



FIELD CROPS

Potato Acreage, Production, and Stocks

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2011 Spring Production

Florida

Weather: Continuous freezes from December to January damaged potato fields in Other Areas (Okeechobee, Manatee, Collier, and Polk counties). Tops of some plants were burned by the freezes in early January. The freeze damage caused some potato seed to be lost. The unfavorable weather conditions caused potato harvesting for Other Areas to be delayed. Planting preparations for Hastings (Flagler, Putnam, and St. Johns counties) took place in early January. Hastings growers delayed plantings due to the continuous freezes with some growers still planting. Growers ran heaters to prevent freezing of seed potatoes in storage. Digging in the Lake Okeechobee, Immokalee, and Palmetto-Ruskin areas got underway by late March with harvesting around Hastings expected to begin mid to late April. The crop is behind schedule in both the Hastings and Other Areas of Florida.

Production Forecast: Producers planted 35,400 acres, up 2,200 acres from the 33,200 winter and spring acres planted last year. Acreage for harvest was set at 33,700 acres, up 1,900 acres from the combined winter and spring acres harvested a year ago. Yield is expected to average 256 cwt per acre, up 6 cwt from the previous year. The combined winter and spring production is anticipated to total 8.62 million cwt, up eight percent or 668,000 cwt from the 2010 combined production.

Growers in the Hastings area planted 22,400 acres compared to the 21,500 acres last year. Producers hope to dig 21,200 acres, up 900 acres from last season's 20,300 acres. The Hastings area yield is expected to average 265 cwt per acre, up 15 cwt from a year ago. The Hastings production is set at 5.62 million cwt or 11 percent more than the 5.08 million cwt dug last year. Potato growers in Other Areas planted 13,000 acres, up 11 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 12,500, up 1,000 acres from last season. Yield in Other Areas is expected to average 240 cwt, down 4 percent from the previous year. The combined winter and spring production from Other Areas is expected to total 3.00 million cwt, up 125,000 cwt or 4 percent from the 2.88 million cwt dug a year ago.

United States

Spring: Production for 2011 is forecast at 25.8 million cwt, up 4 percent from 2010. Area for harvest is forecast at 89,500 acres, up 4 percent from last year. The average yield forecast, at 289 cwt per acre, is unchanged from 2010. California's spring potato production is forecast at 10.8 million cwt, down 1 percent from the previous year due to cool, wet growing conditions. North Carolina growers are expected to produce 3.52 million cwt of spring potatoes, up 20 percent from 2010. As of March 27, 2011, crop condition was rated as mostly good by the growers. Production in Arizona is forecast at 1.14 million, up 10 percent from 2010, while Texas growers expect production to total 1.73 million cwt, down 13 percent from last year.

Summer Potatoes: The final estimate of 2010 summer potato production is 11.6 million cwt, up 1 percent from the preliminary estimate in the January Crop Production 2010 Summary. Harvested area covered 37,500 acres, up 1 percent from the preliminary 2010 estimate. The revised acreage yield of 310 cwt per acre is down 1 cwt from the 2010 preliminary estimate.

Potato Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production for Spring Season

Seasonal Group and State	Area				Yield per acre		Production	
	Planted		Harvested					
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Spring								
Arizona.....	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	280	300	1,036	1,140
California	27.1	28.5	27.0	28.5	405	380	10,935	10,830
Florida	33.2	35.4	31.8	33.7	250	256	7,950	8,618
Hastings	21.5	22.4	20.3	21.2	250	265	5,075	5,618
Other Areas	11.7	13.0	11.5	12.5	250	240	2,875	3,000
North Carolina	16.0	17.0	15.0	16.0	195	220	2,925	3,520
Texas	8.8	7.9	8.4	7.5	235	230	1,974	1,725
United States	88.8	92.6	85.9	89.5	289	289	24,820	25,833

Potatoes: Quantity used for Processing, Nine States: 2008-2010

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced.]

State & Crop year	To December 1	To January 1	To February 1	To March 1	To April 1	To May 1	To June 1	Entire season
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Idaho and Oregon, Malheur								
2008.....	22,380	28,980	35,430	42,150	49,030	55,570	62,940	77,340
2009.....	23,110	29,180	35,170	42,050	49,200	56,100	62,930	79,400
2010.....	21,040	26,840	32,700	39,240	46,180			
Maine ¹								
2008.....	1,555	2,130	2,765	3,355	3,815	4,565	5,265	7,120
2009.....	1,575	2,060	2,680	3,265	3,915	4,550	5,260	7,160
2010.....	1,915	2,460	3,090	3,725	4,420			
Washington and Oregon, Other								
2008.....	32,560	38,050	42,795	49,865	56,350	62,635	70,625	81,260
2009.....	25,395	31,245	36,530	43,780	50,130	56,700	64,805	75,690
2010.....	27,670	33,570	38,815	46,700	53,250			
Other States ²								
2008.....	12,480	15,120	18,165	21,030	24,025	26,515	29,590	37,285
2009.....	10,865	13,565	16,305	18,995	21,600	24,355	27,375	34,240
2010.....	11,660	14,605	17,240	20,165	23,040			
Total								
2008.....	68,975	84,280	99,155	116,400	133,220	149,285	168,420	203,005
2009.....	60,945	76,050	90,685	108,090	124,845	141,705	160,370	196,490
2010.....	62,285	77,475	91,845	109,830	126,890			
Dehydrated ³								
2008.....	10,675	14,490	18,335	21,465	24,875	28,195	31,870	39,345
2009.....	10,985	14,035	17,150	19,895	23,155	26,630	30,045	38,915
2010.....	7,845	10,795	13,640	16,485	19,450			

¹ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. Amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips.

² Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Monthly amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips in Wisconsin.

³ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 13 Major States, 2001 through 2010

[For 2000-2004, data accounts for 15 major producing States. Beginning in 2005 data accounts for 13 major producing States.]

Crop Year	Production	December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1	April 1	May 1	June 1
	(1,000 cwt)							
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,566	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	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	369,866	243,700	213,200	183,900	152,700	115,800	78,100	45,300
2009	383,962	265,800	234,300	203,500	169,700	128,700	89,610	55,120
2010	351,413	234,700	204,500	175,700	143,200	105,600		