

Potato Summary, 2003

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Potato Acreage: Pennsylvania growers planted 13,000 acres in 2003, down from the 15,000 in 2002. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,500 acres, down 1,500 from last year. Average yield per acre increased 85 cwt. per acre from last year to 270 cwt. Total production was 3,375,000 cwt., up 30 percent from the previous year. Acres entered for certified seed potatoes were 235, compared with 281 in 2002. The marketing year average

price for the 2003 crop is estimated at \$7.05 per cwt., \$1.90 below the average price in 2002.

Potato Stocks: Stocks held by processors included potatoes produced in other states. Processor stocks as a percent of total held in storage were: December, 26 percent; January, 31 percent; February, 32 percent; March, 43 percent; April, 38 percent; and May, 65 percent.

Pennsylvania: Potatoes - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1994-2003

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Price per Cwt.	Value of	
						Production ¹	Sales
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	Dollars	1,000 Dols.	
1994	19.0	18.0	210	3,780	7.60	28,728	25,848
1995	18.0	17.0	240	4,080	7.20	29,376	28,498
1996	16.5	16.0	260	4,160	6.95	28,912	26,125
1997	14.0	13.5	235	3,173	8.20	26,019	23,936
1998	14.5	14.0	240	3,360	7.35	24,696	22,476
1999	14.5	14.0	220	3,080	7.55	23,254	21,721
2000	13.5	13.0	270	3,510	7.75	27,203	25,583
2001	13.0	12.5	235	2,938	8.05	25,543	24,102
2002	12.5	11.5	185	2,128	9.15	19,471	18,428
2003	13.0	12.5	270	3,375	7.05	23,794	21,474

¹ Value of production based on final State marketing year average price.

Pennsylvania: Potato Production and Farm Disposition, 1994-2003

Year	Production	Total Used for Seed	Farm Disposition		
			Where Grown		Sold
			Seed, Feed, Home	Shrink and Loss	
			--- 1,000 Cwt. ---		
1994	3,780	342	17	362	3,401
1995	4,080	314	20	102	3,958
1996	4,160	266	81	320	3,759
1997	3,173	276	78	176	2,919
1998	3,360	261	50	252	3,058
1999	3,080	270	31	172	2,877
2000	3,510	252	44	165	3,301
2001	3,173	285	59	120	2,994
2002	2,128	238	36	78	2,014
2003	3,375	228	42	287	3,046

Pennsylvania: Potato Production and Stocks During Marketing Months, 1994-2003

Year	Production	Current Year	Following Year				
		Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1
			--- 1,000 Cwt. ---				
1994	3,780	2,200	1,600	1,100	700	420	135
1995	4,080	2,400	1,900	1,200	800	400	180
1996	4,160	2,800	1,800	1,300	880	410	160
1997	3,173	2,000	1,500	1,200	890	480	190
1998	3,360	2,000	1,500	900	700	420	130
1999	3,080	1,800	1,300	820	530	300	100
2000	3,510	2,000	1,500	1,100	830	300	100
2001	3,173	1,800	1,400	1,000	600	300	200
2002	2,128	1,300	1,000	700	500	400	1
2003	3,375	1,900	1,500	1,100	700	400	1

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