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Oregon Grass Seed Acres Up Slightly From 2021

Total acreage of Oregon grown Ryegrass and Tall Fescue increased to 321,000 acres for harvest in 2022, from 320,000 acres harvested in 2021. Estimates are based on data from a survey of growers conducted in January 2022. Acreage totals for 2021 were revised from preliminary intentions based on 2022 survey data for all grass seed types. Growers indicated that 58 percent of the 2022 ryegrass acres to be harvested are under contract, while 71 percent of the tall fescue acres are under contract. Total irrigated acreage of ryegrass are estimated to be 24 percent of the 2022 crop. Total irrigated acreage of tall fescue are estimated to be 35 percent of the 2022 crop. The data series for acres of seed under contract and irrigated acres started in 2019. The upcoming 2022 grass seed crop is being reported as mostly fair, and some in good condition. There were scattered reports of non-irrigated fields showing damage from the heat event last year. Mice and voles continue to be reported as an issue across the grass seed area. Special thanks go to the Oregon Ryegrass Growers Seed Commission, Oregon Tall Fescue Commission, and the Oregon Grass Seed Bargaining Association for support of the survey.

Oregon Grass Seed 2022

Type of Seed	Acres harvested in 2021	Acres available for harvested in 2022	Acres of seed under contract in 2022	Acres irrigated or to be irrigated in 2022
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Ryegrass Seed				
Annual	114,000	112,000	46,000	6,000
Perennial	57,000	62,000	55,000	35,000
Tall Fescue Seed				
Turf Type	116,000	113,000	96,000	45,000
Forage Type	18,000	19,000	8,000	3,000
K-31 and other Type	15,000	15,000	1,000	3,000

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