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Oregon Grass Seed Available for Harvest in 2024 are Estimated at 302,000 Acres

Total acreage of Oregon grown ryegrass and tall fescue totaled 302,000 acres for harvest in 2024. Estimates are based on data from a survey of growers conducted in January 2024. Growers indicated that 59 percent of the 2024 ryegrass acres to be harvested are under contract, while 67 percent of the tall fescue acres are under contract. Total irrigated acreage of ryegrass is estimated to be 24 percent of the 2024 crop. Total irrigated acreage of tall fescue is estimated to be 41 percent of the 2024 crop.

The upcoming 2024 grass seed crop is being reported as mostly good, and some in fair condition. The crop benefitted from rain last fall. Mice, voles, and slugs continue to be reported as issues across the grass seed area. Special thanks go to the Oregon Grass Seed Bargaining Association, Oregon Ryegrass Growers Seed Commission, and Oregon Tall Fescue Commission, for support of the survey.

Oregon Grass Seed 2024 [1]

Type of Seed	Acres Available for Harvest in 2024	Acres of Seed Under Contract in 2024	Acres Irrigated or to be Irrigated in 2024
Ryegrass Seed			
Annual	115,000	52,000	5,000
Perennial	50,000	45,000	35,000
Tall Fescue Seed			
Turf Type	100,000	81,000	49,000
Forage Type	19,000	8,000	4,000
K-31 and other Types	18,000	3,000	3,000

1 The Oregon Grass seed survey was not conducted in 2023. The 2022 forecasted acres were published in the Oregon grass seed press release in February 2022. https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Oregon/Publications/Field_Crop_Report/Oregon%20grass%20seed/ORGRASS_2022.pdf



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