

# Potato Summary, 2002

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**Potato Acreage:** Pennsylvania growers planted 15,000 acres in 2002, up from the 14,000 in 2001. Harvested acreage was estimated at 14,000 acres, up 500 from last year. Average yield per acre decreased 50 cwt. per acre from last year to 185 cwt. Total production was 2,590,000 cwt., down 18 percent from the previous year. Acres entered for certified seed potatoes were 281, compared with 256 in 2001. The marketing year average

price for the 2002 crop is estimated at \$9.15 per cwt., \$1.10 above the average price in 2001.

**Potato Stocks:** Stocks held by processors included potatoes produced in other states. Processor stocks as a percent of total held in storage were: December, 32 percent; January, 35 percent; February, 37 percent; March, 38 percent; April, 55 percent; and May, 73 percent.

Pennsylvania: Potatoes - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1993-2002

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Season Average Price	Value of Production	Value of Sales
	Acres		Cwt.		Dollars	1,000 Dols.	
1993	21,000	20,000	230	4,600,000	8.15	37,490	36,031
1994	19,000	18,000	210	3,780,000	7.60	28,728	25,848
1995	18,000	17,000	240	4,080,000	7.20	29,376	28,498
1996	16,500	16,000	260	4,160,000	6.95	28,912	26,125
1997	14,000	13,500	235	3,173,000	8.20	26,019	23,936
1998	14,500	14,000	240	3,360,000	7.35	24,696	22,476
1999	14,500	14,000	220	3,080,000	7.55	23,254	21,721
2000	13,500	13,000	270	3,510,000	7.75	27,203	25,583
2001	14,000	13,500	235	3,173,000	8.05	25,543	24,102
2002	15,000	14,000	185	2,590,000	9.15	23,699	22,637

Pennsylvania: Potato Production and Farm Disposition, Crops of 1993-2002

Year	Production	Total Used for Seed	Used on Farms Where Grown		Sold
			For Seed, Feed & Household Use	Shrinkage & Loss	
--- 1,000 Cwt. ---					
1993	4,600	380	36	143	4,421
1994	3,780	342	17	362	3,401
1995	4,080	314	20	102	3,958
1996	4,160	266	81	320	3,759
1997	3,173	276	78	176	2,919
1998	3,360	261	50	252	3,058
1999	3,080	270	31	172	2,877
2000	3,510	252	44	165	3,301
2001	3,173	285	59	120	2,994
2002	2,590	276	38	78	2,474

Pennsylvania: Potato Production and Stocks During Marketing Months, Crops of 1993-2002

Year	Production	December 1	Following Year				
			January 1	February 1	March 1	April 1	May 1
--- 1,000 Cwt. ---							
1993	4,600	2,600	1,800	1,400	900	400	100
1994	3,780	2,200	1,600	1,100	700	420	135
1995	4,080	2,400	1,900	1,200	800	400	180
1996	4,160	2,800	1,800	1,300	880	410	160
1997	3,173	2,000	1,500	1,200	890	480	190
1998	3,360	2,000	1,500	900	700	420	130
1999	3,080	1,800	1,300	820	530	300	100
2000	3,510	2,000	1,500	1,100	830	300	100
2001	3,173	1,800	1,400	1,000	600	300	200
2002	2,590	1,400	1,100	900	600	400	<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Not published due to disclosure issues.