

Potatoes

Our state's potato farmers produced 28.2 million hundredweight (cwt.) of potatoes on 64,000 acres in 2007. What happened to all of those potatoes? Ninety-four percent of the crop was sold as either fresh market, processing, or seed potatoes. The other 6 percent was either used on the farm where it was grown or lost after it reached storage.

The value of the state's 2007 potato crop was \$220 million, with an average price of \$7.80 per cwt. The average price per hundred-weight was unchanged from 2006. The average price for fresh market potatoes increased 5 cents to \$8.70 and the average price for processed potatoes increased 15 cents to \$6.90.

The U.S. average price for potatoes was \$7.51 per cwt., up 21 cents per cwt from the previous year. A 53 cent per cwt. rise in the price for fresh potatoes was the contributing factor to the increase in prices.

The first production forecast for the 2008 crop will be released November 10, 2008.

Potatoes - 2007 Fall Crop

State	Production	Total used for seed	Farm disposition		Sold	Price per cwt.	Value of			
			Used on farms where grown				Production			
			For seed, feed, & household use	Shrinkage and loss						
			1,000 cwt.			Dollars	1,000 dollars			
WI	28,160	1,548	250	1,505	26,405	7.80	219,542	205,860		
ID	130,010	6,930	945	8,700	120,365	6.15	798,005	738,804		
ME	16,815	1,172	195	800	15,820	7.90	133,092	125,216		
MN	20,680	946	118	1,112	19,450	6.25	129,512	121,809		
ND	23,660	1,577	240	2,220	21,200	6.90	163,548	146,544		
OR	20,238	863	193	1,220	18,825	7.75	156,941	145,983		
WA	102,300	3,875	236	6,500	95,564	6.70	685,063	639,955		
Total Fall	407,517	21,547	3,899	27,796	375,823	7.05	2,879,247	2,649,705		
US	446,807	24,512	4,104	29,096	413,609	7.51	3,361,002	3,114,963		

1/Includes winter, spring, summer, and fall potatoes. Source: USDA, NASS, WIFO