

U.S. Planting Seed Import Highlights
July-June Marketing Year 1997/98 Compared to 1995/96 and 1996/97

July-March	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	% Change	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	% Change
	Metric Tons			97/98-96/97	\$1,000			97/98-96/97
ALL SEEDS	135,578	137,595	142,687	3.7%	196,464	238,387	262,454	10.1%
BY KIND								
Grasses	19,270	27,870	26,587	-4.6%	20,787	34,038	35,912	5.5%
Red Fescue	11,778	15,644	15,717	0.5%	10,545	16,998	16,617	-2.2%
Wheatgrass	604	1,143	1,882	64.7%	1,019	2,134	6,941	225.3%
Perennial Ryegrass	341	5,243	2,224	-57.6%	1,315	7,461	3,005	-59.7%
Timothy	2,838	2,258	3,454	53.0%	1,983	1,360	2,085	53.3%
Bromegrass	1,114	956	755	-21.0%	1,742	1,463	1,796	22.8%
Unhulled Bermudagrass	281	320	521	62.8%	152	130	844	549.2%
Tall Fescue	281	412	522	26.7%	366	589	640	8.7%
Annual Ryegrass	113	181	306	69.1%	92	197	393	99.5%
Wild Rye	0	13	104	NA	0	55	314	NA
Kentucky Bluegrass	976	533	106	-80.1%	1,592	959	140	-85.4%
Other Forages	11,219	6,744	13,224	96.1%	18,654	13,137	25,130	91.3%
Uncertified Alfalfa	3,118	2,272	3,967	74.6%	6,602	5,476	10,175	85.8%
Red Clover	3,143	964	1,615	67.5%	4,127	1,617	3,117	92.8%
Certified Alfalfa	781	867	1,272	46.7%	1,690	2,017	2,960	46.8%
White & Ladino Clover	522	413	543	31.5%	1,508	1,009	1,362	35.0%
Sweet Clover	1,885	689	931	35.1%	1,405	644	1,224	90.1%
Birdsfoot Trefoil	288	76	210	176.3%	1,059	317	1,042	228.7%
Pulses	42,595	39,806	41,892	5.2%	17,795	19,457	19,142	-1.6%
Pea	12,224	17,863	17,072	-4.4%	3,566	5,851	5,414	-7.5%
Gram Bean	8,402	7,582	6,190	-18.4%	4,832	5,448	5,045	-7.4%
Lentil	2,343	2,856	5,292	85.3%	1,158	1,260	1,862	47.8%
Vegetables	4,461	8,539	8,333	-2.4%	51,456	68,151	84,027	23.3%
Tomato	194	200	295	47.5%	17,006	17,924	22,962	28.1%
Pepper	68	81	200	146.9%	6,109	10,015	12,930	29.1%
Pumpkin	1,250	2,195	2,491	13.5%	2,725	4,822	6,249	29.6%
Watermelon	182	296	86	-70.9%	3,603	5,303	5,232	-1.3%
Cantaloupe	32	65	102	56.9%	2,290	3,932	4,846	23.2%
Onion	107	296	190	-35.8%	4,206	4,242	4,554	7.4%
Cucumber	18	27	34	25.9%	1,309	1,827	2,957	61.9%
Cauliflower	14	12	29	141.7%	1,000	1,067	2,815	163.8%
Other Melons	140	137	140	2.2%	1,634	2,060	2,333	13.3%
Squash	58	34	152	347.1%	1,255	1,125	2,182	94.0%
Carrot	35	32	87	171.9%	884	740	2,058	178.1%
Field Crops	57,110	53,533	50,515	-5.6%	45,794	53,796	48,833	-9.2%
Field Corn	27,943	31,787	24,941	-21.5%	35,257	44,004	36,739	-16.5%
Rape and Colza	5,184	682	2,083	NA	3,028	2,780	5,928	NA
Non-durum Wheat	10,556	8,866	6,590	NA	2,197	2,104	1,253	NA
Cotton	715	0	1,339	NA	147	0	1,021	NA
Barley	4,568	5,983	5,896	NA	883	1,089	1,016	NA
Miscellaneous Kinds	925	1,103	2,136	93.7%	41,978	49,809	49,410	-0.8%
Flower	394	532	695	30.6%	38,111	43,733	40,805	-6.7%
Tree and Shrub	181	179	122	-31.8%	1,453	2,907	4,084	40.5%
Sugar Beet	22	20	1,061	5205.0%	306	165	1,126	582.4%
BY REGION								
North America	101,594	94,544	100,045	5.82%	72,523	81,639	97,379	19.3%
European Union	4,050	4,177	5,134	22.9%	35,113	44,839	45,163	0.7%
Other Asia 1	5,336	5,949	6,195	4.1%	31,116	36,102	43,219	19.7%
BY COUNTRY								
Canada	94,663	92,934	98,110	5.6%	62,491	70,915	80,524	13.6%
China	5,059	5,601	5,782	3.2%	16,453	20,172	26,581	31.8%
Chile	10,018	12,243	9,294	-24.1%	18,148	26,578	22,131	-16.7%
Netherlands	1,426	1,254	1,244	-0.8%	19,603	21,361	20,435	-4.3%
Mexico	6,930	1,610	1,935	20.2%	10,032	10,724	16,855	57.2%
Argentina	7,892	7,390	8,075	9.3%	11,462	10,257	13,737	33.9%
Japan	46	68	221	225.0%	12,025	11,198	10,977	-2.0%
France	1,156	937	1,255	33.9%	4,084	6,457	8,472	31.2%
India	1,534	2,240	3,575	59.6%	4,870	5,357	6,792	26.8%
Germany	175	231	286	23.8%	4,219	5,873	6,350	8.1%
Australia	878	2,380	3,793	59.4%	2,539	4,719	5,752	21.9%
Israel	73	154	70	-54.5%	4,102	4,326	5,592	29.3%
Guatemala	14	13	35	169.2%	5,233	4,167	5,055	21.3%
New Zealand	1,574	4,481	3,082	-31.2%	3,307	6,970	5,023	-27.9%
Taiwan	91	89	75	-15.7%	1,628	3,587	4,664	30.0%
Italy	367	336	1,258	274.4%	1,885	2,205	3,678	66.8%
Denmark	618	1,189	529	-55.5%	3,013	5,087	3,476	-31.7%
Costa Rica	16	24	48	100.0%	424	2,270	3,460	52.4%
United Kingdom	181	158	143	-9.5%	1,983	3,394	2,249	-33.7%
Brazil	389	1,167	1,222	4.7%	600	2,100	1,919	-8.6%
Thailand	401	485	460	-5.2%	1,780	2,556	1,646	-35.6%
South Africa	63	58	198	241.4%	529	370	826	123.2%
South Korea	9	13	27	107.7%	530	708	748	5.6%
Hungary	359	563	80	-85.8%	667	1,118	672	-39.9%
Indonesia	1	---	---	NA	230	471	564	19.7%
Vietnam	1	4	20	400.0%	25	336	560	66.7%
Peru	635	777	64	-91.8%	771	1,303	521	-60.0%
Burma	8	342	587	71.6%	11	222	338	53.3%
Hong Kong	131	166	90	-45.8%	480	420	249	-40.7%
Belgium	114	23	74	221.7%	102	102	236	131.4%
Turkey	316	123	81	-34.1%	554	323	234	-27.6%
Nicaragua	0	0	184	NA	0	0	225	NA
Syria	0	0	27	NA	0	0	221	NA
Spain	2	45	313	595.6%	69	76	213	180.3%

1/ Other Asia region includes China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Macau, and Taiwan.

--- denotes less than 500 kilograms.

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