



Minnesota Ag News – Potatoes

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Minnesota potato production in 2017 totaled 18.4 million hundredweight, up 10 percent from 2016, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Potatoes 2017 Summary*. The state’s potato growers planted 46,000 acres, up 3,000 acres from 2016. Harvested acres in 2017 were reported at 45,500, up 3,500 acres from the previous year. Average yield per acre, at 405 hundredweight, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Prices per hundredweight increased to \$9.38 from the previous year’s \$9.05 per hundredweight. Total value of production of the state’s potato crop was up from \$152 million in 2016 to \$173 million in 2017.

Fall Potato Production - Minnesota: 2008-2017



Fall Potato Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Selected States and United States: 2016-2017

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre ¹		Production	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Colorado	57.3	55.9	57.1	55.6	389	382	22,236	21,220
Idaho	325.0	310.0	324.0	310.0	430	435	139,320	134,850
Michigan	47.0	47.0	46.0	46.5	370	370	17,020	17,205
Minnesota	43.0	46.0	42.0	45.5	400	405	16,800	18,428
Nebraska	16.5	19.0	16.4	19.0	450	475	7,380	9,025
North Dakota ..	80.0	75.0	72.0	74.0	300	330	21,600	24,420
Washington	170.0	165.0	169.0	164.0	625	605	105,625	99,220
Wisconsin	65.0	68.0	64.0	67.0	435	425	27,840	28,475
United States ..	923.8	906.7	909.6	901.7	447	444	406,638	400,565

¹ Derived.

Fall Potato Production, Seed Use, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value – Selected States and United States: 2017 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	21,220	1,383	981	1,550	18,689	9.35	198,407	174,768
Idaho	134,850	7,529	808	8,300	125,742	7.23	974,966	909,491
Michigan	17,205	1,344	369	585	16,251	11.10	190,976	181,001
Minnesota	18,428	880	86	1,071	17,271	9.38	172,855	161,955
Nebraska	9,025	546	259	640	8,126	12.10	109,203	98,360
North Dakota ..	24,420	1,517	200	1,500	22,720	9.13	222,955	207,534
Washington	99,220	4,208	263	6,040	92,917	6.92	686,602	642,903
Wisconsin	28,475	1,675	343	1,960	26,172	10.90	310,378	284,879
United States ..	400,565	21,898	4,120	24,303	372,142	8.28	3,321,867	3,082,353

¹ May not calculate due to rounding