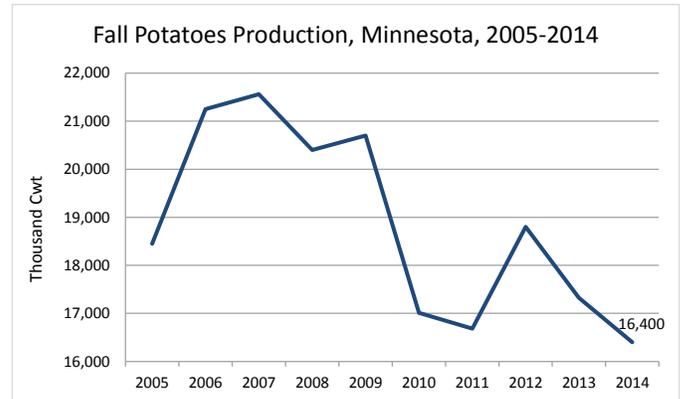




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Minnesota potato production in 2014 totaled 16.4 million hundredweight, down 0.9 million hundredweight from 2013, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Potatoes 2014 Summary*. The state’s potato growers planted 42,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from 2013. Harvested acres in 2014 were reported at 41,000, down 4,000 acres from the previous year. Average yield per acre was up from 385 hundredweight in 2013 to 400 hundredweight in 2014. Prices decreased to \$9.25 from the previous year’s \$9.50 per hundredweight. Total value of production of the state’s potato crop was down from \$164.6 million in 2013 to \$151.7 million in 2014.



Fall Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production - Selected States and United States: 2013 - 2014

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Colorado	54.8	60.2	54.6	59.8	372	388	20,304	23,196
Idaho	317.0	321.0	316.0	320.0	415	415	131,131	132,880
Michigan	44.5	43.0	44.0	42.5	360	370	15,840	15,725
Minnesota	46.0	42.0	45.0	41.0	385	400	17,325	16,400
Nebraska	18.5	17.0	18.3	16.9	460	470	8,418	7,943
North Dakota ..	81.0	79.0	78.0	77.0	290	310	22,620	23,870
Washington	160.0	165.0	160.0	165.0	600	615	96,000	101,475
Wisconsin	62.5	65.0	62.0	64.0	420	410	26,040	26,240
United States ..	1,063.9	1,062.6	1,050.9	1,050.1	414	421	434,652	442,170

Fall Potato Production, Seed Use, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value - Selected States and United States: 2014 Crop

State	Production	Total Used for Seed	Farm Disposition			Price per Cwt	Value of	
			Where grown		Sold		Production ¹	Sales ¹
			Seed, Feed, Home	Shrink and Loss				
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Colorado	23,196	1,537	961	2,330	19,905	8.25	191,367	164,330
Idaho	132,880	7,703	890	8,630	123,360	7.20	956,736	886,654
Michigan	15,725	1,058	315	450	14,960	11.70	183,983	175,151
Minnesota	16,400	984	136	659	15,605	9.25	151,700	144,248
Nebraska	7,943	432	162	544	7,237	10.60	84,196	76,625
North Dakota ..	23,870	1,782	360	2,200	21,310	9.40	224,378	200,836
Washington	101,475	4,318	260	6,340	94,875	7.60	771,210	719,309
Wisconsin	26,240	1,501	275	846	25,119	10.40	272,896	260,021
United States ..	442,170	26,259	4,192	26,762	411,216	8.88	3,928,211	3,658,279

¹ May not calculate due to rounding