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Glenn is Leading Spring Wheat Variety in North Dakota

Glenn is the leading spring wheat variety in North Dakota for the third year in a row with nearly 1.60 million acres planted statewide. It accounts for 23.6 percent of the 6.70 million acres of spring wheat planted in 2009. Faller ranks second with 17.2 percent of the spring wheat acreage. Briggs represents 7.6 percent of the spring wheat planted and ranks third. Freyr and Steele-ND rank fourth and fifth, respectively, 7.0 and 5.8 percent of the spring wheat acres planted. Howard is sixth with 5.1 percent of the spring wheat acreage. Kelby and Alsen rank seventh and eighth, respectively, 4.4 and 4.2 percent of the spring wheat acres planted. The top eight varieties account for 74.9 percent of the spring wheat planted in 2009. North Dakota continues to rank first in spring wheat planted acreage in the United States, with 48.6 percent of the nation's total acreage.

Divide is the leading Durum wheat variety in 2009, up from fourth in 2008. Divide accounts for 20.6 percent of the 1.70 million acres planted compared with 7.6 percent in 2008 and 1.7 percent in 2007. Mountrail and Lebsock rank second and third, respectively, both with 16.9 percent of the Durum wheat acres. Pierce ranks fourth in Durum wheat acreage with 9.4 percent, and Alkabo ranks fifth with 8.9 percent. The top five varieties account for 72.7 percent of the Durum wheat acreage in North Dakota. Once again, North Dakota ranks first in Durum wheat planted acreage with 66.5 percent of the nation's estimated 2.56 million acres planted.

Jerry accounts for 48.3 percent of the 2009 winter wheat planted acreage in North Dakota, marking the sixth year as the most popular winter wheat variety. Jagalene and CDC Falcon switch places in 2009 and are ranked second and third, respectively. Jagalene accounts for 10.8 percent of the total winter wheat acres planted, while CDC Falcon accounts for 9.3 percent of the total acres planted. Wesley ranks fourth with 7.8 percent. The top four varieties account for 76.2 percent of the winter wheat acreage planted in North Dakota.

The data in this report are based on a survey of wheat producers conducted during June and July by the North Dakota Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Highly reliable state averages are produced from 2,327 positive reports by 4,583 respondents. The North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Agriculture Experiment Station provide supporting funds for this survey. Free copies of this publication are available from the North Dakota Wheat Commission; (701) 328-5111 or ndwheat@ndwheat.com