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Maine

Maine fall potato final production for 2018 is 15.0 million cwt, down slightly from the 2017 crop, according to King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. Harvested area, at 48,500 acres, is up 2 percent from 2017. The average yield of 310 cwt per acre is down 10 cwt from the previous year. The value of all potatoes sold in 2018, at \$155.8 million, increased 9 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$11.10 per cwt, is up \$0.90 from 2017. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2018 crop totaled 14.0 million cwt, down 1 percent from 2017. Sales accounted for 93.1 percent of 2018 production, up slightly from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 783 thousand cwt for 2018, down 11 percent from 2017. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown, home use, and seed on their own farms totaled 252 thousand cwt, up 14 percent from 2017.

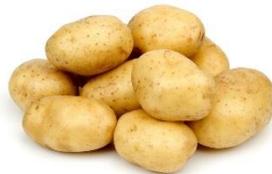
New York

Fall potato final production for 2018 is 3.9 million cwt, down 4 percent from the 2017 crop, according to King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. Harvested area, at 13,400 acres, is down 7 percent from 2017. The average yield of 290 cwt per acre is up 10 cwt from the previous year. The value of all potatoes sold in 2018, at \$44.6 million, decreased 6 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$12.20 per cwt, is down \$0.40 from 2017. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2018 crop totaled 3.7 million cwt, down 2% from 2017. Sales accounted for 94.2 percent of 2018 production, up 1 percent from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 181 thousand cwt for 2018, down 23 percent from 2017. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown, home use, and seed on their own farms totaled 45 thousand cwt, down 20 percent from 2017.

United States

Potato production in the U.S. for the 2018 crop totaled 450 million cwt, down slightly from the 2017 crop. Harvested area, at 1.01 million acres, was down 3 percent from 2017. The average yield of 443 cwt per acre was up 11 cwt from the previous year. The value of all U.S. potatoes sold in 2018, at \$3.75 billion, decreased 3 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$8.90 per cwt, was down \$0.27 from 2017. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2018 crop totaled 420 million cwt, down slightly from 2017. Quantity sold accounted for 93 percent of 2018 production, unchanged from the previous year.

United States potatoes used for processing totaled 298 million cwt, up 6 percent from 2017. Potatoes used for chips and shoestrings totaled 62.7 million cwt, up 7 percent from the previous year. Frozen French fries and other frozen products utilized 179 million cwt of raw potatoes, up 5 percent from 2017. Potatoes used for dehydrating totaled 49.1 million cwt, up 7 percent from 2017. Canning use, at 1.87 million cwt, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Other products made from potatoes utilized 5.55 million cwt of potatoes, a 10 percent decrease from 2017.



Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – Northeastern States and United States: 2016-2018

State	Area planted			Area harvested		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Maine	47.0	48.0	49.0	46.5	47.5	48.5
Maryland	(D)	2.6	2.2	(D)	2.5	2.0
New Jersey	(D)	2.0	2.0	(D)	2.0	2.0
New York	15.0	14.5	14.3	14.8	14.4	13.4
United States	1,056.7	1,052.6	1,026.5	1,037.7	1,044.5	1,014.8

State	Yield per acre			Production		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
	(cwt)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Maine	325	320	310	15,113	15,200	15,035
Maryland	(D)	365	255	(D)	913	510
New Jersey	(D)	300	265	(D)	600	530
New York	240	280	290	3,552	4,032	3,886
United States	434	432	443	450,324	450,921	450,020

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations

Potato Production, Seed Use, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value – Northeastern States and United States: 2018 Crop

[United States and totals may not add due to rounding]

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)
Maine	15,035	1,100	252	783	14,000	11.10	166,889	155,790
Maryland	510	48	1	1	508	11.70	5,967	5,929
New Jersey	530	33	-	1	529	8.91	4,722	4,711
New York	3,886	343	45	181	3,660	12.20	47,409	44,580
United States	450,020	24,973	4,047	25,526	420,447	8.90	4,006,340	3,746,758

¹May not calculate due to rounding.

For the complete "Potatoes, 2018 Summary" report, go to:
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/fx719m44h>

The "Potatoes, 2018 Summary" report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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