

Idaho Production Unchanged From November 1

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Idaho's 2002 potato production of 133 million cwt, is unchanged from the November 1 estimate. Planted acres of 375,000 and harvested acres of 373,000 are also unchanged from earlier estimates. Statewide yield of 358 cwt (field-run basis) is 13 cwt above a year ago.

Production in the 10 Southwestern Counties is estimated at 12.3 million cwt, above the 10.4 million cwt produced in 2001. Harvested acreage of 27,000 is up 4,000 acres from a year ago. Yield of 455 cwt (field run basis) is up 5 cwt from last year.

Other Counties' production of 121 million cwt is above 2001's production of 110 million cwt. Acres for harvest increased 21,000 acres from 2001 to 346,000 acres. Field-run yield of 350 cwt per acre is 12 cwt above a year ago.

Fall Potatoes - Production Forecast December 1, 2002

States	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
	1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		
WINTER	14.0	15.7	294	268	4,960	4,115	4,206
SPRING	76.2	77.7	286	280	21,921	21,814	21,753
SUMMER	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	255	638	742	740
Michigan	45.0	45.5	310	305	14,963	13,950	13,878
Minnesota	55.0	55.0	335	340	21,240	18,425	18,700
Montana	10.3	10.2	320	315	3,503	3,296	3,213
Nebraska	22.4	21.3	375	395	10,127	8,400	8,414
Nevada	6.5	7.6	360	340	3,150	2,340	2,584
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	240	1,134	1,097	1,008
Oregon, ALL	44.5	49.8	466	501	30,683	20,730	24,936
- Malheur, Co	9.0	8.0	410	400	4,463	3,690	3,200
- Other Areas	35.5	41.8	480	520	26,220	17,040	21,736
Pennsylvania	13.5	14.0	235	185	3,510	3,173	2,590
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	280	160	138	140	80
South Dakota	2.7	1.1	240	300	812	648	330
Utah	1.3	0.8	265	305	435	345	244
Washington	160.0	170.0	590	560	105,000	94,400	95,200
Wisconsin	83.0	83.0	385	375	33,800	31,955	31,125
TOTAL FALL	1,073.2	1,114.1	367	374	467,504	393,750	417,010
UNITED STATES	1,222.2	1,268.1	358	364	513,621	437,888	461,782

Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on December 1 totaled 92.0 million cwt, 4.50 million cwt more than on hand December 1, 2001. Disappearance, at 41.4 million cwt, is up from last year's 32.7 million cwt and 2000's 41.3 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 7.90 million cwt, above last year's 6.40 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 84.1 million cwt, was 3.00 million cwt more the amount stored on December 1, 2001

The 15 major potato States held 265 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, 2002, up 2 percent from last year but 15 percent below 2000. Storage accounted for 65 percent of the 2002 fall production, down 2 percentage points from last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent red, 11 percent round white, 3 percent long white (Shepody), and 83 percent russet; with more round whites and fewer long whites and russets than a year ago. Disappearance, at 146 million cwt, from the start of harvest to December 1, is up 13 percent from the same period last year but 2 percent below two years ago.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on December 1, 2001 and December 1, 2002 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2001			CROP OF 2002		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2001	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2002	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	1,424	1,200	84	4,450	1,500	34
Colorado	21,357	15,600	73	27,885	20,100	72
Idaho	120,200	87,500	73	133,385	92,000	69
Maine	16,430	12,200	74	16,960	12,600	74
Michigan	13,950	8,200	59	13,878	7,900	57
Minnesota	18,425	12,000	65	18,700	12,000	64
Montana	3,296	3,000	91	3,213	3,050	95
Nebraska	8,400	4,850	58	8,414	5,650	67
New York	5,942	2,400	40	5,500	2,500	45
N. Dakota	26,400	19,500	74	23,460	16,000	68
Ohio	1,097	300	27	1,008	190	19
Oregon	20,730	17,500	84	24,936	18,000	72
Pennsylvania	3,173	1,800	57	2,590	1,200	46
Washington	94,400	53,000	56	95,200	53,000	56
Wisconsin	31,955	19,700	62	31,125	19,500	63
15 STATES	387,179	258,750	67	410,704	265,190	65

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2002 totaled 29.3 million cwt.

Idaho Dry Bean Production Up 31 Percent

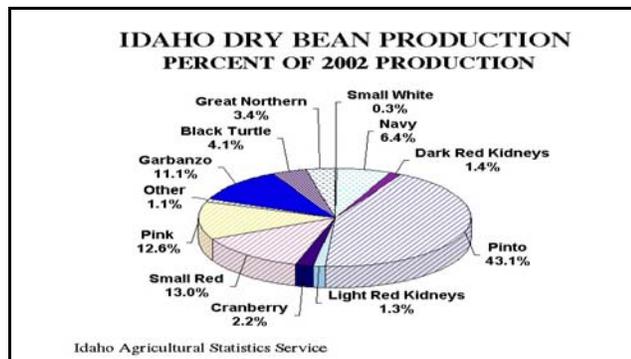
Idaho's 2002 dry edible bean production is expected to total 1.86 million cwt, up 31 percent from last year's production of 1.42 million cwt. Planted acres of 95,000 and harvested acres of 93,000 are up from last year's acreage of 75,000 planted and 73,000 harvested. The statewide yield is expected to be 2,000 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from 2001.

Pinto production continues to account for the largest portion of the state's crop with 43.1 percent of Idaho's production. Small red production increased to 13.0 percent of the total, the largest percentage gain from the 2001 crop. Pink production accounted for 12.6 percent, while garbanzo production accounted for 11.1 percent. Garbanzo production showed the most significant decrease from last year when they represented 28.9 percent of the total. Navy and black turtle production increased from last year to account for 6.4 percent and 4.1 percent of Idaho's production, respectively. Great northern production accounted for 3.4 percent followed by cranberries with 2.2 percent. Dark red kidneys, light red kidneys, small whites, and other classes made up the remaining dry edible bean production in Idaho. Of the 12 classes of dry edible beans estimated in 2002, 6 classes posted production gains, 5 classes posted production losses, and 1 class was unchanged.

Nationally, production of dry edible beans is estimated at 30.2 million cwt for 2002, up 9 percent from the October forecast and 54 percent above last year. This increase is a rebound from last year's drought reduced production in eastern and central States. Harvested area is

forecast at 1.74 million acres, 3 percent above the last forecast and 39 percent above 2001.

The average U.S. yield of 1,733 pounds per acre climbed 101 pounds above the October forecast and is 164 pounds greater than a year ago. Production is above a year ago in 10 of the 18 producing States. Most notable are a six-fold increase in Michigan after last year's drought and a 70 percent gain in North Dakota where planted acres are a record high. Production is up from last year for all classes except garbanzo, blackeye, great northern, and small white.



Mid-November Prices Received by Farmers

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

For the U.S., the November All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November is 97, based on 1990-92=100, up 1 point (1.0 percent) from the October index. Higher prices for soybeans, eggs, cattle, and tomatoes more than offset lower prices for hogs, milk, lettuce and corn.

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

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		November 2001	October 2002	November 2002 ^{1/}	November 2001	October 2002	November 2002	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	125.00	102.00	100.00	104.00	101.00	101.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.68	2.88	2.94	2.30	2.65	2.81	44
Feed	Bu.	2.05	2.41	2.40	1.79	2.25	2.33	--
Malting	Bu.	2.75	3.01	3.00	2.65	2.91	3.14	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	19.20	19.50	19.20	22.70	16.70	16.70	34
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	5.05	5.15	5.40	5.96	5.57	6.01	44
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	6.00	6.00	--	8.28	8.20	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.60	4.80	--	4.77	4.69	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.28	4.10	4.16	2.87	4.37	4.23	44
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	55.50	56.60	56.50	64.00	64.70	66.50	42
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	33.00	32.30	31.40	35.80	33.60	32.60	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	66.50	66.00	68.80	67.80	68.50	70.90	--
Calves	Cwt.	92.00	83.00	88.00	96.70	91.90	90.40	43
Lambs	Cwt.	47.00	75.00	--	52.80	79.90	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	12.60	11.20	10.70	14.40	12.10	7/11.70	8/33
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	12.60	11.20	--	14.50	12.10	7/11.70	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	12.80	10.70	--	12.40	11.20	7/10.50	--

^{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 3.79, fluid milk 3.79, mfg. grade 3.97. ^{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	October 2001	November 2001	October 2002		November 2002 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	94	93	95	96	97
Prices Paid	123	122	125	125	126
Ratio ^{1/}	76	76	76	77	77

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

U.S. Dairy Products October 2002 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 714 million pounds, 4.7 percent above October 2001 and 6.3 percent above September 2002.

American type cheese production totaled 293 million pounds, 1.0 percent below October 2001 but 2.6 percent above September 2002.

Butter production was 102 million pounds in October, 7.1 percent below October 2001 but 10.7 percent above September 2002.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with October 2001)

Ice Cream

Regular (hard) — 70.2 million gallons, up 3.8 percent.

Lowfat (total)—28.9 million gallons, down 6.2 percent.

Nonfat (hard)—1.57million gallons, up 5.6 percent.

Sherbet (hard) —4.28 million gallons, up 19.7 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total)—6.40 million gallons, up 8.6 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food — (compared with October 2001)— 99.7 million pounds, down 5.7 percent.