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Mid-November Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of November showed increases for alfalfa hay, all barley, potatoes, steers & heifers. Prices decreased for malting barley, dry beans, beef cattle, cows, and all milk. Prices were unchanged for feed barley, all wheat, and calves.

For the U.S., the All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in November was 93 based on 1990-92= 100, up 2 points from October. Higher prices for broilers, eggs, potatoes, and corn slightly offset price decreases for milk, soybeans, oranges, hogs, and lettuce.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Nov. 1998-Nov. 1999

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		November 1998	October 1999	November 1999 ^{1/}	November 1998	October 1999	November 1999	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	87.00	84.00	86.00	84.40	76.00	77.30	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.41	2.19	2.40	2.05	1.96	2.13	36
Feed	Bu.	1.67	1.82	1.82	1.47	1.61	1.63	--
Malting	Bu.	2.55	2.60	2.55	2.48	2.39	2.49	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	17.80	17.10	16.50	20.30	17.20	16.90	33
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	4.20	4.70	4.75	4.86	4.84	5.37	40
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	3.70	4.70	--	5.46	5.70	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.40	4.70	--	4.52	4.65	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.63	2.64	2.64	2.95	2.58	2.54	26
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	50.20	58.30	56.20	58.10	66.20	66.20	43
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	27.70	32.50	30.70	29.70	33.80	33.00	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	61.30	68.30	68.70	62.30	70.10	70.80	--
Calves	Cwt.	74.00	84.00	84.00	77.50	91.90	91.60	47
Lambs	Cwt.	59.30	65.00	--	62.60	72.60	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	17.70	12.60	11.00	17.80	15.00	7/ 14.40	8/ 45
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	17.70	12.60	--	17.80	15.00	7/ 14.40	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	18.22	12.30	--	17.30	12.60	7/ 11.30	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.81, fluid milk 3.80, mfg. grade 3.96. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-1992 = 100	October 1998	November 1998	October 1999		November 1999 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	99	99	92	91	93
Prices Paid	114	114	116	117	117
Ratio ^{1/}	87	87	79	78	79

1/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid.

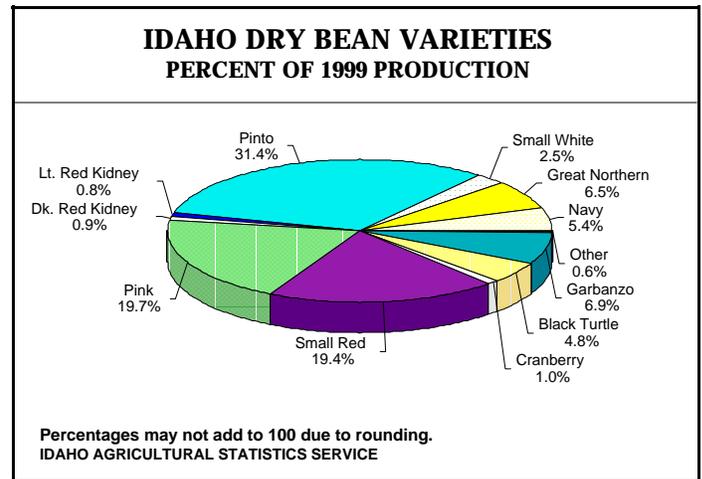
Idaho Dry Bean Production Unchanged From Last Year

Idaho's 1999 dry bean production is expected to total 2.11 million cwt., unchanged from last year's production. Planted and harvested acreages are also unchanged from last year, totaling 105,000 acres and 103,000 acres respectively. The statewide yield is expected to be 2,050 pounds per acre, the same as last year, but down 150 pounds from the record yield set in 1997.

Pinto production continues to account for the largest portion of the state's crop with 31 percent of Idaho's production. Pink production makes up 20 percent of the total, while Small Red production accounts for 19 percent. Garbanzo beans make up 7 percent of the crop, and Great Northern beans are next with slightly less than 7 percent of the total. Navy bean production increased to account for more than 5 percent of Idaho's production. Black Turtle beans amounted to slightly less than 5 percent of the total production. Small Whites, Cranberries, Dark Red Kidneys, Light Red Kidneys, and Other classes made up the remaining amount of the total production.

Nationally, production of dry edible beans is estimated at 33.1 million cwt. for 1999, 9 percent above 1998 and 13 percent higher than two years ago. Area for harvest is estimated at 1.86

million acres, down 3 percent from 1998, but 6 percent above 1997. Average yield, at 1,781 pounds per acre, increased 195 pounds from last year. Production is above 1998 levels for all varieties except black, pink, and pinto. Pinto, the largest variety, decreased 23 percent from 1998 while navy, the next largest variety, increased 88 percent.



Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on December 1 totaled 96,000,000 cwt., 3,500,000 cwt. less than on hand December 1, 1998. Disappearance, at 37,330,000 cwt., is down from last year's 38,500,000 cwt. and below 1997's 38,314,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 7,300,000 cwt., above last year's 7,200,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 88,700,000 cwt., was 3,600,000 cwt. below the amount stored on December 1, 1998.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the December 1, 1999 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 4.4 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 96.0 million cwt. will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 4.4 percent or 4.2 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 7.5 percent or approximately 7.2 million cwt.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on December 1, 1998 and December 1, 1999

STATE	CROP OF 1998			CROP OF 1999		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 1998	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 1999	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>		<i>Percent</i>
California	3,708	2,800	76	4,005	3,200	80
Colorado	25,360	19,000	75	25,762	19,500	76
Idaho	138,000	99,500	72	133,330	96,000	72
Maine	18,060	14,100	78	17,813	14,500	81
Michigan	14,648	9,100	62	14,963	8,800	59
Minnesota	21,170	13,500	64	18,020	10,000	55
Montana	3,180	3,050	96	3,325	3,220	97
Nebraska	8,175	4,700	57	8,904	5,300	60
New York	7,290	3,400	47	6,758	3,700	55
N. Dakota	28,670	20,500	72	26,400	16,500	63
Ohio	1,200	260	22	987	250	25
Oregon	26,229	20,000	76	28,020	22,800	81
Pennsylvania	3,360	2,000	60	3,080	1,600	52
Washington	93,225	49,000	53	95,200	48,000	50
Wisconsin	30,895	20,000	65	34,000	21,500	63
15 STATE TOTAL	423,170	280,910	66	420,567	274,870	65

Idaho Production Revised from November 1

Idaho's 1999 potato production is revised to 133.33 million cwt., down 1.2 percent from the November 1 estimate. Planted acres of 395,000 and harvested acres of 393,000 are 5,000 acres lower than earlier estimates. Statewide yield of 339 cwt. (field-run basis) is unchanged from November 1 but above 1998's yield of 338 cwt.

Production in the 10 Southwestern Counties is estimated at 12.22 million cwt., slightly below the 12.60 million cwt. produced in

1998. Harvested acreage of 26,000 is down 2,000 acres from a year ago. Yield of 470 cwt. (field run basis) is up 20 cwt. from last year.

Other Counties' production of 121.11 million cwt. is below 1998's production of 125.40 million cwt. Acres for harvest decreased 13,000 acres from 1998 to 367,000 acres. Field-run yield of 330 cwt. per acre is equal to last year's.

Fall Potatoes - Production Forecast December 1, 1999

States	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Cwt.</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>		
WINTER ^{1/}	15.0	17.8	199	229	3,431	2,980	4,070
SPRING ^{1/}	90.6	85.8	233	270	22,299	21,121	23,205
SUMMER ^{1/}	68.1	64.4	278	289	18,171	18,933	18,606
FALL							
California	10.3	9.0	360	445	4,200	3,708	4,005
Colorado	75.7	76.9	335	335	24,993	25,360	25,762
IDAHO, ALL	408.0	393.0	338	339	140,314	138,000	133,330
- 10 SW Counties	28.0	26.0	450	470	12,690	12,600	12,220
- Other Areas	380.0	367.0	330	330	127,624	125,400	121,110
Indiana	5.0	4.9	320	270	1,170	1,600	1,323
Maine	64.5	62.5	280	285	19,080	18,060	17,813
Massachusetts	2.9	2.9	235	255	810	682	740
Michigan	46.5	47.5	315	315	14,250	14,648	14,963
Minnesota	73.0	53.0	290	340	20,440	21,170	18,020
Montana	10.6	10.9	300	305	3,328	3,180	3,325
Nebraska	21.8	21.2	375	420	7,761	8,175	8,904
Nevada	7.0	6.5	400	440	2,967	2,800	2,860
New Mexico	5.9	6.6	380	320	2,379	2,242	2,112
New York	27.0	25.5	270	265	7,150	7,290	6,758
North Dakota	122.0	110.0	235	240	22,000	28,670	26,400
Ohio	4.8	4.7	250	210	1,170	1,200	987
Oregon, ALL	58.0	55.5	452	505	27,319	26,229	28,020
- Malheur, Co.	11.4	10.5	400	440	4,796	4,560	4,620
- Other Areas	46.6	45.0	465	520	22,523	21,669	23,400
Pennsylvania	14.0	14.0	240	220	3,173	3,360	3,080
Rhode Island	0.7	0.6	210	225	216	147	135
South Dakota	4.8	3.4	260	290	968	1,248	986
Utah	2.6	2.0	280	290	957	728	580
Washington	165.0	170.0	565	560	88,160	93,225	95,200
Wisconsin	83.5	85.0	370	400	30,175	30,895	34,000
Wyoming	0.4	0.5	300	295	210	120	148
TOTAL FALL	1,214.0	1,166.1	356	368	423,190	432,737	429,451
UNITED STATES	1,387.7	1,334.1	343	356	469,091	475,771	475,332

^{1/} Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

U.S. Dairy Products October 1999 Highlights

Butter production was 93.3 million pounds in October, 5.4 percent above October 1998 and 18.5 percent above September 1999.

American Type Cheese production totaled 298 million pounds, 11.6 percent above October 1998 and 5.0 percent above September 1999.

Total Cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 665 million pounds, 5.2 percent above October 1998 and 4.2 percent above September 1999.

Cream Cottage Cheese production was 29.1 million pounds, 4.2 percent below October 1998 and 6.7 percent below September 1999.

Lowfat Cottage Cheese production was 29.3 million pounds, 3.3 percent below October 1998 and 7.1 percent below September 1999.

Frozen Desserts: (Comparisons with October 1998)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) - 62.5 million gallons, down 3.6 percent.

Lowfat (total) - 27.7 million gallons, down 4.7 percent.

Nonfat (hard) - 2.61 million gallons, down 10.5 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 3.40 million gallons, down 4.3 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) - 5.59 million gallons, down 17.6 percent.

Dry Milk Products: (Comparisons with October 1998)

Nonfat Dry Milk

for Human Food - 102 million pounds, up 35.4 percent.

Dry Whole Milk - 11.2 million pounds, down 19.2 percent.

Dry Buttermilk - 3.75 million pounds, up 2.3 percent.