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### **Wheat Seedings in the Northwest down 3 percent from last year United States planted acres down 1 percent**

Idaho growers seeded 720,000 acres of winter wheat for the 2020 crop, down 1 percent from 2019, but unchanged from the 2018 crop. Oregon farmers planted 700,000 acres, down 5 percent from the 2019 crop and down 3 percent from 2018. Washington winter wheat growers seeded an estimated 1.70 million acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2020. This is down 3 percent from the area seeded in 2019 but unchanged from 2018.

Nationally, planted area for harvest in 2020 is estimated at 30.8 million acres, down 1 percent from the 2019 crop and down 5 percent from 2018. This represents the second lowest United States acreage on record. Seeding of the 2020 acreage was underway in mid-September but was behind the 5-year average pace. About a month into seeding, progress was at or ahead of the 5-year average for the remainder of seeding the 2020 acreage. Seeding was mostly complete by November 17, 2019.

Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat seeded area is expected to total 21.8 million acres, down 3 percent from 2019. Planted acreage is down from last year across most of the growing region. The largest increases in planted acreage are estimated in Texas while the largest decreases are estimated in Colorado and Montana. Record low acreage was seeded in Nebraska and Utah.

Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat seeded area totals 5.64 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. Compared with last year, acreage increases are expected in most of the SRW growing States, while decreases are expected in Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

White Winter wheat seeded area totals 3.37 million acres, down 4 percent from 2019. Planting in the Pacific Northwest was ahead of the 5-year average pace in Oregon but was behind in Idaho and Washington. Seeding was virtually complete in the region by early November.

## Winter Wheat Area Seeded — States and United States: 2018-2020

State	Crop year			2020 as a percent of 2019 (percent)
	2018 (1,000 acres)	2019 (1,000 acres)	2020 (1,000 acres)	
Alabama.....	160	130	185	142
Arizona <sup>1</sup> .....	22	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Arkansas.....	175	110	160	145
California.....	380	390	340	87
Colorado.....	2,250	2,150	1,900	88
Delaware.....	75	60	55	92
Florida <sup>1</sup> .....	15	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Georgia.....	200	150	160	107
<b>Idaho</b> .....	<b>720</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>99</b>
Illinois.....	600	650	490	75
Indiana.....	310	330	310	94
Iowa <sup>1</sup> .....	16	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Kansas.....	7,700	6,900	6,900	100
Kentucky.....	450	460	540	117
Louisiana <sup>1</sup> .....	15	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Maryland.....	360	345	400	116
Michigan.....	510	540	500	93
Minnesota <sup>1</sup> .....	11	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Mississippi.....	55	45	45	100
Missouri.....	740	550	440	80
Montana.....	1,650	2,000	1,600	80
Nebraska.....	1,100	1,070	900	84
Nevada <sup>1</sup> .....	13	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
New Jersey.....	18	19	29	153
New Mexico.....	320	360	330	92
New York.....	110	90	150	167
North Carolina.....	460	290	440	152
North Dakota.....	85	85	75	88
Ohio.....	490	500	560	112
Oklahoma.....	4,400	4,200	4,200	100
<b>Oregon</b> .....	<b>720</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>95</b>
Pennsylvania.....	195	180	245	136
South Carolina.....	80	70	110	157
South Dakota.....	830	860	700	81
Tennessee.....	380	280	370	132
Texas.....	4,500	4,500	4,900	109
Utah.....	120	125	120	96
Virginia.....	230	180	260	144
<b>Washington</b> .....	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>97</b>
West Virginia <sup>1</sup> .....	7	(NA)	(NA)	(X)
Wisconsin.....	240	195	140	72
Wyoming.....	130	125	130	104
United States.....	32,542	31,159	30,804	99

(NA) Not available. (X) Not applicable. <sup>1</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2019.

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