

# OREGON POTATOES



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## Fall Potatoes

Oregon's 2008 potato harvested acreage is forecasted at 35,500 acres. This is a 2.7 percent decrease from 2007. Malheur County is estimated at 3,000 acres, down 14 percent. All other Oregon counties are estimated at 32,500 acres, down 1.5 percent. In the Pacific Northwest, harvested acreage is expected to be down 11 percent. National harvested acreage is estimated to be down 7.9 percent. In Oregon, percents planted by type are estimated to be 3 percent reds, 17 percent whites, 3 percent yellows, and 77 percent russets.

**Fall potatoes: Acres harvested, yield and production, selected states, 2007 and forecasted July 1, 2008**

| Area           | Area harvested     |                    |                | Yield      |                  | Production       |                  |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                | 2007               | Forecast 2008      | 2008/2007      | 2007       | Forecast 2008    | 2007             | 2008             |
|                | <i>1,000 acres</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Cwt</i> | <i>Cwt</i>       | <i>1,000 cwt</i> | <i>1,000 cwt</i> |
| <b>Oregon</b>  | <b>36.5</b>        | <b>35.5</b>        | <b>97</b>      | <b>554</b> | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | <b>20,238</b>    | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |
| Malheur County | 3.5                | 3.0                | 86             | 455        | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 1,593            | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |
| Other Counties | 33.0               | 32.5               | 98             | 565        | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 18,645           | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |
| Idaho          | 349.0              | 299.0              | 86             | 377        | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 131,650          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |
| Washington     | 165.0              | 155.0              | 94             | 620        | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 102,300          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |
| United States  | 1,129.7            | 1,040.4            | 92             | 397        | ( <sup>1</sup> ) | 448,407          | ( <sup>1</sup> ) |

<sup>1</sup> The forecast of fall potato production will be published in "Crop Production" on November 10, 2008.

**Fall potatoes: Percent of acreage planted by type of potatoes, selected states, 2007<sup>1</sup>-2008**

| State         | Potato types <sup>2</sup> |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|               | Reds                      |                | Whites         |                | Yellows        |                | Russets        |                |
|               | 2007                      | 2008           | 2007           | 2008           | 2007           | 2008           | 2007           | 2008           |
|               | <i>Percent</i>            | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| <b>Oregon</b> | <b>2</b>                  | <b>3</b>       | <b>20</b>      | <b>17</b>      | <b>3</b>       | <b>3</b>       | <b>75</b>      | <b>77</b>      |
| Idaho         | 2                         | 2              | 3              | 3              | 1              | 1              | 94             | 94             |
| Washington    | 3                         | 6              | 11             | 7              | 1              | 1              | 85             | 86             |
| United States | 6                         | 6              | 19             | 18             | 2              | 2              | 73             | 74             |

<sup>1</sup> 2007 revised.

<sup>2</sup> Predominant type shown may include small portion of other type(s) constituting less than 1 percent of State's total. Blue types are reported under red types.

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