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Wheat Seedings in the Northwest Down 2 Percent from last year United States planted acres Down 4 Percent

Idaho growers seeded 710,000 acres of winter wheat for the 2019 crop, down 1 percent from 2018, and 1 percent below the 2017 crop. Oregon farmers planted 670,000 acres, down 7 percent from the 2018 crop and down 4 percent from 2017. Washington winter wheat growers seeded an estimated 1.70 million acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2019. This is unchanged from the area seeded in 2018 and 2017.

Nationally, planted area for harvest in 2019 is estimated at 31.3 million acres, down 4 percent from 2018 and down 4 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest United States acreage on record. Seedings, which began in early September, fell behind the 5-year average seeding pace in early October and remained behind the 5-year average seeding pace for the duration of the planting season. Seeding was mostly complete by November 11.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is expected to total 22.2 million acres, down 3 percent from 2018. Planted acreage is down from last year across most of the growing region. The largest declines in planted acreage are estimated in California, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Record low acreage was seeded in Nebraska.

Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area totals 5.66 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Acreage decreases are expected from last year in most of the SRW growing States, while increases are expected in Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, and Pennsylvania. Record low acreage was seeded in New Jersey, Ohio, and West Virginia.

White Winter wheat seeded area totals 3.44 million acres, down 3 percent from 2018. Planting in the Pacific Northwest got off to a normal start, compared to the 5-year average pace, and remained near average throughout the planting season. By November 4, seeding was virtually complete in the region.

Winter Wheat Area Seeded — States and United States: 2017-2019

State	Crop year			2019 as a percent of 2018
	2017	2018	2019	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Alabama	150	160	170	106
Arizona	25	20	7	35
Arkansas.....	200	175	120	69
California	385	380	330	87
Colorado.....	2,250	2,250	2,250	100
Delaware	75	75	60	80
Florida.....	20	15	20	133
Georgia.....	160	200	210	105
Idaho	720	720	710	99
Illinois.....	500	600	600	100
Indiana.....	290	310	300	97
Iowa.....	16	16	30	188
Kansas.....	7,600	7,700	7,200	94
Kentucky.....	480	450	430	96
Louisiana	20	15	25	167
Maryland.....	410	360	300	83
Michigan	480	510	500	98
Minnesota	10	11	15	136
Mississippi	45	55	55	100
Missouri	640	740	700	95
Montana.....	1,750	1,650	1,800	109
Nebraska	1,120	1,100	930	85
Nevada	14	13	11	85
New Jersey	23	18	16	89
New Mexico	330	315	325	103
New York.....	140	110	110	100
North Carolina.....	450	460	380	83
North Dakota.....	70	85	110	129
Ohio.....	490	490	460	94
Oklahoma	4,500	4,400	4,200	95
Oregon	700	720	670	93
Pennsylvania	210	195	210	108
South Carolina.....	90	80	60	75
South Dakota.....	910	830	800	96
Tennessee.....	370	380	330	87
Texas.....	4,700	4,500	4,500	100
Utah.....	120	120	125	104
Virginia.....	210	230	180	78
Washington	1,700	1,700	1,700	100
West Virginia.....	8	7	6	86
Wisconsin	210	240	215	90
Wyoming.....	135	130	120	92
United States	32,726	32,535	31,290	96

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