

NEBRASKA WHEAT VARIETIES

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LANCER MOVES INTO THE LEADING VARIETY OF WHEAT PLANTED BY NEBRASKA FARMERS

Lancer, a newer variety and in third place last year, moved into the top ranking position of wheat planted by Nebraska farmers for the 1968 crop, according to the State-Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics. Scout, the leading variety planted for the 1967 crop, is now in second place replacing Warrior which was dropped to the third spot. Gage continues in fourth place. Lancer and Scout now account for over 50 percent of the planted acreage. The four leading varieties are planted on over 82 percent of the total acreage. Percentage-wise the three newer varieties of Lancer, Scout and Gage, all moved up as farmers shifted from some of the older varieties.

Former leading varieties such as Pawnee, Cheyenne, and Bison, have dropped sharply in popularity with Pawnee now accounting for only 1.9 percent of the planted acreage compared with 24.9 percent in 1962. Bison is down to .4 percent and in 1962 had the same percentage of 24.9 as Pawnee. Cheyenne is now down to 2.3 percent. Ottawa, the second ranking variety in 1965 with 21.2 percent, is now planted on only 4.8 percent of the total acreage. Turkey Red, one of the oldest varieties in the State, continues to be planted on a minor acreage. As new and improved varieties are developed, farmers are shifting more rapidly to the recommended varieties that are adapted to their area. The new varieties are producing better yields and are better adapted to the climatic conditions than some of the older varieties. Two new varieties are now coming into the picture. They are Scout 66 and Guide. A small acreage was grown in 1967, and seed was limited. Two other newer varieties have just been released. They are Trader and Trapper.

On the back of this release are shown the estimated percentages planted to each variety by Crop Reporting Districts. Lancer dominates the varieties planted in the northwest, and while Warrior is off sharply, it is still the second ranking variety in this area. In the southwest Warrior continues to be the leading variety, but Lancer has moved up from a year earlier taking over from some of the minor varieties. In the east central Gage is the predominant variety with Scout a close second, and in the southeast Scout slightly outranks Gage. Pawnee, which was formerly a leading variety in the latter two areas, has dropped off sharply.

NEBRASKA FARMERS GROWING VARIETIES THAT HAVE GOOD MILLING QUALITIES

Nebraska farmers continue to show a preference for varieties of wheat that have good milling qualities and are accepted by the industry. The milling and baking industries have now geared their operations to turn out a high quality product from the new varieties. Some of the newer varieties lack the strong gluten characteristics of the older varieties but can be turned into an excellent product.

NEBRASKA--WHEAT VARIETIES
ESTIMATED PERCENTAGES PLANTED TO EACH VARIETY FOR SELECTED YEARS

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Lancer.....	-----	-----	.8	8.3	19.2	29.5
Scout.....	-----	-----	1.4	11.1	21.9	25.1
Warrior.....	13.9	22.6	21.9	27.1	20.8	15.0
Gage.....	-----	-----	.7	5.7	12.8	13.2
Ottawa.....	6.3	17.4	21.2	16.2	8.3	4.8
Omaha.....	10.2	14.1	11.2	8.8	4.9	3.4
Cheyenne.....	15.3	12.3	12.2	7.6	3.1	2.3
Pawnee.....	20.1	12.6	8.2	4.9	2.9	1.9
Wichita.....	3.7	3.3	3.8	2.0	1.0	.8
Nebred.....	9.4	6.3	7.8	2.2	1.4	.7
Bison.....	14.3	5.9	6.1	2.5	1.0	.4
Triumph.....	2.6	1.4	1.2	.9	.4	.3
Rodco.....	1.1	1.2	1.1	.7	.3	.3
Turkey Red.....	.4	.1	.3	-----	.2	.1
Scout 66.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1
Guide.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.1
Ponca.....	1.6	.4	.2	.1	-----	-----
Other and Unknown.....	1.1	2.4	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.0

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ESTIMATED ACREAGE PLANTED TO EACH VARIETY FOR SELECTED YEARS

Variety	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
	T h o u s a n d A c r e s					
Lancer.....	---	---	26	250	688	972
Scout.....	---	---	46	334	785	827
Warrior.....	451	711	717	816	745	495
Gage.....	---	---	23	172	459	435
Ottawa.....	204	547	694	488	297	158
Omaha.....	331	444	367	265	176	112
Cheyenne.....	496	387	399	229	111	76
Pawnee.....	652	397	268	148	104	63
Wichita.....	120	104	124	60	36	27
Nebred.....	305	198	255	66	50	23
Bison.....	464	186	200	75	36	13
Triumph.....	84	44	39	27	14	10
Rodco.....	36	38	36	21	11	10
Turkey Red.....	13	3	10	---	7	3
Scout 66.....	---	---	---	---	---	3
Guide.....	---	---	---	---	---	3
Ponca.....	52	13	7	3	---	---
Other and Unknown.....	36	75	62	57	64	66
State.....	3,244	3,147	3,273	3,011	3,583	3,296

NEBRASKA--WHEAT VARIETIES--1968 CROP

ESTIMATED PERCENTAGES PLANTED TO EACH VARIETY BY CROP REPORTING DISTRICTS

Districts	Lancer	Scout	Warrior	Gage	Ottawa	Omaha	Cheyenne	Pawnee	Nebred	Bison	Other and Unknown	All Varieties
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Northwest	60.4	8.5	20.6	.3	---	.2	4.7	---	1.6	.1	3.6	100
N. Central	45.0	31.2	---	1.1	---	16.5	1.8	---	---	---	4.4	100
Northeast	37.3	3.3	---	29.1	6.4	18.3	1.1	1.0	---	---	3.5	100
Central	42.5	26.8	1.4	1.3	3.8	12.9	.2	4.2	1.2	.4	5.3	100
E. Central	7.0	28.8	---	40.7	8.1	6.7	.1	4.2	.2	.3	3.9	100
Southwest	32.0	16.0	41.4	.6	1.0	.1	4.5	.1	.7	1.3	2.3	100
S. Central	16.5	56.2	1.3	7.0	3.1	8.1	.2	2.8	---	.3	4.5	100
Southeast	1.4	36.7	.1	34.7	15.9	3.0	---	4.0	.1	.1	4.0	100
State	29.5	25.1	15.0	13.2	4.8	3.4	2.3	1.9	.7	.4	3.7	100

NEBRASKA--WHEAT VARIETIES--1967 CROP

ESTIMATED PERCENTAGES PLANTED TO EACH VARIETY BY CROP REPORTING DISTRICTS

Districts	Scout	Warrior	Lancer	Gage	Ottawa	Omaha	Cheyenne	Pawnee	Nebred	Bison	Other and Unknown	All Varieties
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Northwest	5.4	42.7	37.9	.1	.2	.3	7.5	---	2.7	.2	3.0	100
N. Central	27.5	.5	43.6	2.6	---	22.5	---	---	---	1.6	1.7	100
Northeast	2.1	.2	28.9	11.5	15.8	25.3	.9	2.5	.8	.7	11.3	100
Central	19.8	1.1	37.7	.6	6.4	21.2	---	5.0	1.8	1.1	5.3	100
E. Central	23.1	---	5.7	39.6	13.9	8.2	.2	5.6	.4	.3	3.0	100
Southwest	15.0	44.1	23.9	.1	1.7	.3	5.1	.1	1.8	3.5	4.4	100
S. Central	54.5	1.8	7.4	7.9	5.3	11.8	.4	6.5	.2	.8	3.4	100
Southeast	30.1	---	.5	30.7	25.2	3.8	---	5.1	.4	---	4.2	100
State	21.9	21.0	19.3	12.5	8.2	4.9	3.2	2.9	1.4	1.0	3.7	100

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