



# News Release

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### North Dakota

Winter wheat seeded area in North Dakota for harvest in 2008 is estimated at 650,000 acres, up from the 2007 crop of 465,000 acres, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. If realized, this would be the highest planted acreage since the 1985 crop of 750,000 acres. The prospects of favorable yield and higher prices encouraged an increase in plantings for the last two consecutive years. Fall weather provided optimal conditions for completing planting.

### United States

Winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2008 is estimated at 46.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2007. Hard Red Winter wheat seeded area is about 32.5 million acres, down 1 percent from 2007. Soft Red Winter area, at about 10.5 million acres, is up 21 percent from last year. White Winter wheat seeded area totals nearly 3.65 million acres, up 7 percent from 2007.

**Winter Wheat: Area Seeded  
Selected States and United States 2006-2008**

State <sup>1/</sup>	Crop Year			2008 as Pct of 2007 Percent
	2006 1,000 Acres	2007 1,000 Acres	2008 1,000 Acres	
<b>North Dakota</b>	200	465	650	140
Colorado	2,150	2,500	2,400	96
Kansas	9,800	10,400	9,900	95
Montana	1,950	2,240	2,700	121
Nebraska	1,800	2,050	1,950	95
Oklahoma	5,700	5,900	5,700	97
South Dakota	1,450	2,100	1,900	90
Texas	5,550	6,200	6,000	97
Washington	1,850	1,720	1,750	102
<b>United States</b>	<b>40,575</b>	<b>44,987</b>	<b>46,610</b>	<b>104</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Additional states published in the National release.