



FIELD CROPS

Potato Acreage, Production, and Stocks

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2009 SPRING PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

SPRING: Florida's 2009 potato production is forecast at 7.85 million cwt, up 1 percent from the April forecast, but 1 percent below last year. Harvested acres for 2009 are projected to be 28,600 acres, unchanged from April and 700 acres more than last season. Yield is forecast at 274 cwt, up 3 cwt from the April forecast but 11 cwt below last years yield. Dry weather from late February to April extended the growing season and kept field activities on schedule around Hastings and the northern Peninsula. Due to the extended growing season, harvest had not yet begun for many growers .

UNITED STATES

SPRING: Production for 2009 is forecast at 21.3 million cwt, up 2 percent from the April forecast and 6 percent higher than 2008. Area for harvest is forecast at 73,400 acres, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and an increase of 7 percent from 2008. The average yield of 291 cwt per acre is up 3 cwt from the April forecast but is 2 cwt lower than 2008. California's spring potato production, at 7.53 million cwt, is up 8 percent from the April forecast due to an increase in harvested area. Reports indicated that the crop was in excellent condition and had rebounded well from inclement weather conditions. Growers in North Carolina are expected to produce 2.93 million cwt of spring potatoes, a decrease of 3 percent from the April forecast. Crop condition was rated 56 percent good and 23 percent excellent, with topsoil moisture at 62 percent adequate. Production in Texas is forecast at 1.91 million cwt, down 2 percent from the April forecast. Yields in Texas decreased from the previous forecast due to hail damage in some locations. Arizona growers expect production to total 1.12 million cwt, down 2 percent from the previous forecast.

POTATO STOCKS DOWN 10 PERCENT FROM MAY 2008

The 13 major potato States held 75.4 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2009, down 10 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below May 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 21 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, unchanged from May 1, 2008. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 750 thousand cwt on May 1, 2009, up 32 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 292 million cwt, was 7 percent below May 1, 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 22.3 million cwt, was down 7 percent from the same date in both 2007 and 2008. Processors in the 9 major States have used 149 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 10 percent from the same period last year and down 9 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 28.3 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year and 23 percent below the same period in 2007.

POTATOES

Seasonal Group and State	Area				Yield per acre		Production		
	Planted		Harvested		2008	Indicated 2009	2007	2008	Indicated 2009
	2008	Indicated 2009	2008	Indicated 2009					
	1,000 acres				cwt		1,000 cwt		
Spring									
Arizona	3.5	4.0	3.5	4.0	300	280	1,120	1,050	1,120
California	15.4	17.5	15.4	17.5	450	430	6,123	6,930	7,525
Florida	28.5	29.3	27.9	28.6	285	274	7,807	7,952	7,846
Hastings	17.4	17.8	17.0	17.4	285	290	4,617	4,845	5,046
Other	11.1	11.5	10.9	11.2	285	250	3,190	3,107	2,800
North Carolina	14.5	16.0	14.0	15.0	180	195	2,700	2,520	2,925
Texas	8.4	8.8	8.0	8.3	210	230	2,070	1,680	1,909
Total	70.3	75.6	68.8	73.4	293	291	19,820	20,132	21,325

POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2006-2008 ^{1/}

State	Crop year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Entire season
		<i>1,000 cwt</i>							
Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon	2006	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
	2007	26,230	33,250	40,310	48,660	55,460	63,000	70,700	88,030
	2008	22,360	28,980	35,430	42,150	49,030	55,570		
Maine ^{2/}	2006	1,785	2,390	2,940	3,490	4,215	4,840	5,500	7,675
	2007	1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,990	4,670	5,240	7,550
	2008	1,635	2,240	2,890	3,505	4,000	4,795		
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	2006	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
	2007	30,595	36,940	42,350	50,165	57,160	67,690	72,380	82,770
	2008	32,570	37,750	42,490	49,795	56,350	62,620		
Other States ^{3/}	2006	14,355	17,800	21,415	24,690	28,205	31,560	35,040	43,565
	2007	15,040	17,535	20,755	23,900	26,650	29,710	32,600	39,430
	2008	12,535	15,190	18,250	21,150	24,140	25,900		
Total	2006	74,210	91,320	107,895	127,050	145,760	163,250	182,170	214,225
	2007	73,565	89,895	106,230	126,165	143,260	165,070	180,920	217,780
	2008	69,100	84,160	99,060	116,600	133,520	148,885		
Dehydrated ^{4/}	2006	14,590	19,250	23,635	27,885	32,210	36,480	40,915	49,375
	2007	12,815	16,785	21,040	25,350	29,500	33,650	37,975	46,660
	2008	10,745	14,570	18,405	21,535	24,945	28,255		

^{1/} Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced.

^{2/} Includes Maine grown potatoes only. Amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips.

^{3/} CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. Monthly amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips in WI.

^{4/} Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes CO, ID, NV, OR, WA, and WI.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 13 Major States, 1999 through 2008

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1
		<i>1,000 cwt</i>						
1999 ^{1/}	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000 ^{1/}	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001 ^{1/}	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002 ^{1/}	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003 ^{1/}	403,566	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 ^{1/}	404,017	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	375,118	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,527	258,900	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,460
2007	397,753	265,500	232,300	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,960	50,420
2008 ^{2/}	367,715	243,300	212,800	183,500	151,400	114,450	75,400	

^{1/} 15 major States.

^{2/} April 1, 2009 stocks revised.