Forage supplies available from seeded winter wheat were mostly fair to good and the best in three years, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The only areas with poor forage supplies were in extreme western Kansas, the western Oklahoma Panhandle and the Southern Rolling Plains area of Texas.

By mid-November, about 46 percent of the seeded wheat acreage in the 3-State region had sufficient top growth to pasture compared with 27 percent a year earlier. In Oklahoma, 59 percent of the seeded acreage had sufficient growth to pasture. Texas reported 54 percent and Kansas 37 percent of the fall seeded wheat with sufficient growth to pasture. Approximately 22 percent of the seeded acreage was being pastured in the 3-State region at mid-month compared with 14 percent a year earlier. The percent of wheat acreage being pastured by States was 38 percent in Texas, 32 percent in Oklahoma, and 11 percent in Kansas. In parts of central Kansas and North Central Oklahoma, warm, sunny weather was needed to dry fields. Elsewhere, conditions were favorable for grazing except in some dry areas of Texas and Western Kansas where additional rainfall is needed.

KANSAS (WESTERN): Mid-November wheat pasture feed supplies over the western two-thirds of Kansas were rated as fair to good in the central districts and poor to fair in the western districts. Seeded wheat is in good condition over the western two-thirds of the State except for late seeded wheat and dry localities in the west. Forage supplies were up from the previous month in all areas. On November 15, about 37 percent of the 1969 seeded wheat acreage had sufficient growth for pasture. This compares with 5 percent last month and 15 percent a year earlier. The acreage required to carry a 400 pound calf through the winter under current conditions averaged 7 acres compared with 9 acres a year ago.

OKLAHOMA (WESTERN): About 59 percent of the seeded wheat acreage had sufficient growth for pasture by mid-November, with about one-third of the wheat acreage being grazed. The supply of forage was good in all districts but the western part of the Panhandle continues dry and grazing is limited. Wheat seeding in many of the extreme southwestern counties was not completed until late October, and wheat is just getting enough growth to support grazing. Greatest utilization of
wheat pastures is being made in the central and west central areas. In north central Oklahoma, fields have been too wet for extensive grazing. Moisture supplies are good in all but the western part of Texas and Cimarron Counties. Grazing prospects for the remainder of the winter are favorable with top soil moisture adequate to surplus over most of the State. Subsoil moisture has improved from general rains during November.

TEXAS (NORTHERN PLAINS AND SOUTHERN LOW PLAINS): Approximately 54 percent of the fall seeded wheat acreage had sufficient growth for pasture as of November 15, compared with 26 percent a month earlier and 34 percent a year earlier. On November 15, about 38 percent of the seeded wheat acreage was being utilized for pasture compared to 21 percent a year earlier. Seeded wheat pasture has sufficient growth to supply good to fair grazing in most areas. Some reports from the High Plains indicate that prospects for wheat pasture may be the best in several years. Prospects for wheat pasture in the Rolling Plains is reasonably good for the upper area but poor for the lower area.

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WINTER WHEAT - TOP GROWTH AVAILABLE FOR GRAZING*

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