

# WHEAT FUN FACTS

It is estimated wheat was cultivated approximately 9,000 years ago in the Euphrates Valley, near what is now Iraq.



Nearly **20%** of all wheat produced in the United States is grown in Kansas, which is why it is known as the wheat state.

**Kansas is the largest wheat producing state in the US.**

Wheat is grown around the world and adapts to a wide range of environmental conditions - from the Arctic Circle to tropic temperatures. However, today's high-yielding varieties thrive in temperate areas with **10 to 30** inches of annual rainfall, which makes Kansas a perfect location for producing wheat.

Wheat is a grain, which belongs to the grass family.