

Season	AP Nat'l Champ	Year 1st Poll [Rank]	Highest Rank before Winning the National Championship	# Final Polls*	APR <sup>^</sup>
1936	Minnesota		1st AP's Poll National Champions		
1937	Pittsburgh	1936 [3]	[3] 1936	8	9.38
1938	TCU	1936 [16] 1st Time Ranked	[16] 1936-37	2	16.00
1939	Texas A&M		N/A	N/A	N/A
1942	Ohio State	1937 [13]	[13] 1937-41	3	13.67
1943	Notre Dame	1936 [8]	[3] 1941	6	7.33
1944	Army	1943 [11]	[11] 1943	1	11.00
1948	Michigan	1938 [16]	[2] 1947	10	7.80
1950	Oklahoma	1938 [4]	[2] 1949	6	10.00
1951	Tennessee	1936 [17]	[2] 1938-39	11	9.45
1952	Michigan State	1948 [14]	[2] 1951	4	10.75
1953	Maryland	1949 [14]	[3] 1951	3	10.00
1957	Auburn	1942 [16]	[8] 1955	5	11.00
1958	LSU	1936 [2]	[2] 1936	5	8.40
1959	Syracuse	1952 [14]	[8] 1956	3	10.33
1961	Alabama	1936 [4]	[2] 1945	12	9.67
1962	USC	1938 [7]	[3] 1939	10	10.30
1963	Texas	1941 [4]	[3] 1950	13	8.08
1970	Nebraska	1936 [9]	[5] 1965	10	9.60
1980	Georgia	1941 [14]	[3] 1946	12	9.50
1981	Clemson	1939 [12]	[7] 1978	10	13.33
1982	Penn State	1942 [19]	[2] 1968-69	22	10.18
1983	Miami FL	1950 [15]	[6] 1956	7	11.57
1984	BYU	1977 [20]	[7] 1983	9	13.33
1990	Colorado	1937 [17]	[3] 1971	12	12.78
1993	Florida State	1977 [14]	[2] 1987-92	12	7.33
1996	Florida	1952 [15]	[2] 1995	15	10.33

\*Number of final polls champion appeared in prior to being AP's No. 1 Team

<sup>^</sup>Average Poll Rank of appearances in the final poll before winning the title.

7 future AP Poll National Champions also appeared in the inaugural poll of 1936.