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Idaho Potato Production Up 2 Percent

Idaho's potato production is expected to total 132 million cwt, up 2 percent from last year's 129 million cwt. Planted acres of 350,000 and harvested acres of 349,000 are up 15,000 acres from 2006. Statewide, yield is 377 cwt (field-run basis), down 9 cwt from last year's record high. Incidences of the Potato Virus Y were more frequent than normal, reducing yields in infected fields. Yield in the 10 Southwestern counties, at 490 cwt, increased 15 cwt from 2006. Total production in the area is up 3 percent from last year at 10.3 million cwt from 21,000 harvested acres. In Idaho's "other counties," yield is estimated at 370 cwt, compared to 380 cwt a year ago. Other area production from 328,000 harvested acres is expected to total 121 million cwt, 2 percent above last year's 119 million cwt.

Fall Potatoes – Production Forecast November 1, 2007

States	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Cwt				Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
WINTER 1/	17.7	11.5	17.5	11.5	257	215	4,495	2,473
SPRING 1/	70.7	73.0	67.5	70.4	293	294	19,766	20,668
SUMMER 1/	58.0	53.8	53.9	50.3	337	328	18,166	16,504
FALL								
California	8.6	8.2	8.6	8.2	450	515	3,870	4,223
Colorado	59.9	59.2	59.7	59.1	380	355	22,686	20,981
IDAHO, ALL	335.0	350.0	334.0	349.0	386	377	128,915	131,650
- 10 SW Counties	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	475	490	9,975	10,290
- Other Areas	314.0	329.0	313.0	328.0	380	370	118,940	121,360
Maine	58.5	57.1	58.0	57.0	310	295	17,980	16,815
Massachusetts	3.1	2.7	3.1	2.7	240	295	744	797
Michigan	43.5	42.5	43.0	42.0	330	350	14,190	14,700
Minnesota	51.0	50.0	48.0	47.0	425	445	20,400	20,915
Montana	10.6	11.3	10.5	11.2	335	320	3,518	3,584
Nebraska	19.5	20.5	19.4	20.2	450	390	8,730	7,878
Nevada	6.6	7.5	6.6	7.5	445	390	2,937	2,925
New Mexico	5.0	5.5	5.0	5.5	420	420	2,100	2,310
New York	20.6	19.0	19.0	18.3	300	260	5,700	4,758
North Dakota	100.0	97.0	98.0	91.0	260	255	25,480	23,205
Ohio	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0	325	325	1,008	975
Oregon, ALL	35.0	36.5	35.0	36.5	530	542	18,533	19,778
- Malheur, Co.	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	435	465	1,523	1,628
- Other Areas	31.5	33.0	31.5	33.0	540	550	17,010	18,150
Pennsylvania	11.0	10.5	10.5	10.0	260	220	2,730	2,200
Rhode Island	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	260	285	130	171
Washington	156.0	165.0	155.0	165.0	580	620	89,900	102,300
Wisconsin	66.0	64.5	66.0	64.0	445	440	29,370	28,160
TOTAL FALL	993.7	1,010.8	983.0	997.8	406	409	398,921	408,325
UNITED STATES	1,140.1	1,149.1	1,121.9	1,130.0	393	396	441,348	447,970

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

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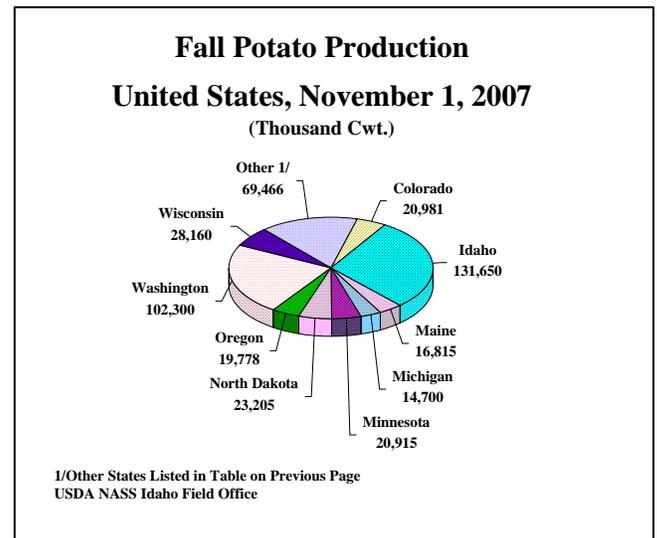
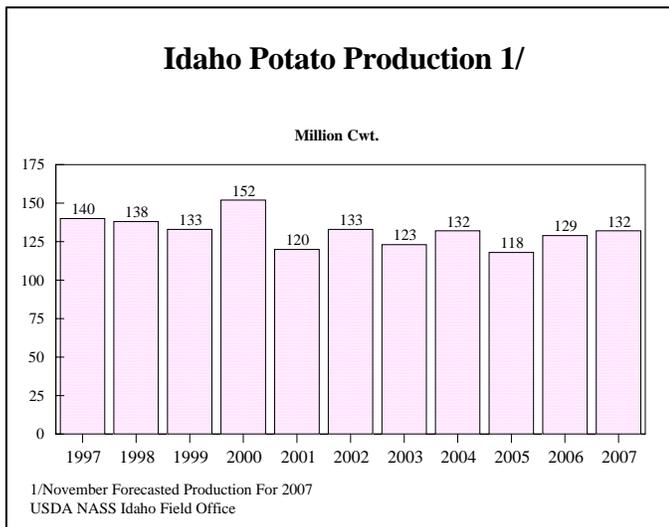
United States Potato Highlights

Nationally, production of fall potatoes for 2007 is forecast at 408 million cwt, up 2 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 997,800 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate but 2 percent above last year. The average yield is forecast at 409 cwt per acre, up 3 cwt from last year's record high yield.

Western States production is forecast at 288 million cwt, up 6 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 642,000 acres, increased 4 percent from last year, and the average yield of 448 cwt per acre is up 5 cwt from 2006. In Washington, harvest progressed normally this year. The quality of the crop is acceptable but not as good as in previous years. In Colorado, a severe wind storm followed by a late freeze in mid-June damaged plants that were already emerged. The earlier planted crop was slow to recover from the damage, leading to increased yield variability. Oregon's crop progressed at a normal pace with no major problems reported. In California, favorable weather conditions resulted in excellent crop quality and yields.

Central States production is forecast at 95.8 million cwt, down 3 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 267,200 acres, is down 4 percent, while the average yield, at 359 cwt per acre, is up 2 cwt from a year ago. Overall, the Wisconsin crop progressed ahead of normal. Growers reported a good quality crop with harvest completed on time or early. In North Dakota, crop condition was rated fair to good throughout the growing season. Michigan's yield is forecast at 350 cwt per acre. If realized, this would be a record high.

Eastern States production is forecast at 24.7 million cwt, down 9 percent from last year. Area for harvest totaled 88,600 acres, 3 percent below last year, while the average yield, at 279 cwt per acre, is down 20 cwt from last season. In Maine, excellent growing and harvesting conditions resulted in a high yielding, high quality crop. In Massachusetts and Rhode Island, above average temperatures and below average precipitation forced growers in many locations to irrigate.



Sugarbeet Production

Idaho's sugarbeet production for 2007 is forecast at 5.44 million tons, down 8 percent from the 5.93 million tons produced a year ago. Yield of 32.6 tons per acre is expected to surpass last year's record high 31.7 tons per acre. Harvested acres of 167,000 is down from 2006's 187,000 harvested acres.

Sugarbeet production for the U. S. is forecast at 31.6 million tons, 7 percent below last year's production of 34.1 million tons. Area for harvest, at 1.24 million acres, is down 5 percent from 2006. Yields are expected to average 25.4 tons per acre, down 0.7 ton from the 2006 record high yield.

Mid-October Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of October showed increases for alfalfa hay, all barley, feed barley, malt barley and all wheat. Price declines were recorded for dry beans, potatoes, beef cattle, cows, calves, steers and heifers and all milk.

Nationally, the Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in October, at 142 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from September. Producers received lower prices for broilers, hogs, cattle, and eggs. Higher prices were received for lettuce, wheat, soybeans, and tomatoes.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, October 2006-October 2007

Commodity	Idaho				United States			
	Unit	October 2006	September 2007	October 2007 ^{1/}	October 2006	September 2007	October 2007	
		Price ^{1/}	% Parity					
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	121.00	137.00	143.00	113.00	135.00	137.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.98	4.03	4.04	2.76	4.04	5.18	68
Feed	Bu.	2.77	4.32	4.55	2.68	4.44	5.38	--
Malting	Bu.	3.16	3.76	3.80	2.84	3.75	4.98	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	22.70	27.40	27.10	19.70	24.50	26.80	47
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	5.40	5.25	5.15	5.76	5.98	5.66	33
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	6.50	6.00	--	9.06	8.11	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	5.10	5.10	--	5.10	5.37	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.99	5.96	7.68	4.59	6.75	8.02	73
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	78.00	85.20	79.90	88.20	92.90	90.80	42
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	44.00	47.30	42.70	46.00	49.10	46.80	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	91.20	95.90	94.40	93.70	98.10	96.70	--
Calves	Cwt.	114.00	115.00	108.00	128.00	127.00	125.00	40
Lambs	Cwt.	88.00	103.00	--	98.50	99.10	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	12.50	20.30	19.50	13.60	21.70	21.20	51 ^{7/}

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	September 2006	October 2006	September 2007		October 2007 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	119	115	142	141	142
Prices Paid	149	148	159	159	159
Ratio ^{1/}	80	78	89	89	89

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

Pea and Lentil Production

Idaho's dry edible pea production is estimated at 408,000 cwt, a decrease of 12 percent from the 464,000 cwt produced in 2006. If realized, this would be the lowest dry edible pea production on record in Idaho. Lentil production of 426,000 cwt is down 9 percent from last year's 466,000 cwt. This is Idaho's smallest lentil production since 1990. Austrian winter pea production of 65,000 cwt is down 38 percent from the 104,000 cwt produced in 2006.

Nationally, dry edible pea production for the U. S. is expected to total 15.6 million cwt, up 18 percent from the 2006 estimate. Lentil production, at 3.49 million cwt is up 8 percent from 2006. Austrian winter pea production of 150,000 cwt, is down 42 percent from last year.

U.S. Dairy Products September 2007 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 778 million pounds, 1.4 percent below September 2006 and 2.3 percent below August 2007.

Italian type cheese production totaled 330 million pounds, 0.9 percent above September 2006 but 1.0 percent below August 2007.

American type cheese production totaled 303 million pounds, 5.3 percent below September 2006 and 2.9 percent below August 2007.

Butter production was 112 million pounds, 7.3 percent above September 2006 and 2.0 percent above August 2007.

Dry Milk Powders: (comparisons with September 2006)

Nonfat dry milk, human --- 90.3 million pounds, up 42.7 percent.

Skim milk powders --- 14.9 million pounds, down 34.9 percent.

Whey products: (comparisons with September 2006)

Dry whey, total --- 88.1 million pounds, up 2.1 percent.

Lactose, human and animal --- 60.4 million pounds, up 2.5 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total --- 31.2 million pounds, down 9.7 percent.

Frozen products: (comparisons with September 2006)

Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 70.9 million gallons, down 5.4 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 29.7 million gallons, down 3.8 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 4.32 million gallons, up 13.9 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 4.33 million gallons, down 24.8 percent.

