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Alsen Still Top Spring Wheat Variety In North Dakota

Alsen is the leading spring wheat variety in North Dakota for the fifth consecutive year with 21.4 percent of the total spring wheat planted acreage in 2006. It is planted on almost 1.5 million acres. Briggs claims second place this year with 14.1 percent of this year's planted acreage, knocking Reeder down to third place. Reeder accounts for 11.2 percent of the statewide planted acreage. Steele-ND jumps from eleventh in 2005 to fourth. It represents 9.3 percent of the total acres planted. Freyr comes in fifth and Granite falls to sixth with 5.9 and 5.5 percent of the total acres planted, respectively. Knudson is seventh this year with 5.4 percent of the total acres planted, falling from fifth in 2005. These top seven varieties account for 72.8 percent of the planted acreage. North Dakota continues to rank first in spring wheat planted acreage in the United States, with 48 percent of the nation's total.

Lebsock, Mountrail and Ben keep their three durum planted acreage rankings in order, first to third. Lebsock accounts for 29.7 percent of the total acres planted. Mountrail is a close second with 27.3 percent of the total acres planted. Ben represents 13.4 percent of the total acres planted. These top three varieties make up 70.4 percent of North Dakota's durum planted acreage. Pierce remains in fourth place this year with 8.4 percent of the total acres planted. Maier and Dilse each jump two places ranking fifth with 4.3 and sixth with 4.0 percent of the total acres planted, respectively. The leading six durum varieties are all North Dakota releases. Once again, North Dakota ranks first in durum planted acreage in the United States, with 69 percent of the nation's total.

Jerry has 32.4 percent of the 2006 winter wheat acreage in North Dakota, leading for the third straight year. CDC Falcon remains in second place while increasing its share of the winter wheat acreage to 24.0 percent of the state's total. Wesley jumps one spot to claim third place with 11.6 percent of the total acres planted, knocking Jagalene down to fourth place. Jagalene represents 8.7 percent of the total acres planted. Crimson is the fifth most popular winter wheat variety this year. It accounts for 3.5 percent of the total acres planted. These top five varieties account for 80.2 percent of the planted acreage in North Dakota.

The data in this report are based on 1,694 positive reports from 3,316 respondents to a survey of wheat producers conducted during June and July by the North Dakota Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Thank you to each person who supplied data and made this report possible. The North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Agriculture Experiment Station provided supporting funds for this survey. Free copies of the publication are available from the North Dakota Wheat Commission, 4023 State Street, Bismarck, ND 58503-0690; telephone (701) 328-5111.

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