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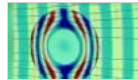
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US farmers plant fewest winter wheat acres since 1913, Kansas seedings lowest since 1957

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A government report shows the nation's farmers planted the fewest winter wheat acres this season since 1913.

The Agriculture Department reported Tuesday that the total acres of winter wheat for 2010 is 37.1 million acres, down 14 percent nationwide from last year.

The agency blames poor weather, low prices and the late row crop harvest for the decrease.

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The largest acreage decreases are in Kansas, Montana, Oklahoma and Texas. A record low planting was reported in Nebraska.

Kansas, the nation's largest winter wheat producer, planted 8.6 million acres, down 8 percent from a year ago. It is the lowest planted wheat acreage in the state since 1957.

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