



OREGON GRASS SEED FORECAST

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OREGON GRASS SEED ACRES DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM 2020

Total acreage of Oregon grown Ryegrass and Tall Fescue decreased to 329,000 acres for harvest in 2021, from 336,000 acres harvested in 2020. Estimates are based on data from a survey of growers conducted in January 2021. Acreage totals for 2020 were revised from preliminary intentions based on 2021 survey data for all grass seed types.

Growers indicated that 53 percent of the 2021 ryegrass acres to be harvested are under contract, while 62 percent of the tall fescue acres are under contract. Total irrigated acreage of ryegrass are estimated to be 20 percent of the 2021 crop. Total irrigated acreage of tall fescue are estimated to be 29 percent of the 2021 crop. The data series for acres of seed under contract and irrigated acres started in 2019.

The upcoming 2021 crop was reported to be in fair to good condition. Fall rains helped establishment and growth of both ryegrass and fescue fields. Voles and mice were frequently mentioned as being prevalent in some fields.

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Type of Seed	Acres Harvested in 2020	Acres Available for Harvest in 2021	Acres of Seed Under Contract in 2021	Acres Irrigated or to be Irrigated in 2021
Ryegrass Seed:				
Annual	119,000	115,000	48,000	3,000
Perennial	56,000	57,000	44,000	32,000
Tall Fescue Seed:				
Turf Type	123,000	125,000	88,000	41,000
Forage Type	19,000	16,000	7,000	2,000
K-31 & Other	19,000	16,000	3,000	2,000