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FALL POTATO VARIETIES – 2012 CROP

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This report provides the results of a special Fall Potato Variety Survey of potato growers in the San Luis Valley conducted by the USDA/NASS Colorado Field Office for the 2012 crop. The survey was funded by the San Luis Valley Research Center and Colorado Potato Administrative Committee. Data was collected from potato growers by return mail or telephone interviews conducted by enumerators. Responses to this year's survey covered 62 percent of the 55,100 acres planted for the 2012 crop compared with 46 percent coverage in the 2011 survey.

Russet varieties accounted for 88.0 percent of the 55,100 acres of all potatoes planted in the San Luis Valley for the 2012 crop compared with 87.0 percent last year. **Yellow Flesh varieties** were planted on 5.0 percent of the total acreage, down three percentage points from 2011. **Red varieties** were planted on 1.0 percent of the total and the remaining 6.0 percent of the total was made up of **White** and **Other varieties**.

Russet Norkotah continued its ranking as the most popular variety among producers by being planted on 52.5 percent of the total potato acreage and accounting for 59.7 percent of all russet potatoes. Norkotah Selection 3 was the most popular Russet Norkotah, accounting for 25.4 percent of the total acres planted; Norkotah Selection 8 claimed 10.7 percent; Standard accounted for 1.5 percent; and all other Norkotah selections totaled 14.9 percent. The **Canela Russet** variety ranked second among Russet varieties in 2012 by being planted on 8.7 percent of the total acreage and representing 9.9 percent of all russet varieties. The **Centennial Russet** was the third most popular russet variety, representing 5.0 percent of the total acreage and 5.7 percent of all russet varieties. **Rio Grande Russet** ranked fourth among russets with 4.7 percent of the total acreage. **Classic Russet** was next with 4.3 percent, **Russet Nugget** accounted for 2.0 percent followed by **Mesa Russet** with 1.5 percent and **Blazer Russet** with 0.9 percent. All **Other Russet** varieties were planted on 8.4 percent of the total acreage.

Red varieties accounted for 1 percent of the planted acreage in 2012 that included **Colorado Rose, Sangre, and Cherry Red**. Individual varietal percents were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Yukon Gold, a yellow flesh variety, was planted on 1.9 percent of the total acreage and represented 38.0 percent of all yellow flesh varieties while **Latona** accounted for 1.4 percent of the total acreage and 28.0 percent of all yellow flesh varieties. **Satina** and **Other Yellow Flesh** varieties comprised the remainder of yellow flesh varieties. **Atlantic** was the leading white variety planted, but individual varietal percents were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. **Other White and Other Varieties** includes other white varieties, research varieties and other specialty type potatoes.



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Fall Potato Varieties: Percent of Total Planted Acreage, Colorado, 2008-2012 ^{1/}						
	2008 Crop	2009 Crop	2010 Crop	2011 Crop	2012 Crop	
Variety	Percent of All Potatoes				Percent of All Potatoes	Percent of Varietal Group
	Percent				Percent	
Russet Varieties:						
Russet Norkotah.....	55.2	42.5	45.9	49.3	52.5	59.7
Norkotah, Selection 3	24.8	25.0	24.0	27.1	25.4	28.9
Norkotah, Selection 8	6.1	3.2	5.3	4.7	10.7	12.2
Norkotah, Standard	9.2	0.5	1.6	7.1	1.5	1.7
Norkotah, all other	15.1	13.8	15.0	10.4	14.9	16.9
Canela.....	8.7	11.9	13.4	11.5	8.7	9.9
Centennial Russet.....	5.6	9.9	4.2	4.0	5.0	5.7
Rio Grande Russet.....	9.6	7.1	6.8	6.2	4.7	5.3
Classic Russet.....	...	...	...	6.6	4.3	4.9
Russet Nugget	3.7	2.8	2.7	1.7	2.0	2.3
Mesa Russet .....	...	...	...	2.1	1.5	1.7
Blazer Russet.....	...	...	4.8	1.9	0.9	1.0
Other Russet.....	2.2	9.8	7.2	3.7	8.4	9.5
TOTAL RUSSET.....	85.0	84.0	85.0	87.0	88.0	100.0
Red Varieties:						
Colorado Rose	0.1	...	...	...	D	D
Sangre	1.0	...	...	D	D	D
Durango Red.....	0.2	...	...	...	...	...
Cherry Red.....	0.4	0.9	0.4	D	D	D
Other Red.....	2.3	2.1	1.6	D	D	D
TOTAL RED.....	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	100.0
Yellow Flesh Varieties:						
Yukon Gold	3.9	2.8	4.0	2.2	1.9	38.0
Satina.....	1.7	2.5	...	...	D	D
Latona.....	...	1.3	...	...	1.4	28.0
Gala .....	...	1.1	...	...	...	...
Other Yellow.....	5.4	3.3	6.0	5.8	D	D
TOTAL YELLOW FLESH.....	11.0	11.0	10.0	8.0	5.0	100.0
White and Other Varieties:						
Atlantic	0.1	0.1	...	...	D	D
Chipeta.....	0.1	0.1	2.5	D	...	...
Purple Majesty	0.3	0.2	...	...	...	...
Other White and Other Varieties.....	0.5	1.6	0.5	D	D	D
TOTAL WHITE and OTHER	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	100.0
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.
... Indicates varietal percentage is very minor or not available.
D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.