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Glenn is Leading Spring Wheat Variety in North Dakota

Glenn is the leading spring wheat variety in North Dakota with over 1.30 million acres planted statewide. It accounts for 20.9 percent of the 6.30 million acres of spring wheat planted in 2007. Alsen ranks second with 15.1 percent of the spring wheat acreage. Freyr and Briggs rank third and fourth with 9.5 and 9.2 percent of the total acres planted, respectively. Steele-ND ranks fifth with 9.1 percent of the spring wheat acreage. Reeder drops three places to sixth place with 8.8 percent of the spring wheat planted. These top six varieties account for 72.6 percent of the spring wheat planted in 2007. North Dakota continues to rank first in spring wheat planted acreage in the United States, with 47.9 percent of the nation's total.

Lebsock and Mountrail maintain their rankings as the top two durum wheat varieties planted in 2007; however, their combined share of the total has decreased from 57.0 percent in 2006 to 52.1 percent in 2007. Lebsock accounts for 28.3 percent of the durum wheat acreage and Mountrail acreage is 23.8 percent. Pierce continues to increase its share of the durum wheat acreage and moves up to third with 13.1 percent of the total durum wheat planted, while Ben drops one spot to fourth with 11.7 percent. These four varieties account for 76.9 percent of the durum acreage in North Dakota. Once again, North Dakota ranks first in durum wheat planted acreage with 67.4 percent of the nation's estimated 2.23 million acres planted.

Jerry accounts for 43.8 percent of the 2007 winter wheat acreage in North Dakota, leading for the fourth straight year. CDC Falcon remains in second place, but decreased from 24.0 percent in 2006 to 15.1 percent in 2007. Jagalene and Wesley rank third and fourth respectively, with 12.5 and 7.9 percent of the total acres planted. The top four varieties account for 79.3 percent of the acreage planted in North Dakota.

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