

WHEAT VARIETIES 1987 CROP

planted fields. Nearly 98 percent of the state's acreage had been seeded by the third week of October, and some precipitation later improved the crop's condition for entering the winter.

Nationally, winter wheat seedings for the 1987 crop are estimated at 48.7 million acres, 10 percent below the 1986 acreage and the lowest level since 1978. Seedings were down in the Great Plains, the Western States, the eastern Corn Belt, and the Southeast. Only the Delta States and few eastern states increased in acreage seeded.

WINTER WHEAT

STATE	AREA SEEDED 1/			
	CROP OF			1987
	1985	1986	1987	1986
	1,000 ACRES		PERCENT	
ALA	500	340	250	74
ARIZ	67	49	45	92
ARK	650	850	870	102
CALIF	800	650	580	89
COLO	3,700	3,300	3,100	94
DEL	45	40	50	125
FLA	160	120	80	67
GA	950	640	600	94
IDAHO	1,000	950	820	86
ILL	850	1,300	1,100	85
IND	770	900	750	83
IOWA	120	90	50	56
KANS	12,400	11,500	11,000	96
KY	430	440	460	105
LA	250	240	280	117
MD	140	160	175	109
MICH	770	750	450	60
MINN	350	180	100	56
MISS	380	250	320	128
MO	1,500	1,050	900	86
MONT	2,460	2,150	1,850	86
NEBR	2,600	2,300	2,200	96
NEV	10	10	8	80
N J	45	40	25	63
N MEX	730	740	660	89
N Y	155	165	90	55
N C	800	525	490	93
N DAK	750	520	170	33
OHIO	1,000	1,150	850	74
OKLA	7,800	7,400	7,300	99
OREG	1,030	970	830	86
PA	220	230	190	83
S C	460	325	305	94
S DAK	1,850	1,900	1,700	89
TENN	340	430	500	116
TEX	8,100	8,100	6,800	84
UTAH	230	235	180	77
VA	340	220	275	125
WASH	2,550	2,250	1,900	84
W VA	10	11	12	109
WIS	150	140	90	64
WYO	290	320	300	94
U S	57,752	53,930	48,705	90

Hawk, which had been steadily increasing in importance since 1983, became the most popular variety of winter wheat seeded for the 1987 crop. Producers planted Hawk on 21.0 percent of the 3.1 million acres seeded last fall for harvest in 1987. **Vona**, which was bumped to third by Hawk last year, regained second place by accounting for 13.7 percent of the total. **Baca** dropped to third position after being the leading variety from 1981 through 1986. It was planted on 13.2 percent of the acreage. **Sandy** continued to gain in popularity, increasing from 9.7 percent of the acreage last year to 13.1 percent for the 1987 crop, but remained in fourth position. **Scout 66** held on to fifth place, representing 8.1 percent of the 1987 acres compared with 7.0 percent of the 1986 acreage. The **top five varieties** accounted for 69 percent of the 1987 crop seedings of winter wheat. A year earlier those same varieties were seeded on 66 percent of the acreage.

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Wheat: Acres planted as a percent of total, by variety, Colorado 1982-87 1/

Variety	1982 Crop	1983 Crop	1984 Crop	1985 Crop	1986 Crop	1987 Crop
Percent						
Hawk	—	.7	3.2	10.0	15.8	21.0
Vona	8.8	17.7	17.5	18.2	14.5	13.7
Baca	23.5	21.9	23.8	19.7	18.8	13.2
Sandy	2.5	5.6	6.0	9.3	9.7	13.1
Scout 66	18.8	13.3	8.7	7.6	7.0	8.1
Newton	1.7	3.8	3.9	4.4	3.8	4.1
Tam 107	—	—	—	—	.2	2.9
Tam 105 . . . . .	.1	.9	1.4	4.1	3.5	2.8
Jeff . . . . .	.6	1.2	2.1	1.6	1.4	1.4
Centurk 78	3.5	2.7	2.1	1.6	1.5	1.4
Scout	10.8	7.6	8.3	5.0	4.7	1.3
Tam 108	—	—	—	—	—	1.1
Rocky	1.5	2.1	1.5	1.1	.6	1.1
Mustang	—	—	.1	—	.9	1.1
Brule	—	—	.6	1.6	1.2	1.0
Eagle	2.9	2.9	2.1	1.0	1.3	1.0
Centurk	7.8	4.0	3.4	2.9	2.3	.8
Larned . . . . .	.7	.4	.2	.2	.5	.7
Ram	—	—	—	.1	.6	.7
Sioux	—	—	—	—	.1	.7
Centrura	—	—	—	.2	.2	.6
Wings	1.3	1.3	.4	.4	.2	.6
Carson	—	—	—	—	—	.5
Buckskin . . . . .	.8	.7	.5	.5	.8	.5
Pioneer PL145 . . . . .	.1	—	.1	.1	.5	.5
Other 2/	14.6	13.2	14.1	10.4	9.9	6.1

1/ Dashes indicate none reported or less than .05 percent.
2/ Includes unknown varieties.

1/ Total area seeded for all purposes.