



POTATOES

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2008 NEW YORK POTATO VALUE INCREASES

The results of the 2008 potato disposition and utilization survey show the value of New York's 2008 potato crop to be \$92.3 million, 50 percent more than the 2007 value, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York field office.

Production was up 9 percent from 2007. Sales increased 11 percent and the average price per hundredweight (cwt.) was \$16.20, or \$4.40 more than the 2007 price of \$11.80

FALL POTATOES: **Production, farm disposition, season average price, and value, New York and United States, 2007-2008**

	Production	Used for seed	Farm Disposition Used on Farm		Sold	Price per cwt.	Value of	
			Seed, feed, household use	Shrinkage and loss			Production	Sales
			<i>1,000 cwt.</i>			<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
<u>2007</u>								
N.Y.	5,216	432	94	370	4,752	11.80	61,543	55,906
U.S.	406,800	21,560	3,901	28,282	374,617	7.04	2,871,686	2,636,885
<u>2008</u>								
N.Y.	5,696	393	75	365	5,256	16.20	92,275	84,905
U.S.	378,588	21,711	4,055	24,952	349,580	8.49	3,220,645	2,967,871

2008 U.S. POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN 7 PERCENT

Potato production in 2008 is revised to 415 million cwt, up 1 percent from the estimate in the January Crop Production 2008 Summary but 7 percent below the 2007 crop. Harvested area, at 1.05 million acres, decreased 7 percent from 2007. The average yield of 396 cwt per acre is a record high, unchanged cwt from 2007, which had the previous record high.

Fall potato production is finalized at 379 million cwt for 2008, 7 percent below the 2007 crop. Area harvested in 2008 is 922,000 acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The average yield, at 411 cwt per acre, is a record high, 1 cwt above the previous record high set in 2007.

The value of all potatoes sold in 2008, at \$3.49 billion, increased 13 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$8.42 per cwt, is up 0.91 from 2007. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2008 crop totaled 384 million cwt, down 7 percent from 2007. Sales account for 93 percent of 2008 production, up slightly from the previous year.

Processors used 253 million cwt of raw potatoes from the 2008 crop, down 8 percent from 2007. Table stock sales totaled 109 million cwt, 1 percent below the previous year. Seed sales of 20.9 million cwt are down 6 percent from 2007. Sales for livestock feed, at 803,000 cwt, decreased 31 percent from a year earlier.

Potatoes used for chips and shoestrings totaled 50.7 million cwt in 2008, down 7 percent from the previous year. Frozen french fries and other frozen products utilized 154 million cwt of raw potatoes, which decreased 7 percent from 2007. Potatoes used for dehydrating totaled 40.7 million cwt, 17 percent below 2007. Canning use, at 2.95 million cwt, is down 11 percent from the previous year. Starch, flour, and other products were made from 5.07 million cwt of potatoes, 26 percent more than in 2007.

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POTATOES: Utilization of Crops, United States, 2006-2008

Utilization Items	2006	2007	2008
		<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	
Sales			
Table Stock	113,335	110,860	109,351
Processing			
Chips and Shoestrings	64,377	54,343	50,744
Dehydration ^{1/}	48,809	49,021	40,714
Frozen French Fries	126,083	139,624	134,394
Other Frozen Products	24,229	26,571	19,558
Canned Products	1,957	2,504	2,156
Other Canned Products (<i>Hash, Stews, Soups</i>)	930	800	791
Starch, Flour, and Other	1,369	4,029	5,067
Total	267,754	276,892	253,424
Other Sales			
Livestock Feed	1,610	1,160	803
Seed	23,610	22,297	20,900
Total	25,220	23,457	21,703
Total Sales	406,309	411,209	384,478
Non-Sales			
Seed Used on Farms Where Grown	3,520	2,986	3,315
Household Use and Used for Feed			
on Farms Where Grown	1,230	1,119	823
Shrinkage and Loss	29,639	29,561	26,438
Total Non-Sales	34,389	33,666	30,576
TOTAL PRODUCTION	440,698	444,875	415,055

^{1/} Dehydrated products except starch and flour.

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