



Colorado Fall Potato Varieties 2013 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 2013 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 50 percent of the 49,700 acres planted for the 2013 crop compared with 62 percent coverage in the 2012 survey.

Russet varieties accounted for 84.0 percent of the 49,700 acres of all potatoes planted in the San Luis Valley for the 2013 crop compared with 88.0 percent last year. **Yellow Flesh varieties** were planted on 9.0 percent of the total acreage, up four percentage points from 2012. **Red varieties** were planted on 4.0 percent of the total and the remaining 3.0 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 51.5 percent of the total potato acreage and accounting for 61.3 percent of all russet potatoes. Norkotah Selection 3 continued as the most popular Russet Norkotah, accounting for 28.8 percent of the total acres planted; Norkotah Selection 8 claimed 9.5 percent; Norkota 296 accounted for 3.2 percent; and all other Norkotah selections totaled 10.0 percent. The **Canela Russet** variety ranked second among Russet varieties in 2013 by being planted on 9.6 percent of the total acreage and representing 11.4 percent of all russet varieties. The **Classic Russet** was the third most popular russet variety, representing 7.2 percent of the total acreage and 8.6 percent of all russet varieties. **Rio Grande Russet** ranked fourth among russets with 4.5 percent of the total acreage. **Centennial Russet** was next with 2.6 percent, **Russet Nugget** accounted for 1.6 percent followed by **Mesa Russet** with 1.4 percent. All **Other Russet** varieties were planted on 5.6 percent of the total acreage.

Red varieties accounted for 4.0 percent of the planted acreage in 2013 that included **Cherry Red, Colorado Rose, and Sangre**. Individual varietal percents were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Yukon Gold, a yellow flesh variety, was planted on 2.9 percent of the total acreage and represented 32.2 percent of all yellow flesh varieties while **Latona** accounted for 1.4 percent of the total acreage and 15.6 percent of all yellow flesh varieties. **Satina**, the most popular yellow variety, and **Other Yellow Flesh** varieties comprised the remainder of yellow flesh varieties. **Chipeta** was the leading white variety planted followed by **Atlantic**, 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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	2009 Crop	2010 Crop	2011 Crop	2012 Crop	2013 Crop	
Variety	Percent of All Potatoes				Percent of All Potatoes	Percent of Varietal Group
	Percent				Percent	
Russet Varieties:						
Russet Norkotah.....	42.5	45.9	49.3	52.5	51.5	61.3
Norkotah, Selection 3	25.0	24.0	27.1	25.4	28.8	34.3
Norkotah, Selection 8	3.2	5.3	4.7	10.7	9.5	11.3
Norkotah, 296.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.2	3.8
Norkotah, all other	14.3	16.6	17.5	16.4	10.0	11.9
Canela Russet.....	11.9	13.4	11.5	8.7	9.6	11.4
Classic Russet.....	...	...	6.6	4.3	7.2	8.6
Rio Grande Russet.....	7.1	6.8	6.2	4.7	4.5	5.3
Centennial Russet.....	9.9	4.2	4.0	5.0	2.6	3.1
Russet Nugget.....	2.8	2.7	1.7	2.0	1.6	1.9
Mesa Russet .....	...	...	2.1	1.5	1.4	1.7
Other Russet	9.8	12.0	5.6	9.3	5.6	6.7
TOTAL RUSSET.....	84.0	85.0	87.0	88.0	84.0	100.0
Red Varieties:						
Cherry Red.....	0.9	0.4	D	D	D	15.0
Colorado Rose .....	...	...	...	D	D	D
Sangre .....	...	...	D	D	D	D
Other Red.....	2.1	1.6	D	D	D	D
TOTAL RED.....	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	100.0
Yellow Flesh Varieties:						
Satina.....	2.5	...	...	D	D	D
Yukon Gold	2.8	4.0	2.2	1.9	2.9	32.2
Latona	1.3	...	...	1.4	1.4	15.6
Other Yellow.....	4.4	6.0	5.8	D	D	D
TOTAL YELLOW FLESH.....	11.0	10.0	8.0	5.0	9.0	100.0
White and Other Varieties:						
Chipeta.....	0.1	2.5	D	...	D	...
Atlantic	0.1	...	...	D	D	D
Purple Majesty.....	0.2	...	...	...	D	...
Other White and Other Varieties	1.6	0.5	D	D	D	D
TOTAL WHITE and OTHER	2.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	3.0	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.