is about 7.76 million acres, up 47 percent from last year. Large acreage increases from last year are estimated in all SRW growing States. Record or near record low acreages occurred in many States last year due to the late row crop harvest during the fall of 2009. The early row crop harvest and dry conditions this fall allowed many of those acres to be seeded. Farmers in several States reported trouble finding enough seed due to the large increase in acres seeded. The largest acreage increases are in Arkansas, Illinois, and Missouri. Winter wheat in Arkansas is up 250,000 acres, 125 percent above 2010. Illinois is up 410,000 acres, 124 percent above last year. Acreage seeded in Missouri is up 380,000 acres, a 103 percent increase from 2010.

White Winter wheat seeded area totals nearly 3.66 million acres, up 4 percent from 2010. Planted acreage in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) is up from last year. Winter wheat planted area is up 90,000 acres from 2010 in Idaho, down 10,000 in Oregon, and unchanged in Washington. Seeding started off slow but by early October was ahead of the 5-year average in all three States. By November 7, seeding was virtually complete in the region with 96 percent of the acreage emerged in Washington, 90 percent emerged in Idaho and 78 percent emerged in Oregon.

Durum wheat: Seedings in Arizona and California for 2011 harvest are estimated at 235,000 acres, up 21 percent from the 2010, but 23 percent below 2009. Planted acreage is unchanged from last year in Arizona but up 40,000 in California. Planting is ongoing in California's San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys. No major problems with the crop have been reported.

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Winter Wheat Area Seeded – States and United States: 2009-2011

State	Crop year			2011 as a percent of 2010
	2009	2010	2011	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Alabama	220	150	200	133
Arizona	7	9	10	111
Arkansas	430	200	450	225
California	615	660	730	111
Colorado	2,600	2,450	2,500	102
Delaware	70	50	70	140
Florida	17	12	13	108
Georgia	340	170	225	132
Idaho	740	750	840	112
Illinois	850	330	740	224
Indiana	470	250	430	172
Iowa	28	15	20	133
Kansas	9,300	8,400	8,800	105
Kentucky	510	390	480	123
Louisiana	185	125	200	160
Maryland	230	180	300	167
Michigan	630	530	700	132
Minnesota	55	65	34	52
Mississippi	180	125	300	240
Missouri	780	370	750	203
Montana	2,550	2,050	2,200	107
Nebraska	1,700	1,600	1,550	97
Nevada	16	19	19	100
New Jersey	34	28	40	143
New Mexico	450	470	450	96
New York	115	110	120	109
North Carolina	700	500	630	126
North Dakota	580	330	340	103
Ohio	1,010	780	930	119
Oklahoma	5,700	5,300	5,400	102
Oregon	760	820	810	99
Pennsylvania	190	165	180	109
South Carolina	165	145	180	124
South Dakota	1,700	1,350	1,650	122
Tennessee	430	260	310	119
Texas	6,400	5,700	5,750	101
Utah	140	135	140	104
Virginia	250	180	280	156
Washington	1,700	1,750	1,750	100
West Virginia	9	7	9	129
Wisconsin	335	240	320	133
Wyoming	155	165	140	85
United States	43,346	37,335	40,990	110

Durum Wheat Area Seeded – States and United States: 2009-2011

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not begun]

State	Crop year			2011 as a percent of 2010
	2009	2010	2011 ¹	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Arizona	125	80	80	100
California	180	115	155	135
Idaho	20	20		
Montana	570	540		
North Dakota	1,650	1,800		
South Dakota	9	15		
United States	2,554	2,570		

¹ Indicated 2011 area seeded for all six States and the United States will be published in *Prospective Plantings* released March 31, 2011.

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 84,000 farm operators selected from a list of producers that ensures all operations in the United States have a chance to be selected. These operators were contacted by mail, internet, telephone, or personal interview to obtain information on crop acreage, yield, and production for the 2010 crop year and winter wheat and Durum wheat seedings for the 2011 crop year.

Estimating procedures: National, Regional, State, and grower reported data were reviewed for reasonableness and consistency with historical estimates. Each State 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 forecasts will be made throughout the growing season. End-of-season estimates are made after harvest and published in the *Small Grains Annual Summary* report at the end of September.

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 1.4 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 2.8 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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