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## WINTER WHEAT AND RYE DECEMBER 1, 1967

The Crop Reporting Board of the Statistical Reporting Service makes the following report of WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE SEEDED and PRODUCTION and RYE ACREAGE SEEDED and CONDITION, for the United States, from data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians, and cooperating State agencies.

| ITEM   | Crops<br>of<br>1962-66 | Crop<br>of<br>1967 | Crop<br>of<br>1968 1/ |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>                             |                        |                    |                       |
| Acreage seeded for all purposes<br>(1,000 acres) | 42,586                 | 54,335             | 49,747                |
| Yield per seeded acre (bu.)                      | 22.7                   | 22.3               | 24.2                  |
| Production (1,000 bu.)                           | 967,508                | 1,212,111          | 1,203,619             |
| Seedings as % of previous year                   | ---                    | 126.4              | 91.6                  |
| Harvested for grain (percent)                    | 86.0                   | 84.0               | 86.0                  |
| <b>RYE:</b>                                      |                        |                    |                       |
| Acreage seeded for all purposes<br>(1,000 acres) | 4,396                  | 3,667              | 3,477                 |
| Seedings as % of previous year                   | ---                    | 92.6               | 94.8                  |
| Condition Dec. 1 (percent)                       | 87                     | 86                 | 85                    |

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WINTER WHEAT: Acreage seeded to winter wheat this fall for 1968 harvest totaled 49.7 million acres, 8 percent less than last year but otherwise the largest fall seedings since 1952. Farmers reduced winter wheat plantings but not as much as the reduction in the 1968 all wheat acreage allotment. The 1968 all wheat acreage allotment is 59.3 million acres, 13 percent below a year earlier.

Except in Montana, the major winter wheat producing States planted less acreage than a year earlier. Montana planted the same acreage as last year. The Corn Belt and Northeast, where a wet fall restricted plantings, showed the largest percentage decline in acreage. Several Southern and Western States, with small allotments, increased acreages from a year earlier.

The indicated winter wheat crop for 1968 is 1,204 million bushels, based on conditions as of December 1. This would be 1 percent less than the 1967 crop, but the second largest of record. Winter wheat on December 1 was in uniformly fair to good condition across much of the Nation. There were no large areas where wheat was under severe stress or in excellent condition. In the past decade, the average change in estimates of U. S. production from December 1 to harvest has been 93 million bushels, ranging from 3 million to 267 million bushels in individual years.

The yield per seeded acre of 24.2 bushels is 1.9 bushels above 1967 and 1.5 bushels above average. December 1 conditions indicate 86.0 percent of the acreage seeded will be harvested for grain, compared with 84.0 percent in 1967 and the average of 86.0 percent.

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Seeding of winter wheat in the Great Plains started slowly because of dry soils but gained momentum after September rains. The crop germinated well and got off to a good start but dry soils in the western Great Plains limited fall growth. In eastern Kansas and Nebraska, excessive moisture delayed seeding and retarded top growth. Wheat enters winter in generally fair to good condition throughout the Great Plains. Prospects are better than a year earlier from central Kansas southward, but not quite equal to year-earlier good to excellent prospects from central Kansas northward.

In Montana, seeding progressed slowly because of dry soils until late September rains. Seeding was nearly completed by October 20, a little later than usual. The crop enters winter mostly in good condition, although soil moisture is still short in some local areas. Rainfall was very light in the Pacific Northwest during the summer and early fall and many farmers "dusted" in their wheat hoping for rain. Rain during October and November, although generally light in major wheat areas, provided moisture for germination. Some stands are still "spotty" in southern Washington and eastern Oregon.

Wet soils delayed harvest of fall crops in the Corn Belt and Northeast, and some wheat to be seeded following corn and soybeans could not be sown. Stands of wheat that were seeded are good, soil moisture is more than adequate, and the crop is entering winter in good condition. In the Southern States, dry soils slowed early development but moisture in late November and early December brought sharp improvement.

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RYE: There were 3.5 million acres of rye sown for all purposes in the fall of 1967, 5 percent less than a year earlier and 21 percent below average. The acreage seeded for harvest in 1968 was the smallest acreage seeded since the fall of 1952.

Except for the South Atlantic which showed an increase of 7 percent and the West which was unchanged, the other regions seeded less acreage than a year earlier. In the North Central region, accounting for 40 percent of total U. S. seeded acreage, States other than Ohio and Nebraska seeded less acreage than a year earlier. The Western States of Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana seeded more acreage, but Washington, Oregon, and Idaho put in less.

In the band of States stretching from eastern Kansas to New York, seeding of the 1968 rye crop progressed ahead of normal until early October. Then wet weather almost halted seeding because most farmers tried to harvest corn and soybeans in the few days favoring fall field activities. In other parts of the West North Central region, rye was generally seeded under dry conditions, but September rains brought needed moisture for germination. In the rest of the country, rye was seeded generally under near normal conditions.

On December 1, reported condition of rye acreage to be harvested in 1968 was 85 percent of normal, 1 percent less than a year earlier and 2 percent below average. Reported condition in the Dakota-Nebraska producing area was below last year's very good prospects mainly because of dryness at planting time. However, rye is entering winter generally in fair to good condition. The first production forecast of the 1968 crop will be made next July.

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WINTER WHEAT

| State   | Acreage seeded 1/ |              |              |   | Production       |               |                 |
|---------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|         | Crops of 1962-66  | Crop of 1967 | Crop of 1968 | Crop of 1968 as percent of crop of 1967 | Crops of 1962-66 | Crop of 1967  | Crop of 1968 2/ |
|         | 1,000 acres       | 1,000 acres  | 1,000 acres  | Percent                                 | 1,000 bushels    | 1,000 bushels | 1,000 bushels   |
| N. Y.   | 207               | 268          | 230          | 86                                      | 7,153            | 10,000        | 8,740           |
| N. J.   | 48                | 61           | 52           | 85                                      | 1,290            | 1,950         | 1,664           |
| Pa.     | 460               | 505          | 414          | 82                                      | 14,226           | 17,280        | 14,076          |
| Ohio    | 1,377             | 1,549        | 1,239        | 80                                      | 45,560           | 51,476        | 42,126          |
| Ind.    | 1,271             | 1,342        | 1,141        | 85                                      | 44,236           | 48,396        | 42,217          |
| Ill.    | 1,738             | 2,010        | 1,648        | 82                                      | 61,993           | 76,596        | 60,976          |
| Mich.   | 923               | 1,133        | 918          | 81                                      | 33,026           | 40,320        | 34,884          |
| Wis.    | 39                | 48           | 45           | 94                                      | 1,266            | 1,800         | 1,710           |
| Minn.   | 23                | 30           | 28           | 93                                      | 476              | 870           | 616             |
| Iowa    | 82                | 70           | 46           | 66                                      | 1,927            | 1,690         | 1,196           |
| Mo.     | 1,430             | 1,912        | 1,434        | 75                                      | 37,530           | 53,824        | 41,586          |
| N. Dak. | 3/55              | 75           | 120          | 160                                     | 3/840            | 1,950         | 2,400           |
| S. Dak. | 664               | 875          | 779          | 89                                      | 11,011           | 29,085        | 17,138          |
| Nebr.   | 3,147             | 3,583        | 3,296        | 92                                      | 68,081           | 88,112        | 88,992          |
| Kans.   | 10,651            | 13,146       | 11,963       | 91                                      | 208,377          | 221,620       | 239,260         |
| Del.    | 22                | 29           | 27           | 93                                      | 632              | 1,064         | 945             |
| Md.     | 140               | 165          | 145          | 88                                      | 3,997            | 5,967         | 4,930           |
| Va.     | 183               | 213          | 198          | 93                                      | 4,408            | 6,790         | 6,138           |
| W. Va.  | 21                | 24           | 23           | 96                                      | 469              | 660           | 552             |
| N. C.   | 243               | 320          | 320          | 100                                     | 5,620            | 8,432         | 11,200          |
| S. C.   | 72                | 120          | 102          | 85                                      | 1,801            | 3,024         | 2,652           |
| Ga.     | 71                | 148          | 147          | 99                                      | 1,820            | 3,380         | 3,675           |
| Fla.    | 44                | 50           | 60           | 120                                     | 778              | 960           | 1,200           |
| Ky.     | 224               | 300          | 285          | 95                                      | 4,806            | 7,854         | 7,125           |
| Tenn.   | 160               | 328          | 325          | 99                                      | 3,855            | 8,526         | 8,775           |
| Ala.    | 65                | 130          | 156          | 120                                     | 1,285            | 2,688         | 3,276           |
| Miss.   | 152               | 562          | 652          | 116                                     | 3,595            | 13,860        | 16,300          |
| Ark.    | 325               | 705          | 684          | 97                                      | 8,617            | 18,838        | 18,468          |
| La.     | 97                | 165          | 165          | 100                                     | 1,312            | 2,600         | 2,310           |
| Okla.   | 4,912             | 6,480        | 6,026        | 93                                      | 94,946           | 88,689        | 120,520         |
| Texas   | 4,080             | 5,578        | 5,132        | 92                                      | 60,621           | 53,216        | 71,848          |
| Mont.   | 2,278             | 2,877        | 2,877        | 100                                     | 54,080           | 84,210        | 77,679          |
| Idaho   | 823               | 1,074        | 1,042        | 97                                      | 27,281           | 42,355        | 39,596          |
| Wyo.    | 240               | 318          | 296          | 93                                      | 3,832            | 7,020         | 5,328           |
| Colo.   | 2,743             | 3,304        | 3,139        | 95                                      | 29,750           | 37,850        | 40,807          |
| N. Mex. | 293               | 372          | 339          | 91                                      | 4,092            | 3,948         | 4,407           |
| Ariz.   | 30                | 55           | 57           | 104                                     | 1,174            | 2,450         | 2,280           |
| Utah    | 196               | 246          | 236          | 96                                      | 4,180            | 6,783         | 6,136           |
| Nev.    | 6                 | 12           | 15           | 125                                     | 339              | 840           | 975             |
| Wash.   | 2,015             | 2,783        | 2,672        | 96                                      | 75,147           | 113,778       | 109,552         |
| Oreg.   | 744               | 933          | 923          | 93                                      | 24,395           | 30,008        | 29,536          |
| Calif.  | 314               | 377          | 351          | 93                                      | 8,019            | 11,352        | 9,828           |
| U. S.   | 42,586            | 54,335       | 49,747       | 91.6                                    | 967,508          | 1,212,111     | 1,203,619       |

1/ Total acreage seeded for all purposes. 2/ Indicated December 1, 1967.  
 3/ 1964-66 average.

RYE

| State   | Acreage seeded <sup>1/</sup> |              |              | Condition December 1                    |                                    |                     |                     |
|---------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|         | Crops of 1962-66             | Crop of 1967 | Crop of 1968 | Crop of 1968 as percent of crop of 1967 | Average 1961-65 (crops of 1962-66) | 1966 (crop of 1967) | 1967 (crop of 1968) |
|         | 1,000 acres                  | 1,000 acres  | 1,000 acres  | Percent                                 | Percent                            | Percent             | Percent             |
| N. Y.   | 131                          | 130          | 129          | 99                                      | 91                                 | 95                  | 93                  |
| N. J.   | 92                           | 95           | 87           | 92                                      | 89                                 | 89                  | 88                  |
| Pa.     | 48                           | 69           | 48           | 70                                      | 87                                 | 92                  | 92                  |
| Ohio    | 121                          | 97           | 105          | 108                                     | 84                                 | 91                  | 86                  |
| Ind.    | 170                          | 104          | 77           | 74                                      | 88                                 | 92                  | 89                  |
| Ill.    | 170                          | 105          | 90           | 86                                      | 91                                 | 94                  | 92                  |
| Mich.   | 206                          | 222          | 189          | 85                                      | 95                                 | 95                  | 93                  |
| Wis.    | 54                           | 72           | 50           | 69                                      | 90                                 | 86                  | 92                  |
| Minn.   | 110                          | 97           | 95           | 98                                      | 93                                 | 94                  | 82                  |
| Iowa    | 23                           | 25           | 18           | 72                                      | 91                                 | 84                  | 92                  |
| Mo.     | 147                          | 120          | 96           | 80                                      | 84                                 | 87                  | 85                  |
| N. Dak. | 485                          | 204          | 165          | 81                                      | 85                                 | 84                  | 79                  |
| S. Dak. | 223                          | 241          | 214          | 89                                      | 89                                 | 94                  | 83                  |
| Nebr.   | 299                          | 184          | 202          | 110                                     | 89                                 | 92                  | 83                  |
| Kans.   | 304                          | 126          | 94           | 75                                      | 85                                 | 70                  | 82                  |
| Del.    | 49                           | 49           | 52           | 106                                     | 86                                 | 88                  | 85                  |
| Md.     | 99                           | 103          | 103          | 100                                     | 89                                 | 90                  | 88                  |
| Va.     | 243                          | 280          | 294          | 105                                     | 86                                 | 90                  | 86                  |
| N. C.   | 113                          | 120          | 132          | 110                                     | 88                                 | 86                  | 85                  |
| S. C.   | 84                           | 90           | 92           | 102                                     | 79                                 | 71                  | 73                  |
| Ga.     | 156                          | 240          | 271          | 113                                     | 83                                 | 86                  | 72                  |
| Ky.     | 98                           | 86           | 74           | 86                                      | 82                                 | 85                  | 91                  |
| Tenn.   | 61                           | 58           | 52           | 90                                      | 87                                 | 89                  | 89                  |
| Okla.   | 309                          | 237          | 230          | 97                                      | 84                                 | 72                  | 87                  |
| Texas   | 180                          | 248          | 253          | 102                                     | 80                                 | 67                  | 78                  |
| Mont.   | 43                           | 12           | 13           | 108                                     | 87                                 | 90                  | 96                  |
| Idaho   | 21                           | 16           | 10           | 62                                      | 92                                 | 92                  | 92                  |
| Wyo.    | 32                           | 27           | 28           | 104                                     | 86                                 | 95                  | 95                  |
| Colo.   | 128                          | 63           | 77           | 122                                     | 80                                 | 86                  | 83                  |
| Wash.   | 109                          | 52           | 47           | 90                                      | 90                                 | 91                  | 88                  |
| Oreg.   | 91                           | 95           | 90           | 95                                      | 90                                 | 88                  | 90                  |
| U. S.   | 4,396                        | 3,667        | 3,477        | 94.8                                    | 87                                 | 86                  | 85                  |

<sup>1/</sup> Total acreage seeded for all purposes.



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