

CROPS: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, and Value, Minnesota, 2003-2007 (continued)

Crop Year	Acreage Planted	Acreage Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price 1/	Farm Value of Production
ALL POTATOES						
	-----Acres-----		Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	Dols. Per Cwt.	1,000 Dols.
2003	60,000	58,000	385	22,330	5.05	112,767
2004	47,000	44,000	430	18,920	5.45	103,114
2005	46,000	43,000	410	17,630	6.45	113,714
2006	51,000	48,000	425	20,400	6.15	125,460
2007	50,000	47,000	440	20,680	6.40	132,352

1/ Marketing year average prices received by farmers are based on monthly prices weighted by monthly marketings, July-June. Price for latest year shown is preliminary. It includes an allowance for marketings from December through the remainder of the marketing year.

POTATO STOCKS: All Positions, Minnesota, 2003-2008

Marketing Year	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1
	1,000 Cwt.					
2003/2004	14,000	12,400	11,100	9,600	7,600	5,500
2004/2005	13,000	11,600	10,200	8,800	6,500	5,100
2005/2006	13,500	11,100	9,000	7,100	4,500	2,700
2006/2007	13,300	11,600	10,000	8,300	6,100	4,100
2007/2008	13,500	11,500	9,900	8,500	6,400	4,800

ORGANIC PRODUCTION

In 2005, for the first time, all 50 states in the U.S. had some certified organic farmland. U.S. producers dedicated over 4.0 million acres of farmland – 1.7 million acres of cropland and 2.3 million acres of rangeland and pasture – to organic production systems in 2005. California remains the leading state in certified organic cropland, with over 220,000 acres, mostly for fruit and vegetable production. Other top states for certified organic cropland include North Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Texas, and Idaho. Over 40 states also had some certified organic rangeland and pasture in 2005, although only four states – Alaska, Texas, California and Montana – had more than 100,000 acres. USDA lifted restrictions on organic meat labeling in the late 1990's, and the organic poultry and beef sectors are now expanding rapidly.

ORGANIC PRODUCTION: Top 10 States, 2005

Number of Certified Operations		Cropland Acres		Pasture Acres	
California	1,916	California	223,263	Alaska	1,460,000
Wisconsin	580	North Dakota	143,322	Texas	241,353
Washington	527	Montana	126,450	California	137,004
Iowa	453	Minnesota	116,813	Montana	103,433
Minnesota	433	Wisconsin	91,030	Wyoming	66,290
New York	427	Texas	87,124	Colorado	60,766
Vermont	366	Idaho	81,220	North Dakota	37,811
Oregon	317	Kansas	80,180	Wisconsin	31,308
Pennsylvania	308	Nebraska	77,820	Idaho	19,412
Maine	288	Iowa	64,158	Nebraska	17,655

While adoption of organic farming systems showed strong gains between 1992 and 2005 and the adoption rate remains high, the overall adoption level is still low – only about 0.5 percent of all U.S. cropland and 0.5 percent of all U.S. pasture was certified organic in 2005. Obstacles to adoption by farmers include high managerial costs, risks of shifting to a new way of farming, limited awareness of organic farming systems, lack of marketing and infrastructure, and inability to capture marketing economies. Still, many U.S. producers are embracing organic farming in order to lower input costs, conserve nonrenewable resources, capture high-value markets, and boost farm income.

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