

WINTER RYE IN NORTH DAKOTA

(An Abstract)

Rye is assuming greater importance in North Dakota. Messrs. C. J. Heltemes and O. E. Grenier, Agricultural Statisticians in the Fargo office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. D. A. reported December 26th, 1946 upon the North Dakota rye crop as follows:

"The acreage of winter rye seeded for all purposes in North Dakota this fall is 55 percent larger than the area seeded in the fall of 1945, according to reports from farmers to the Federal Agricultural Statistician of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Fargo. The acreage seeded for harvest in 1947 is estimated at 349,000 acres compared with 225,000 acres seeded last fall and 150,000 acres seeded in the fall of 1944. The state's rye acreage however, is still far below the 10-year (1935-44) average of 1,001,000 acres, seeded. The acreage decreased sharply in 1942, 1943, and 1944, but during the past two years it has been increasing. This year a larger acreage was planted in all parts of the state but the increase was sharpest in the northern and southeastern parts. The crop was seeded under very favorable moisture conditions and stands are very good. The condition of the crop on December 1, was 86 percent of normal, 10 points higher than on that date last year and the highest since 1928. The 10-year (1935-44) average condition on December 1, was only 65 percent. The crop is in strong position for winter and offers better than average yield prospects next year.

Nebraska is still the leading state in rye acreage, while South Dakota remains in second place. North Dakota, with its increase of 55 percent, is in third place and Minnesota with 25 percent more than last year, is fourth. In these four states the acreage is 16 percent larger than last year, and is a little over one-third of the total U. S. planted acreage of rye."

Statistics on the rye crop of North Dakota and of the United States follow:

	Acreage Seeded		Condition December 1st	
	North Dakota	United States	North Dakota	United States
Crop of 1947	349,000	3,571,000	86%	92%
Crop of 1946	225,000	3,390,000	76%	83%
Crop of 1945	150,000	4,159,000	83%	88%
Crops of 1935-44 (Average)	1,001,000	6,212,000	65%*	77%*

* Average condition on December 1, 1934-43 inclusive.