



Idaho Production Unchanged from November 1

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Idaho's 2003 potato production of 123 million cwt, is unchanged from the November 1 estimate. Planted acres of 360,000 and harvested acres of 358,000 are also unchanged from earlier estimates. Statewide yield of 344 cwt (field-run basis) is 14 cwt below a year ago.

Production in the 10 Southwestern Counties is estimated at 11.6 million cwt, below the 12.3 million cwt produced in 2002. Harvested acreage of 25,000 is down 2,000 acres from a year ago. Yield of 465 cwt (field run basis) is up 10 cwt from last year.

Other Counties' production of 112 million cwt is below 2002's production of 121 million cwt. Acres for harvest decreased 13,000 acres from 2002 to 333,000 acres. Field-run yield of 335 cwt per acre is 15 cwt below a year ago.

Fall Potatoes - Production Forecast December 1, 2003

States	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
	<u>1,000 Acres</u>		<u>Cwt.</u>		<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		
WINTER	15.7	14.3	268	282	4,115	4,206	4,027
SPRING	86.1	82.9	271	269	21,814	23,294	22,305
SUMMER	59.1	60.5	304	320	18,209	17,985	19,360
FALL							
California	8.2	8.4	520	410	1,424	4,264	3,444
Colorado	71.5	65.7	390	360	21,357	27,885	23,652
IDAHO, ALL	373.0	358.0	358	344	120,200	133,385	123,180
- 10 SW Counties	27.0	25.0	455	465	10,350	12,285	11,625
- Other Areas	346.0	333.0	350	335	109,850	121,100	111,555
Indiana	2.8	2.7	260	250	928	728	675
Maine	64.0	65.5	265	260	16,430	16,960	17,030
Massachusetts	3.2	2.8	255	275	742	816	770
Michigan	45.5	45.5	305	330	13,950	13,878	15,015
Minnesota	55.0	58.0	340	385	18,425	18,700	22,330
Montana	10.4	10.6	310	320	3,296	3,224	3,392
Nebraska	21.8	23.0	395	420	8,400	8,611	9,660
Nevada	7.6	8.0	350	415	2,340	2,660	3,320
New Mexico	4.0	4.0	400	400	1,428	1,600	1,600
New York	22.0	21.7	250	300	5,942	5,500	6,510
North Dakota	102.0	112.0	230	240	26,400	23,460	26,880
Ohio	4.2	4.3	215	300	1,097	903	1,290
Oregon, ALL	49.8	42.6	501	493	20,730	24,936	20,991
- Malheur, Co	8.0	5.8	400	415	3,690	3,200	2,407
- Other Areas	41.8	36.8	520	505	17,040	21,736	18,584
Pennsylvania	14.0	13.5	185	290	3,173	2,590	3,915
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	235	300	140	118	150
South Dakota	1.1	1.0	300	340	648	330	340
Utah	0.8	1.0	305	335	345	244	335
Washington	165.0	162.0	560	575	94,400	92,400	93,150
Wisconsin	83.0	81.0	375	420	31,955	31,125	34,020
TOTAL FALL	1,109.4	1,091.8	373	377	393,750	414,317	411,649
UNITED STATES	1,270.3	1,249.5	362	366	437,888	459,802	457,341

Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on December 1 totaled 86.0 million cwt, 6.00 million cwt less than on hand December 1, 2002. Disappearance, at 37.2 million cwt, is down from last year's 41.4 million cwt but up from 2001's 32.7 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 4.80 million cwt, below last year's 7.90 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 81.2 million cwt, was 2.90 million cwt less than the amount stored on December 1, 2002.

The 15 major potato storage States held 267 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, 2003, up 1 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2001. Storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Stocks by type were 4 percent red, 12 percent round white, 3 percent long white (Shepody), and 81 percent russet, with more reds and round whites and fewer russets than a year ago. Disappearance of 137 million cwt from the start of harvest to December 1, is down 4 percent from the same period last year but 7 percent above two years ago.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors and Local Dealers on December 1, 2002 and December 1, 2003 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2002			CROP OF 2003		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2002	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2003	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	4,264	3,300	77	3,444	2,700	78
Colorado	27,885	20,500	74	23,652	17,800	75
Idaho	133,385	92,000	69	123,180	86,000	70
Maine	16,960	12,600	74	17,030	13,500	79
Michigan	13,878	7,900	57	15,015	8,400	56
Minnesota	18,700	12,000	64	22,330	14,000	63
Montana	3,224	3,100	96	3,392	3,200	94
Nebraska	8,611	5,500	64	9,660	6,700	69
New York	5,500	2,400	44	6,510	3,000	46
N. Dakota	23,460	16,000	68	26,880	19,400	72
Ohio	903	85	9	1,290	260	20
Oregon	24,936	17,500	70	20,991	18,000	86
Pennsylvania	2,590	1,400	54	3,915	2,200	56
Washington	92,400	50,000	54	93,150	51,000	55
Wisconsin	31,125	20,300	65	34,020	21,000	62
15 STATES TOTAL	407,821	264,585	65	404,459	267,160	66

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

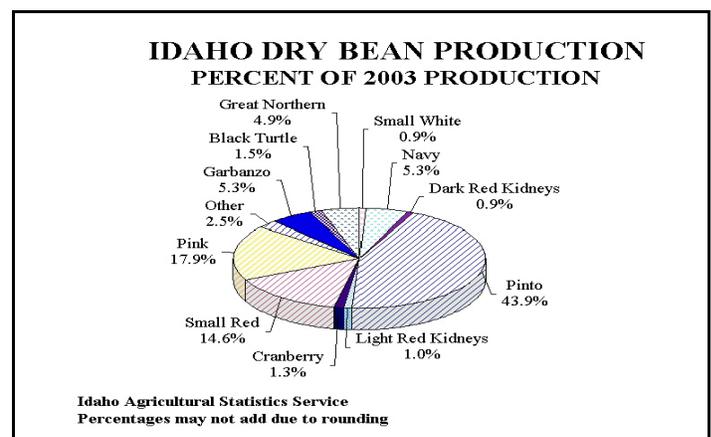
Dry Bean Production down 16 Percent

Idaho's 2003 dry edible bean production is expected to total 1.60 million cwt, down 16 percent from last year's production of 1.91 million cwt. Planted acreage of 80,000 and harvested acreage of 78,000 are down from last year's 95,000 acres planted and 93,000 acres harvested. Average yield is expected to be 2,050 pounds per acre, unchanged from last year.

Pinto production declined from last year, but continues to account for the largest portion of the state's crop with 43.9 percent of Idaho's production. Pink production had the largest increase from the 2002 crop, accounting for 17.9 percent of the total. Small red production accounted for 14.6 percent of production. Garbanzo (chickpea) and navy production both accounted for 5.3 percent. Garbanzo production continues to decline from the high production levels achieved during 2000 and 2001. The majority of garbanzo production was the large type, also known as kabuli. Great northern production increased from last year to account for 4.9 percent of Idaho's production. Black turtle and cranberry production declined from last year to account for 1.5 percent and 1.3 percent of production, respectively. Light red kidneys, dark 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 for Idaho during 2003, 4 classes posted production gains and 8 classes posted production losses.

Nationally, production of dry edible beans is estimated at 22.8 million cwt for 2003, down 3 percent from the October forecast and 24 percent below last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.36 million acres, 4 percent below the last forecast and down 21 percent from 2002.

The average U.S. yield is forecast at 1,678 pounds per acre, an increase of 13 pounds from the October forecast, but 58 pounds below a year ago. Production is below a year ago in 12 of the 18 producing States. Most notable is a 50 percent production decrease in Michigan where planted acres are the lowest on record. Production is down from a year ago for black, small white, navy, garbanzo, cranberry, small lima, dark red kidney, pinto, and light red kidney. Production increased from last year for great northern, blackeye, large lima, pink, and small red.



Mid-November Prices Received by Farmers

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

For the U.S., the All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in November is 117 based on 1990-92=100, 4 points, 3.5 percent above the October Index. Higher prices were received for cattle, corn, soybeans, and wheat. Lower prices were received for cotton, hogs, and milk.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Nov. 2002-Nov. 2003

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		November 2002	October 2003	November 2003 ^{1/}	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	100.00	92.00	92.00	101.00	88.80	88.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	3.02	3.00	3.14	2.79	2.77	2.56	38
Feed	Bu.	2.44	2.23	2.30	2.32	2.25	2.30	--
Malting	Bu.	3.07	10/	10/	3.07	3.12	2.70	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	19.10	19.10	15.50	15.90	17.80	18.40	36
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	5.35	4.20	4.45	6.38	4.67	5.17	37
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	6.10	4.00	--	8.83	5.70	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	5.00	4.30	--	5.22	4.39	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.00	3.32	3.39	4.25	3.45	3.69	38
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	57.40	81.10	80.10	67.30	92.00	93.20	57
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	30.70	42.90	43.30	33.00	44.90	46.70	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	70.50	95.90	98.30	71.90	97.80	99.70	--
Calves	Cwt.	89.00	108.00	109.00	91.90	113.00	112.00	51
Lambs	Cwt.	82.00	94.00	--	84.00	96.90	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	11.10	14.20	14.10	11.90	15.00	7/14.90	8/43
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	11.10	14.20	--	11.90	15.00	7/14.90	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	10.70	15.00	--	10.70	14.70	7/14.60	--

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 3.77, fluid milk 3.77, mfg. grade 3.96. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-1992 =100	October 2002	November 2002	October 2003		November 2003 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	95	97	113	113	117
Prices Paid	125	125	130	130	130
Ratio ^{1/}	76	78	87	87	90

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

U.S. Dairy Products October 2003 Highlights

Total Cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 739 million pounds, 1.0 percent above October 2002 and 3.8 percent above September 2003.

American Type Cheese production totaled 303 million pounds, 1.6 percent above October 2002 and 4.3 percent above September 2003.

Butter production was 97.0 million pounds in October, 5.5 percent below October 2002 but 32.7 percent above September 2003.

Frozen Desserts: (comparisons with October 2002)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) -- 68.7 million gallons, down 2.6 percent.

Lowfat (total) -- 30.7 million gallons, up 10.7 percent.

Nonfat (hard) -- 1.69 million gallons, up 7.7 percent.

Sherbet (hard) -- 3.97 million gallons, down 2.1 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) -- 4.84 million gallons, down 17.2 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food -- (compared with October 2002) --99.1 million pounds, down 4.1 percent.