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Maine

Maine fall potato final production for 2015 is 16.2 million cwt, up 10 percent from the 2014 crop, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Harvested area, at 50,500 acres, is unchanged from 2014. The average yield of 320 cwt per acre is up 30 cwt from the previous year. The value of all potatoes sold in 2015, at \$143.1 million, decreased 12 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$10.10 per cwt, is down \$.40 from 2014. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2015 crop totaled 14.2 million cwt, up 14 percent from 2014. Sales accounted for 88.0 percent of 2015 production, up 2.7 percent from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 1.62 million cwt for 2015, down 11 percent from 2014. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown, home use, and seed on their own farms totaled 322 thousand cwt, down 2 percent from 2014.

Maryland

Summer potato final production for 2015 is 792 thousand cwt, down 9 percent from the 2014 crop, according to Dale Hawks, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office. Harvested area, at 2,400 acres, is up 4 percent from 2014. The average yield of 330 cwt per acre is down 50 cwt from the previous year. The value of all potatoes sold in 2015, at \$8.3 million, decreased 18 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$10.50 per cwt, is down \$1.20 from 2014. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2015 crop totaled 790 thousand cwt, down 9 percent from 2014. Sales accounted for 99.7 percent of 2015 production, slightly below the previous year. Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 1 thousand cwt for 2015, unchanged from 2014. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown, home use, and seed on their own farms totaled 1 thousand cwt, unchanged from 2014.

Massachusetts

Massachusetts fall potato final production for 2015 is 1.10 million cwt, up 7 percent from the 2014 crop, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Harvested area, at 3,600 acres, is unchanged from 2014. The average yield of 305 cwt per acre is up 20 cwt from the previous year. The value of all potatoes sold in 2015, at \$11.2 million, increased 7 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$10.40 per cwt, is the same as last year. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2015 crop totaled 1,073 thousand cwt, up 6 percent from 2014. Sales accounted for 97.7 percent of 2015 production, down 0.6 percent from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 9 thousand cwt for 2015, up 80 percent from 2014. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown, home use, and seed on their own farms totaled 16 thousand cwt, up 33 percent from 2014.

New York

Fall potato final production for 2015 is 4.14 million cwt, down 5 percent from the 2014 crop, according to Blair Smith, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Harvested area, at 14,800 acres, is down 6 percent from 2014. The average yield of 280 cwt per acre is up 5 cwt from the previous year. The value of all potatoes sold in 2015, at \$46.6 million, decreased 8 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$12.20 per cwt, is down \$.40 from 2014. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2015 crop totaled 3.81 million cwt, down 5 percent from 2014. Sales accounted for 91.9 percent of 2015 production, down 0.7 percent from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 290 thousand cwt for 2015, up 21 percent from 2014. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown, home use, and seed on their own farms totaled 46 thousand cwt, down 44 percent from 2014.

Pennsylvania

Fall potato final production for 2015 is 1.48 million cwt, up 4 percent from the 2014 crop, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. Harvested area, at 5,300 acres, is up 2 percent from 2014. The average yield of 280 cwt per acre is up 5 cwt from the previous year. The value of all potatoes sold in 2015, at \$17.6 million, decreased 6 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$12.30 per cwt, is down \$1.00 from 2014. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2015 crop totaled 1.43 million cwt, up 2 percent from 2014. Sales accounted for 96.6 percent of 2015 production, down 1.5 percent from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 22 thousand cwt for 2015, up 57 percent from 2014. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown, home use, and seed on their own farms totaled 28 thousand cwt, up 115 percent from 2014.

Rhode Island

Rhode Island fall potato final production for 2015 is 81 thousand cwt, down 34 percent from the 2014 crop, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Harvested area, at 600 acres, is up 20 percent from 2014. The average yield of 135 cwt per acre is down 110 cwt from the previous year. The value of all potatoes sold in 2015, at \$888,000, decreased 44 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$11.40 per cwt, is down \$1.60 from 2014. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2015 crop totaled 78 thousand cwt, down 36 percent from 2014. Sales accounted for 96.3 percent of 2015 production, down 2.9 percent from the previous year. Shrinkage and loss is estimated at 1 thousand cwt for 2015, the same as the previous year. Potatoes used for livestock feed on farms where grown, home use, and seed on their own farms totaled 2 thousand cwt.

United States

Potato production in the U.S. for the 2015 crop at 441 million cwt is slightly below the 2014 crop. Harvested area, at 1.05 million acres, is up slightly from 2014. The average yield of 418 cwt per acre is down 3 cwt from the previous year. The value of all U.S. potatoes sold in 2015, at \$3.60 billion, decreased 2 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$8.76 per cwt, is down \$0.12 from 2014. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2015 crop was 410 million cwt, down slightly from 2014. Quantity sold accounted for 93 percent of 2015 production, unchanged from the previous year.

U.S. potatoes used for processing totaled 280 million cwt, down 5 percent from 2014. Potatoes used for chips and shoestrings totaled 58.1 million cwt in 2015, down 21 percent from the previous year. Frozen French fries and other frozen products utilized 166 million cwt of raw potatoes, up 2 percent from 2014. Potatoes used for dehydrating totaled 47.9 million cwt, down 2 percent from 2014. Canning use, at 1.21 million cwt, is down 9 percent from the previous year. Other products made from potatoes totaled 6.38 million cwt of potatoes, an 8 percent decrease from 2014.



Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – Northeastern States and United States: 2013-2015

State	Area planted			Area harvested		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Delaware	1.4	1.2	(D)	1.4	1.2	(D)
Maine	55.0	51.0	51.0	54.0	50.5	50.5
Maryland	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.4
Massachusetts	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.6
New Jersey	2.4	2.0	(D)	2.4	1.9	(D)
New York	17.5	16.0	15.0	17.1	15.8	14.8
Pennsylvania	6.7	5.3	5.4	6.6	5.2	5.3
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
United States	1,063.9	1,062.6	1,066.1	1,050.9	1,051.1	1,054.4

State	Yield per acre ¹			Production		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
	(cwt)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Delaware	280	290	(D)	392	348	(D)
Maine	290	290	320	15,660	14,645	16,160
Maryland	310	380	330	651	874	792
Massachusetts	260	285	305	1,014	1,026	1,098
New Jersey	230	225	(D)	552	428	(D)
New York	290	275	280	4,959	4,345	4,144
Pennsylvania	290	275	280	1,914	1,430	1,484
Rhode Island	260	245	135	130	123	81
United States	414	421	418	434,652	442,170	441,205

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Derived.

Potato Production, Seed Use, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value – Northeastern States and United States: 2015 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)
Delaware	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maine	16,160	1,029	322	1,615	14,223	10.10	163,216	143,112
Maryland	792	36	1	1	790	10.50	8,316	8,310
Massachusetts	1,098	88	16	9	1,073	10.40	11,419	11,182
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	4,144	288	46	290	3,808	12.20	50,557	46,606
Pennsylvania	1,484	122	28	22	1,434	12.30	18,253	17,597
Rhode Island	81	12	2	1	78	11.40	923	888
United States	441,205	25,715	4,631	26,509	410,065	8.76	3,865,538	3,597,063

- Represents zero.

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¹ May not calculate due to rounding.

For the complete "Potatoes, 2015 Summary" report, go to: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1123>

The "Potatoes, 2015 Summary" report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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