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Oregon Grass Seed Acres Down 2 Percent from Previous Year

Total acreage of Oregon grown ryegrass and tall fescue is forecasted at 289,000 acres for harvest in 2025. This would result in a decrease of 5,000 acres from the final revised estimate of 294,000 acres in 2024. Estimates are based on data from a survey of growers conducted in January 2025. Growers indicated that 59 percent of the 2025 ryegrass acres to be harvested are under contract, while 68 percent of the tall fescue acres are under contract. Total irrigated acreage of ryegrass is estimated to be 15 percent of the 2025 crop. Total irrigated acreage of tall fescue is estimated to be 32 percent of the 2025 crop.

The upcoming 2025 grass seed crop is reported as mostly in fair condition. There were a significant number of reports of animal and insect damage in the crop. 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 2025 ¹

| Type of Seed | Acres harvested in 2024 | Acres available for harvest in 2025 | Acres of seed under contract in 2025 | Acres irrigated in 2025 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ryegrass Seed | | | | |
| Annual | 114,000 | 117,000 | 56,000 | 2,000 |
| Perennial | 50,000 | 51,000 | 43,000 | 23,000 |
| Tall Fescue Seed | | | | |
| Turf Type | 99,000 | 91,000 | 72,000 | 35,000 |
| Forage Type | 17,000 | 16,000 | 9,000 | 3,000 |
| K-31 and other Types | 14,000 | 14,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |

¹ Forecasted acres for 2025.

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