



BACA - Colorado's Leading Wheat Variety

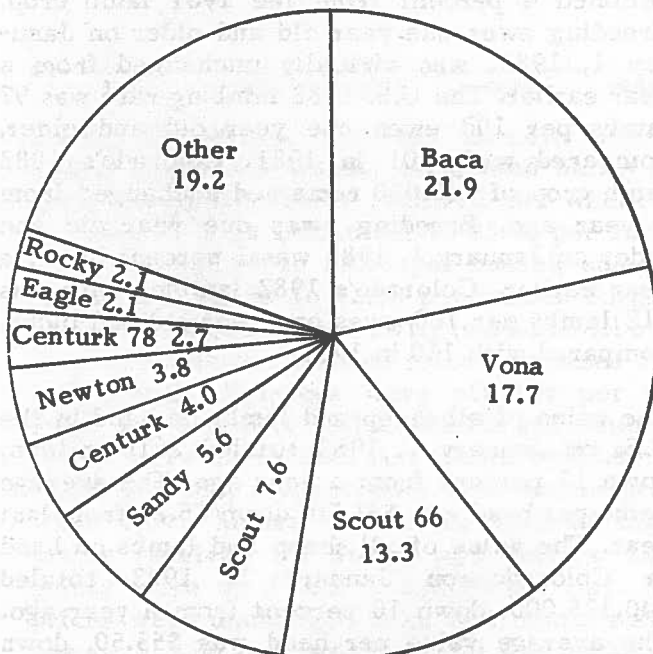
Baca was once again the most frequently planted variety of winter wheat in Colorado, a position it has held for the past three years. Baca was seeded on 21.9 percent of the acreage planted last fall, down slightly from 23.5 percent of the acreage seeded in the fall of 1981.

Vona moved from fourth position last year to the second spot for the 1983 crop with 17.7 percent of the seeded acreage compared with 8.8 percent the previous year. Scout 66 slipped from second to third with 13.3 percent of the 1983 seeded acres compared with 18.8 percent a year earlier.

Scout was fourth with 7.6 percent of the seeded acreage, down from 10.8 percent of the 1982 acreage. Sandy, a new entry in the top five, represented 5.6 percent of the 1983 seeded acreage compared with 2.5 percent last year. The top five varieties accounted for 66 percent of 1983 seeded acreage.

WHEAT VARIETIES

Acres Planted as Percent of Total, 1983 Crop



The next five varieties in order were: Centurk, Newton, Centurk 78, Eagle, and Rocky. Jeff and Bridger continue to be the leading varieties planted in northwest Colorado.

OCT. - DEC. 1982 RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Production of red meat in Colorado during the October-December 1982 quarter was estimated at 372,128,000 pounds, 34 percent above the 277,994,000 pounds produced during the same period in 1981. The increased output resulted from higher beef and lamb and mutton production, which more than offset a decline in pork production. The increase in beef production was a result of a 37 percent increase in the number of head slaughtered over the October-December 1981 quarter. The average liveweight at time of slaughter also increased by 22 pounds per head to 1,069 pounds. The decrease in Colorado pork production from the comparable period in 1981 resulted primarily from a 37 percent decline in the number of head slaughtered. Average liveweight decreased 4 pounds per head to 232 pounds. Lamb and mutton production was higher than the fourth quarter of 1981 because the number of head killed increased 42 percent and the average liveweight increased 4 pounds to 114 pounds per head.

Nationally, red meat production during October-December 1982 totaled 9.66 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the fourth quarter of 1981. The production of each kind and change from the comparable period in 1981 were as follows: beef, 5.82 billion pounds - up 2 percent; veal, 110 million pounds - down 4 percent; pork, 3.64 billion pounds - down 12 percent; lamb and mutton, 93 million pounds - up 7 percent.

U.S. red meat production during 1982 declined 4 percent from 1981 to 37.3 billion pounds. The 1982 production percent change from 1981 by individual components were: beef, up 1 percent; veal, up 2 percent; pork, down 10 percent; lamb and mutton, up 9 percent.