

Fun Facts About Oats

Montana Seed Growers Association

- In 2017 801,000 acres of oats were harvested in the United States (NASS/USDA Stats).
- Montanans harvested 18,000 acres in 2017, and Gallatin country harvested 600 acres. The average bushels/acres for oats in Gallatin County is 73.3 bu/acre (NASS/USDA Stats).
- Oats are the 5th largest grain crop in the world (US Departments of Agriculture).
- Most oats are used for livestock feed (Purdue University).
- Less than 5% of oat production in the USA is used as food (Purdue University)
- Most of the oats that are consumed are for oatmeal and oat flour.
- Oatmeal is one of the most widely eaten breakfast foods
- Oats were once considered a weed that grew with barely and wheat (Oklahoma State).
- Oats were introduced into the Americas in 1602 by a sea captain (Oklahoma State).
- Wild oats are different than tame oats and are considered a bad weed in tame oat fields as well as in other grain fields.
- Other oat uses include pasture, hay and silage (Purdue University)

Instant Oats

Rolled Oats

Steel Cut Oats



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