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Idaho Production Up 11 Percent

Idaho's 2002 potato production is expected to total 133 million cwt, up 11 percent from last year's 120 million cwt. Planted acres of 375,000 and harvested acres of 373,000 are down 20,000 acres from previously set estimates. A statewide yield of 358 cwt (field-run basis) is up 13 cwt from a year ago. Yield in the 10 Southwestern counties, at 455 cwt, is up 5 cwt from 2001. Total production in this area is estimated at 12.3 million cwt from 27,000 harvested acres. In Idaho's "other counties," yield is estimated at 350 cwt, compared to 338 cwt a year ago. Area production from 346,000 harvested acres is expected to total 121 million cwt, 10 percent above last year's 110 million cwt.

Fall Potatoes - Production Forecast November 1, 2002

States	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
	<u>1,000 Acres</u>		<u>Cwt</u>		<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		
WINTER ^{1/}	14.0	15.7	294	268	4,960	4,115	4,206
SPRING ^{1/}	76.2	77.7	286	280	21,921	21,814	21,753
SUMMER ^{1/}	58.8	60.6	310	310	19,236	18,209	18,813
FALL							
California	3.2	8.9	445	500	3,741	1,424	4,450
Colorado	67.8	71.5	315	390	27,972	21,357	27,885
IDAHO, ALL	348.0	373.0	345	358	152,320	120,200	133,385
- 10 SW Counties	23.0	27.0	450	455	13,720	10,350	12,285
- Other Areas	325.0	346.0	338	350	138,600	109,850	121,100
Indiana	2.9	2.8	320	260	784	928	728
Maine	62.0	64.0	265	265	17,920	16,430	16,960
Massachusetts	2.8	2.9	265	275	638	742	798
Michigan	45.0	45.5	310	305	14,963	13,950	13,878
Minnesota	55.0	53.0	335	340	21,240	18,425	18,020
Montana	10.3	10.2	320	315	3,503	3,296	3,213
Nebraska	22.4	21.4	375	395	10,127	8,400	8,453
Nevada	6.5	7.5	360	340	3,150	2,340	2,550
New Mexico	4.2	4.0	340	400	2,720	1,428	1,600
New York	23.3	22.0	255	250	5,964	5,942	5,500
North Dakota	110.0	102.0	240	230	26,950	26,400	23,460
Ohio	4.3	4.2	255	220	1,134	1,097	924
Oregon, ALL	44.5	49.8	466	383	30,683	20,730	19,084
- Malheur, Co.	9.0	8.0	410	400	4,463	3,690	3,200
- Other Areas	35.5	41.8	480	380	26,220	17,040	15,884
Pennsylvania	13.5	14.0	235	210	3,510	3,173	2,940
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	280	200	138	140	100
South Dakota	2.7	1.1	240	300	812	648	330
Utah	1.3	0.8	265	305	435	345	244
Washington	160.0	175.0	590	570	105,000	94,400	99,750
Wisconsin	83.0	83.0	385	370	33,800	31,955	30,710
TOTAL FALL	1,073.2	1,117.1	367	371	467,504	393,750	414,962
UNITED STATES	1,222.2	1,271.1	358	362	513,621	437,888	459,734

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

United States Potato Highlights

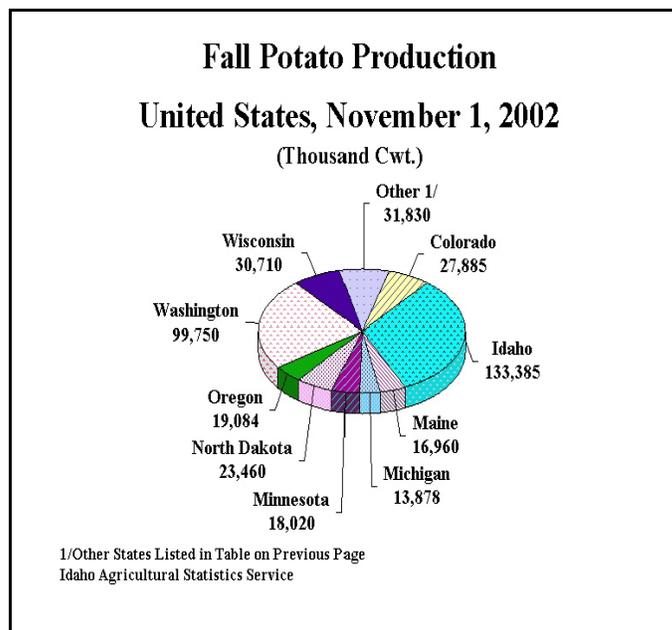
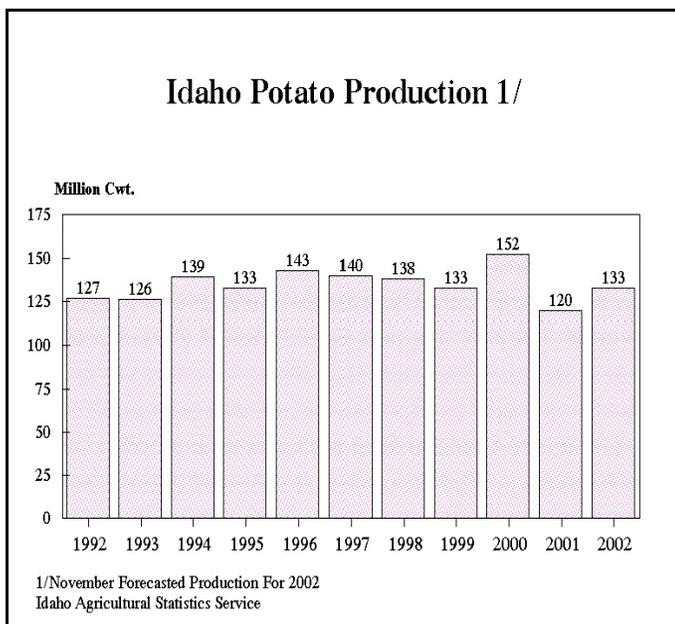
Nationally: Production of fall potatoes for 2002 is forecast at 415 million cwt, up 5 percent from last year but 11 percent smaller than the record high 2000 crop. Area harvested, at 1.12 million acres, is up 4 percent from last year but 6 percent below two years ago. The average yield is forecast at 371 cwt per acre, 4 cwt above last year.

The **Five Eastern States'** production is forecast at 26.3 million cwt, down less than 1 percent from last year and 7 percent below two years ago. Area for harvest totaled 103,400 acres, 1 percent above last year, but the average yield fell to 254 cwt per acre, 5 cwt below last season. Maine production is up 3 percent from last year and Massachusetts is up 8 percent. Production in New York and Pennsylvania each dropped 7 percent from last year. Rhode Island is off 29 percent.

The **Eight Central States'** production is forecast at 96.5 million cwt, down 5 percent from last year and 12 percent below 2000. Harvested area, estimated at 313,000 acres, is down 4 percent, while average yield of 308 cwt per acre is off 5 cwt from a year ago. Nebraska is the only State in the Central Region with increased production and that by less than 1 percent. The other 7 States, when compared with last season, lost production ranging from one-half of 1 percent in Michigan to 49 percent

in South Dakota. Spring rains and flooding reduced production potential in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Indiana. Indiana production fell 22 percent from last year, North Dakota was down 11 percent, Wisconsin dropped 4 percent, Minnesota was off 2 percent, and Ohio output fell 16 percent.

The **Nine Western States'** production is forecast at 292 million cwt, up 10 percent from last year but 11 percent below 2000. Acreage harvested, at 700,700 acres, gained 9 percent from last year, while the average yield of 417 cwt per acre is up 6 cwt. California growers responded with record high yields with adequate irrigation water available in the Tule Lake Basin. Colorado's production jumped 31 percent as farmers had sufficient irrigation water to sustain them through the hot summer weather. Idaho's production increased 11 percent from last year as potatoes were able to size up at the end of the season. Higher acreage in Washington pushed production up 6 percent despite lower yields. Production in Nevada and New Mexico rose 9 and 12 percent, respectively, from a year ago. Production fell 8 percent in Oregon, 3 percent in Montana, and 29 percent in Utah.



Sugarbeet Production Up

Idaho sugarbeet production for 2002 is forecast at 5.31 million tons compared to 4.64 million tons a year ago. Yield of 25.3 tons per acre is down from last year's 25.9 tons. Harvested acreage of 210,000 is up from last year's 179,000 harvested acres.

Sugarbeet production for the U.S. is expected to total 28.0 million tons, 9 percent above last year's production. Area for harvest, at 1.36 million acres, is up 9 percent from last year's 1.24 million acres. Yields are expected to average 20.7 tons per acre, equaling a year ago.

Mid-October Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of October showed increases for all wheat, alfalfa hay, feed barley, and all milk. Price declines were recorded for all barley, malting barley, dry beans, potatoes, and all beef cattle.

For the U.S., the October All Farm Products Index of Prices Received is 95, based on 1990-92=100, down 4 points (4.0 percent) from the September index. Lower prices for broilers, potatoes, corn, and soybeans more than offset increased prices for hogs, wheat, milk, and tobacco.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Oct. 2001 - Oct. 2002

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		October 2001	September 2002	October 2002 ^{1/}	October 2001	September 2002	October 2002	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	125.00	98.00	102.00	106.00	102.00	101.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.79	2.99	2.95	2.29	2.66	2.58	40
Feed	Bu.	2.03	2.43	2.50	1.86	2.26	2.26	--
Malting	Bu.	2.91	3.06	3.00	2.76	2.97	2.90	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	18.70	20.40	19.50	19.20	17.90	16.10	33
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	5.05	5.50	5.20	5.15	6.60	5.43	40
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	6.40	7.40	--	8.13	11.80	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.60	4.70	--	4.42	4.62	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.23	4.03	4.28	2.87	4.21	4.41	46
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	60.80	58.70	55.60	66.50	64.80	64.10	40
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	36.40	33.80	30.60	37.60	34.90	33.70	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	70.30	65.70	65.30	70.10	68.00	67.80	--
Calves	Cwt.	94.00	84.00	82.00	99.70	92.00	91.10	43
Lambs	Cwt.	46.00	72.00	--	51.40	76.10	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	13.50	10.80	11.20	15.60	11.60	7/11.90	8/34
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	13.50	10.80	--	15.60	11.60	7/11.90	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	12.90	10.30	--	14.30	10.30	7/10.70	--

^{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 and 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.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	September 2001	October 2001	September 2002		October 2002 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	106	94	99	99	95
Prices Paid	124	123	125	125	125
Ratio ^{1/}	85	76	79	79	76

^{1/} Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

Pea and Lentil Production

Idaho's dry edible pea production of 558 thousand cwt is an increase of 21 percent from the 460 thousand cwt produced in 2001. Lentil production of 637 thousand cwt is down 20 percent from last year's 795 thousand cwt. Austrian winter pea production of 90 thousand cwt is up 32 percent from 68 thousand cwt in 2001.

Dry edible pea production for the U.S. is expected to total 4.18 million cwt, up 12 percent from last year. Lentil production, at 2.33 million cwt, is down 20 percent from 2001. Austrian winter pea production is expected to total 121 thousand cwt, up 25 percent from last year.

U.S. Dairy Products September 2002 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 658 million pounds, 2.5 percent above September 2001 but 4.3 percent below August 2002.

American type cheese production totaled 287 million pounds, 3.5 percent above September 2001 but 6.2 percent below August 2002.

Butter production was 92.2 million pounds in September, 6.3 percent above September 2001 and 4.1 percent above August 2002.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with September 2001)
Ice Cream

Regular (hard)---70.3 million gallons, up 0.2 percent.

Lowfat (total)---31.5 million gallons, down slightly.

Nonfat (hard)---1.38 million gallons, down 18.8 percent.

Sherbet (hard)---4.09 million gallons, up 9.5 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total)---6.62 million gallons, up 12.3 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food: (compared with September 2001)---93.8 million pounds, down 1 percent.