

U.S. Imports of Planting Seed

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

MARKETING YEARS	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	'98/99 vs '97/98	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	'98/99 vs '97/98
	metric tons			% change	\$U.S. in thousands			% change
ALL SEEDS	18,872	18,694	18,251	-2.4%	\$40,354	\$42,296	\$42,763	1.1%
BY KIND								
Grasses	5,528	5,839	5,088	-12.9%	\$5,574	\$6,112	\$5,226	-14.5%
Red Fescue	3,311	3,939	1,118	-71.6%	\$3,595	\$3,928	\$1,209	-69.2%
Perennial Ryegrass	611	195	1,077	452.3%	\$642	\$232	\$999	330.6%
Wheatgrass	134	109	212	94.5%	\$220	\$295	\$667	126.1%
Unhulled Bermudagrass	170	279	1,103	295.3%	\$51	\$486	\$643	32.3%
Timothy	836	913	728	-20.3%	\$340	\$401	\$395	-1.5%
Other Forages	1,217	1,544	1,737	12.5%	\$2,072	\$2,783	\$2,306	-17.1%
Uncertified Alfalfa	333	436	196	-55.0%	\$789	\$1,150	\$634	-44.9%
White & Ladino Clover	169	61	134	119.7%	\$440	\$173	\$246	42.2%
Pulses	8,112	7,083	6,518	-8.0%	\$4,068	\$3,592	\$3,014	-16.1%
Pea	4,116	3,581	2,843	-20.6%	\$1,374	\$1,113	\$987	-11.3%
Gram Bean	2,038	1,589	944	-40.6%	\$1,530	\$1,340	\$718	-46.4%
Other Bean	531	700	630	-10.0%	\$246	\$497	\$363	-27.0%
Navy Bean	42	204	752	268.6%	\$22	\$86	\$258	200.0%
Small Red Bean	322	99	249	151.5%	\$166	\$77	\$214	177.9%
Lentil	402	537	630	17.3%	\$170	\$200	\$213	6.5%
Vegetables	1,206	1,609	1,827	13.5%	\$13,024	\$18,029	\$19,608	8.8%
Tomato	14	30	62	106.7%	\$2,119	\$3,019	\$4,325	43.3%
Pepper	21	33	40	21.2%	\$2,021	\$2,979	\$4,218	41.6%
Cucumber	13	13	51	292.3%	\$1,007	\$1,401	\$1,664	18.8%
Pumpkin	316	624	546	-12.5%	\$781	\$1,615	\$1,409	-12.8%
Squash	8	23	51	121.7%	\$193	\$738	\$1,025	38.9%
Watermelon	38	15	11	-26.7%	\$1,018	\$1,007	\$994	-1.3%
Carrot	14	43	63	46.5%	\$113	\$606	\$987	62.9%
Cantaloupe	15	21	17	-19.0%	\$1,132	\$1,272	\$955	-24.9%
Other Vegetables	130	154	257	66.9%	\$1,688	\$876	\$787	-10.2%
Onion	21	46	50	8.7%	\$402	\$665	\$772	16.1%
Broccoli	8	5	6	20.0%	\$278	\$572	\$503	-12.1%
Other Melons	16	46	14	-69.6%	\$308	\$675	\$485	-28.1%
Field Crops	2,662	1,975	2,936	48.7%	\$2,829	\$985	\$1,828	85.6%
Field Corn	1,754	689	933	35.4%	\$2,470	\$686	\$1,429	108.3%
Non-durum Wheat	199	541	1,283	137.2%	\$40	\$75	\$232	209.3%
Oat	135	380	590	55.3%	\$32	\$75	\$92	22.7%
Soybean	77	124	90	-27.4%	\$83	\$53	\$44	-17.0%
Miscellaneous Kinds	147	644	145	-77.5%	\$12,787	\$10,795	\$10,781	-0.1%
Flower	46	73	52	-28.8%	\$11,342	\$9,129	\$9,418	3.2%
Tree and Shrub	28	18	40	122.2%	\$483	\$719	\$77	-89.3%
Sugar Beet	5	505	30	-94.1%	\$142	\$347	\$42	-87.9%
BY REGION								
North America	12,720	13,626	11,856	-12.99%	\$10,917	\$14,048	\$9,880	-29.7%
European Union	331	727	568	-21.87%	\$9,668	\$7,673	\$8,699	13.4%
South America	2,333	468	1,116	138.5%	\$6,471	\$3,909	\$7,862	101.1%
Other Asia	957	1,195	961	-19.6%	\$4,608	\$5,890	\$4,484	-23.9%
Oceania	1,425	1,523	2,086	37.0%	\$2,731	\$3,281	\$3,543	8.0%
Middle East	58	66	32	-51.5%	\$849	\$1,847	\$2,820	52.7%
BY COUNTRY								
Chile	1,882	266	258	-3.0%	\$5,843	\$3,548	\$6,506	83.4%
Canada	12,312	12,978	10,582	-18.5%	\$7,906	\$8,757	\$6,458	-26.3%
Netherlands	131	134	131	-2.2%	\$4,256	\$3,067	\$4,179	36.3%
Mexico	409	648	1,274	96.6%	\$3,011	\$5,292	\$3,422	-35.3%
Israel	26	18	27	50.0%	\$795	\$1,538	\$2,804	82.3%
Japan	17	151	14	-90.7%	\$2,894	\$2,793	\$2,202	-21.2%
Australia	674	1,069	1,010	-5.5%	\$1,513	\$2,247	\$2,061	-8.3%
India	447	354	1,411	298.6%	\$1,332	\$1,324	\$1,993	50.5%
Denmark	52	3	192	6300.0%	\$859	\$784	\$1,841	134.8%
China ¹	913	1,014	868	-14.4%	\$1,474	\$2,527	\$1,761	-30.3%
New Zealand	752	454	1,076	137.0%	\$1,217	\$1,034	\$1,482	43.3%
Argentina	50	156	837	436.5%	\$70	\$161	\$1,268	687.6%
Guatemala	11	2	1	-50.0%	\$1,010	\$1,026	\$1,262	23.0%
Thailand	82	82	128	56.1%	\$1,142	\$976	\$1,121	14.9%
Germany	49	15	43	-37.0%	\$1,171	\$1,124	\$802	-28.6%
France	6	98	10	-89.8%	\$608	\$1,070	\$613	-42.7%
Italy	78	97	124	27.8%	\$749	\$614	\$563	-8.3%
United Kingdom	10	4	6	50.0%	\$1,840	\$716	\$558	-22.1%
Vietnam	4	18	3	-83.3%	\$336	\$401	\$408	1.7%
South Africa	3	56	38	-32.1%	\$55	\$390	\$341	-12.6%

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