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## **Weather**

Spring snow across the Midwest has eased concerns about moisture levels and replaced them with concerns over flooding in the event of a sudden thaw. Oregon has been dryer than normal the past two months, allowing for sprays and roguing of the fields. Quality should be better this year but uncertainties remain around yield and the overall crop.

## **Estimate on Acres**

Current estimate on acres (both cert and uncert) coming from the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has 101,000 acres of perennial ryegrass to be harvested, a decline of about 3% from the prior year. Tall fescue acres are pegged at 107,000 for turf-type, a 2-3% increase over the prior year but still low compared to historical figures.



## **Commodity Prices**

Strong commodity prices (wheat, corn, soybeans) still negatively impacting acre availability as growers seek higher returns offered by the commodities.

## **Spring Bermudagrass Special**

Begin looking for our Spring Bermudagrass Special that is SO HOT we can't find paper to print it on. Watch for this special in the next couple of days.

## **Seed Availability**

Availability of certain Seed Research of Oregon varieties is a factor now but will become more acute as the season gets going. Please contact your salesperson or customer service agent at Seed Research with your spring seed needs.