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IDAHO POTATO PRODUCTION DOWN 16 PERCENT

Idaho's 2001 potato production is expected to total 128 million cwt, down 16 percent from last year's 152 million cwt. This is the lowest production since 1993 when 126 million cwt were produced. Planted acres of 370,000 and harvested acres of 368,000 are unchanged from previously set estimates. A statewide yield of 348 cwt (field-run basis) is down 21 cwt from a year ago. Yield in the 10 Southwestern counties, at 450 cwt, is down 40 cwt from 2000. Total production in this area is estimated at 11.7 million cwt from 26,000 harvested acres. In Idaho's "other counties" yield is estimated at 340 cwt, compared to 360 cwt a year ago. Area production from 342,000 harvested acres is expected to total 116 million, cwt, 16 percent below last year's 139 million cwt.

Fall Potatoes - Production Forecast November 1, 2001

| States | Area Harvested | | Yield Per Acre | | Production | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
| | <u>1,000 Acres</u> | | <u>Cwt</u> | | <u>1,000 Cwt</u> | | |
| WINTER ^{1/} | 17.0 | 14.0 | 292 | 294 | 4,070 | 4,960 | 4,115 |
| SPRING ^{1/} | 75.6 | 72.5 | 290 | 269 | 25,327 | 21,921 | 19,500 |
| SUMMER ^{1/} | 63.2 | 59.2 | 304 | 296 | 18,972 | 19,236 | 17,503 |
| FALL | | | | | | | |
| California | 8.7 | 2.5 | 430 | 445 | 4,005 | 3,741 | 1,113 |
| Colorado | 75.6 | 67.8 | 370 | 315 | 25,762 | 27,972 | 21,357 |
| IDAHO, ALL | 413.0 | 368.0 | 369 | 348 | 133,330 | 152,320 | 127,980 |
| - 10 SW Counties | 28.0 | 26.0 | 490 | 450 | 12,220 | 13,720 | 11,700 |
| - Other Areas | 385.0 | 342.0 | 360 | 340 | 121,110 | 138,600 | 116,280 |
| Indiana | 2.8 | 2.9 | 280 | 320 | 1,323 | 784 | 928 |
| Maine | 64.0 | 62.0 | 280 | 260 | 17,813 | 17,920 | 16,120 |
| Massachusetts | 2.5 | 2.8 | 255 | 260 | 740 | 638 | 728 |
| Michigan | 47.5 | 46.0 | 315 | 305 | 14,963 | 14,963 | 14,030 |
| Minnesota | 59.0 | 57.0 | 360 | 340 | 18,020 | 21,240 | 19,380 |
| Montana | 11.3 | 9.5 | 310 | 320 | 3,325 | 3,503 | 3,040 |
| Nebraska | 24.7 | 22.4 | 410 | 380 | 8,904 | 10,127 | 8,512 |
| Nevada | 7.0 | 6.5 | 450 | 340 | 2,860 | 3,150 | 2,210 |
| New Mexico | 6.8 | 4.2 | 400 | 340 | 2,508 | 2,720 | 1,428 |
| New York | 21.3 | 23.3 | 280 | 255 | 6,758 | 5,964 | 5,942 |
| North Dakota | 110.0 | 107.0 | 245 | 240 | 26,400 | 26,950 | 25,680 |
| Ohio | 4.2 | 4.1 | 270 | 240 | 987 | 1,134 | 984 |
| Oregon, ALL | 56.5 | 44.5 | 543 | 470 | 28,020 | 30,683 | 20,900 |
| - Malheur, Co. | 10.5 | 9.0 | 425 | 350 | 4,620 | 4,463 | 3,150 |
| - Other Areas | 46.0 | 35.5 | 570 | 500 | 23,400 | 26,220 | 17,750 |
| Pennsylvania | 13.0 | 13.5 | 270 | 235 | 3,080 | 3,510 | 3,173 |
| Rhode Island | 0.5 | 0.5 | 275 | 270 | 135 | 138 | 135 |
| South Dakota | 2.8 | 2.6 | 290 | 150 | 986 | 812 | 390 |
| Utah | 1.5 | 1.3 | 290 | 265 | 580 | 435 | 345 |
| Washington | 175.0 | 160.0 | 600 | 590 | 95,200 | 105,000 | 94,400 |
| Wisconsin | 84.5 | 83.0 | 400 | 385 | 34,000 | 33,800 | 31,955 |
| Wyoming ^{2/} | | | | | 148 | | |
| TOTAL FALL | 1,192.2 | 1,091.4 | 392 | 367 | 429,847 | 467,504 | 400,730 |
| UNITED STATES | 1,348.0 | 1,237.1 | 381 | 357 | 478,216 | 513,621 | 441,848 |

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast. 2/ Estimates discontinued in 2000.

United States Potato Highlights

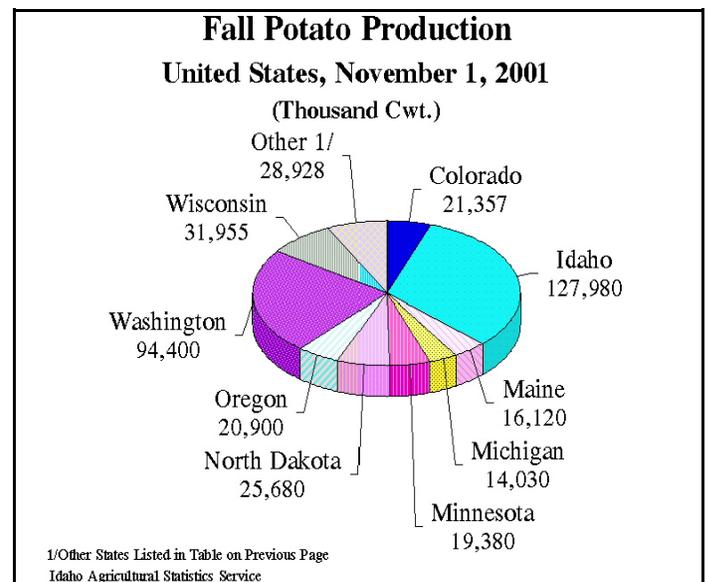
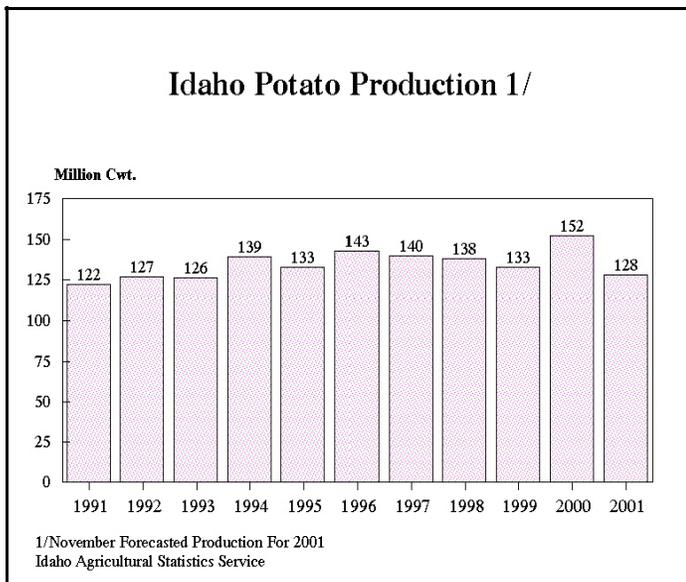
Nationally, production of fall potatoes for 2001 is forecast at 401 million cwt, down 14 percent from last year and the smallest fall crop since 1993. Area harvested, at 1.09 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 367 cwt per acre, a drop of 25 cwt from last year.

The Five Eastern States produced 26.1 million cwt of fall potatoes in 2001, down 7 percent from last year. Area for harvest totaled 102,100 acres, 1 percent above last year, but the average yield fell to 256 cwt per acre, 22 cwt below last year. Production in Maine and Pennsylvania each dropped 10 percent from last year.

The Eight Central States' production is forecast at 102 million cwt this year, down 7 percent from last year. Harvested area is estimated at 325,000 acres, down 3 percent, while the

The Nebraska potato crop is down 16 percent from last year and South Dakota output is cut by more than half. Production in Minnesota is down 9 percent from last year and North Dakota fell 5 percent with declines in both acreage and yields.

The Ten Western States produced 273 million cwt of potatoes in 2001, down 17 percent from last year. Acreage harvested at 664,300 acres, is down 12 percent and the average yield, at 411 cwt per acre, fell 25 cwt from a year ago. The lack of irrigation water dropped California fall potato production by 70 percent and Oregon by 32 percent from last year. Idaho's production is 16 percent below last year's record high crop. Washington's potato crop declined 10 percent. Fall production in Colorado fell 24 percent, while Nevada dropped 30 percent.



Idaho Sugarbeet Production Down

Idaho sugarbeet production for 2001 is forecast at 4.61 million tons, down 18 percent from last year. Yield of 25.9 tons per acre is down 12 percent from last year's record high. Harvested acreage of 178,000 is down from last year's 191,000 harvested acres. The acreage reduction from October reflects abandoned acreage due to the PIK Program.

Sugarbeet production for the U.S. is expected to total 25.9 million tons, 9 percent below the October 1 forecast and 20 percent below last year's production. Area for harvest, at 1.25 million acres, is down 9 percent from last year's 1.37 million acres. Yields are expected to average 20.7 tons per acre, down 2.9 tons from last year.

Mid-October Prices Received by Farmers

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

For the U.S., the October All Farm Products Index of Prices Received was 95, down 10 points (9.5 percent) from September. A significant downturn in prices for lettuce, milk, soybeans, hogs, corn, broilers, and cattle combined with seasonal shifts in marketings set the stage for the monthly downturn in the index.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Oct. 2000 - Oct. 2001

| Commodity | Unit | Idaho | | | United States | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|
| | | October 2000 | September 2001 | October 2001 ^{1/} | October 2000 | September 2001 | October 2001 | |
| | | | | | | | Price ^{1/} | % Parity |
| CROPS: | | | | | | | | |
| Alfalfa Hay | Ton | 99.00 | 121.00 | 125.00 | 89.20 | 106.00 | 108.00 | - |
| Barley, All | Bu | 2.16 | 2.86 | 2.75 | 1.97 | 2.24 | 2.25 | 35 |
| Feed | Bu | 1.81 | 1.98 | 2.00 | 1.71 | 1.71 | 1.82 | - |
| Malting | Bu | 2.62 | 10/ | 10/ | 2.41 | 2.72 | 2.70 | - |
| Dry Beans | Cwt | 17.90 | 18.60 | 18.70 | 15.60 | 18.10 | 19.10 | 40 |
| Potatoes 2/ | Cwt | 3.85 | 5.90 | 5.60 | 4.32 | 6.05 | 5.50 | 40 |
| Fresh 3/ | Cwt | 2.30 | 8.50 | - | 4.04 | 9.95 | - | - |
| Processing | Cwt | 4.30 | 4.80 | - | 4.30 | 4.51 | - | - |
| Wheat, All | Bu | 2.52 | 3.17 | 3.23 | 2.68 | 2.85 | 2.86 | 30 |
| LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS: | | | | | | | | |
| Beef Cattle 4/ | Cwt | 60.50 | 64.00 | 61.90 | 66.70 | 69.00 | 67.50 | 43 |
| Cows 5/ | Cwt | 33.70 | 39.00 | 37.90 | 36.20 | 40.90 | 38.50 | - |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt | 70.90 | 71.00 | 71.20 | 70.50 | 72.10 | 70.80 | - |
| Calves | Cwt | 91.00 | 98.00 | 96.00 | 102.00 | 106.00 | 101.00 | 49 |
| Lambs | Cwt | 74.00 | 48.00 | - | 76.80 | 53.40 | - | - |
| Milk, All 6/ | Cwt | 10.50 | 15.70 | 15.30 | 12.50 | 17.00 | 7/16.20 | 8/46 |
| Fluid Grade 9/ | Cwt | 10.50 | 15.70 | - | 12.60 | 17.00 | 7/16.20 | - |
| Mfg. Grade | Cwt | 10.10 | 15.90 | - | 10.60 | 16.20 | 7/15.10 | - |

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 3.71, fluid milk 3.71, mfg. grade 3.88. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

United States Price Index Summary Table

| Index 1990-1992 = 100 | September 2000 | October 2000 | September 2001 | | October 2001 Preliminary |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------|--------------------------|
| | | | Preliminary | Revised | |
| Prices Received | 97 | 93 | 106 | 105 | 95 |
| Prices Paid | 120 | 121 | 124 | 123 | 123 |
| Ratio ^{1/} | 81 | 77 | 85 | 85 | 77 |

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

Idaho Peas and Lentils

Idaho's dry edible pea production is expected to total 460,000 cwt, 1 percent more than 2000's production of 456,000 cwt. Harvested acres of 23,000 are down 4 percent from last year's 24,000 acres. Lentil production of 795,000 cwt is down 14 percent from 928,000 cwt a year ago. Harvested acres are expected to total 53,000 acres, down 17 percent from 2000. Austrian winter pea production is estimated at 68,000 cwt, a 1 percent increase from 2000's production of 67,000 cwt. Harvested acres of 4,000 acres increased 8 percent from last year's 3,700 harvested acres.

Nationally, dry edible pea production at 3.80 million cwt is up 9 percent from 2000's 3.50 million cwt. Harvested acres are expected to total 193,300 acres up from last year's 179,000 acres. Lentil production of 2.93 million cwt is down 3 percent from 3.03 million cwt a year ago. Harvested acres are expected to total 198,000 acres, down 7 percent from 2000. Austrian winter pea production is estimated at 95,000 cwt on 7,100 harvested acres.

Highlights of U.S. Dairy Products in September 2001

Butter production was 88.8 million pounds in September, 1.2 percent below September 2000 but 15.6 percent above August 2001.

American type cheese production totaled 283 million pounds, 2.7 percent above September 2000 but 0.9 percent below August 2001.

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 646 million pounds, 1.1 percent below September 2000 and 2.6 percent below August 2001.

Cream cottage cheese production was 29.7 million pounds, 8.7 percent below September 2000 and 11.1 percent below August 2001.

Lowfat cottage cheese production was 30.0 million pounds, 6.3 percent below September 2000 and 13.3 percent below August 2001.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with September 2000)

Ice cream,
Regular (hard) --- 70.5 million gallons, up 3.2 percent.
Lowfat (total) --- 31.4 million gallons, up 2.0 percent.
Nonfat (hard) --- 1.90 million gallons, down 6.8 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 3.90 million gallons, up 7.8 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 6.50 million gallons, down 8.5 percent.

Dry milk products: (comparisons with September 2000)

Nonfat dry milk
for human food --- 94.6 million pounds, up 7.6 percent.
Dry whole milk --- 3.20 million pounds, down 51.1 percent.
Dry buttermilk --- 2.74 million pounds, down 20.5 percent.

The following corrections were made to the Agriculture In Idaho published on November 14, 2001:

- In the Idaho Peas and Lentils narrative on page 3, national dry pea harvested acres have been corrected.
- In the Highlights of U.S. Dairy Products on page 4, the heading for Dry milk products has been corrected to read "comparisons with September 2000."