

# U.S. Imports of Planting Seed

## for JULY (the first month of the July-June marketing year)

MARKETING YEARS	metric tons			% change '98/'99 vs '97/'98	U.S. in thousands			% change '98/'99 vs '97/'98
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99		1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	
<b>ALL SEEDS</b>	<b>7,893</b>	<b>7,226</b>	<b>8,052</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>\$21,775</b>	<b>\$22,314</b>	<b>\$20,296</b>	<b>-9.0%</b>
<b>BY KIND</b>								
<b>Grasses</b>	<b>1,928</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>2,789</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>\$2,125</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$2,766</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
Red Fescue	1,380	1,867	1,118	-40.1%	\$1,460	\$1,878	\$1,209	-35.6%
Perennial Ryegrass	338	109	568	421.1%	\$413	\$123	\$548	345.5%
Unhulled Bermudagrass	15	95	739	677.9%	\$5	\$168	\$434	158.3%
Bromegrass	39	1	78	7700.0%	\$47	\$2	\$192	9500.0%
<b>Other Forages</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>18.7%</b>	<b>\$1,212</b>	<b>\$1,014</b>	<b>\$1,026</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
Uncertified Alfalfa	209	175	103	-41.1%	\$493	\$449	\$334	-25.6%
White & Ladino Clover	80	20	65	225.0%	\$244	\$62	\$153	146.8%
<b>Pulses</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>2,531</b>	<b>17.3%</b>	<b>\$1,365</b>	<b>\$1,378</b>	<b>\$1,283</b>	<b>-6.9%</b>
Gram Bean	979	871	488	-44.0%	\$743	\$742	\$396	-46.6%
Pea	525	381	1,053	176.4%	\$206	\$157	\$343	118.5%
Lentil	102	210	476	126.7%	\$54	\$71	\$156	119.7%
<b>Vegetables</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>-7.5%</b>	<b>\$7,715</b>	<b>\$10,851</b>	<b>\$8,259</b>	<b>-23.9%</b>
Tomato	4	23	44	91.3%	\$862	\$1,612	\$1,938	20.2%
Pepper	14	16	12	-25.0%	\$1,128	\$1,990	\$1,582	-20.5%
Pumpkin	178	433	296	-31.6%	\$488	\$1,137	\$778	-31.6%
Cucumber	11	12	21	75.0%	\$545	\$1,053	\$648	-38.5%
Squash	8	17	36	111.8%	\$168	\$408	\$577	41.4%
Cantaloupe	11	12	12	0.0%	\$798	\$741	\$523	-29.4%
<b>Field Crops</b>	<b>2,294</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>\$2,691</b>	<b>\$737</b>	<b>\$1,239</b>	<b>68.1%</b>
Field Corn	1,753	576	763	32.5%	\$2,456	\$575	\$1,148	99.7%
Oat	114	206	365	77.2%	\$28	\$40	\$58	45.0%
Soybean	77	124	40	-67.7%	\$83	\$53	\$19	-64.2%
Non-durum Wheat	15	23	70	204.3%	\$9	\$2	\$14	600.0%
<b>Miscellaneous Kinds</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>-64.7%</b>	<b>\$6,667</b>	<b>\$5,633</b>	<b>\$5,724</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Flower	24	29	25	-13.8%	\$6,034	\$5,311	\$5,295	-0.3%
Sugar Beet	3	159	30	-81.1%	\$62	\$109	\$42	-61.5%
Tree and Shrub	18	1	1	0.0%	\$99	\$78	\$16	-79.5%
<b>BY REGION</b>								
South America	2,037	293	927	216.38%	\$5,220	\$2,442	\$4,611	88.8%
North America	3,763	4,895	4,750	-2.96%	\$4,284	\$6,966	\$4,055	-41.8%
European Union	149	231	333	44.2%	\$5,101	\$4,155	\$3,964	-4.6%
<b>BY COUNTRY</b>								
Chile	1,867	152	166	9.2%	\$4,985	\$2,351	\$3,488	48.4%
Canada	3,664	4,579	4,022	-12.2%	\$2,709	\$3,703	\$2,848	-23.1%
Netherlands	39	72	58	-19.4%	\$2,592	\$1,463	\$1,705	16.5%
Japan	15	104	4	-96.2%	\$1,399	\$1,475	\$1,370	-7.1%
Israel	25	13	20	53.8%	\$514	\$907	\$1,286	41.8%
Mexico	99	317	728	129.7%	\$1,575	\$3,263	\$1,207	-63.0%
Argentina	50	120	741	517.5%	\$70	\$67	\$1,094	1532.8%
Australia	309	635	534	-15.9%	\$986	\$1,189	\$899	-24.4%
China	447	464	523	12.7%	\$719	\$961	\$808	-15.9%
Guatemala	0	0	0	---	\$679	\$451	\$782	73.4%
Denmark	13	3	181	5933.3%	\$494	\$384	\$770	100.5%
New Zealand	573	256	512	100.0%	\$869	\$566	\$684	20.8%
India	166	186	354	90.3%	\$291	\$1,026	\$682	-33.5%
Thailand	45	17	29	70.6%	\$912	\$735	\$601	-18.2%
United Kingdom	3	1	1	-37.0%	\$506	\$525	\$410	-21.9%
Italy	40	57	44	-22.8%	\$185	\$190	\$404	112.6%
Germany	48	1	2	100.0%	\$728	\$734	\$293	-60.1%
France	5	38	6	-84.2%	\$505	\$768	\$269	-65.0%
Taiwan	14	2	5	150.0%	\$166	\$166	\$193	16.3%
Vietnam	1	0	1	---	\$78	\$50	\$113	126.0%

--- denotes less than 500 kilograms.

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