



News Release

Michigan Potato Production

Michigan's 2015 potato crop was forecast to be 17.6 million hundredweight (cwt), 11.6 percent higher than a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Planted acres, at 46,000, increased 3,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres, at 45,000, was up 2,500 acres from 2014. Average yield, forecasted at 390 cwt per acre, was 20 cwt higher than the previous year. If realized, this will be a record yield. The first potato stocks estimate for the 2015 crop year will be released December 17, 2015.

Nationally, production of fall potatoes for 2015 is forecast at 409 million cwt, up 1 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 946,000 acres, is up 2 percent from the previous year. The average yield forecast, at 432 cwt per acre, is down 2 cwt per acre from a year ago. Growers in Maine, Michigan, and North Dakota are expecting record yields.

Fall potato summary, November 2015

Item	Michigan					United States		
	2013	2014	2015	Record high	Year set	2013	2014	2015
Planted..... 1,000 acres	44.5	43.0	46.0	NA	NA	939.3	938.4	953.8
Harvested..... 1,000 acres	44.0	42.5	45.0	374.0	1895	930.5	931.1	946.0
Yield..... Cwt/Acre	360	370	390	370	2014	425	434	432
Production..... 1,000 Cwt	15,840	15,725	17,550	23,256	1904	395,275	403,703	408,627