

Potato Summary, 2010

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Pennsylvania's acreage of fall potatoes harvested in 2010 totaled 9,000 acres, down 500 acres compared to 2009. Yield per acre averaged 245 cwt, down 65 cwt. from 2009. Production of fall potatoes for 2010 totaled 2,205,000 cwt, down 25 percent from the 2009 production of 2,945,000 cwt. The value of production was 23,788,000 dollars, down 30 percent from the 34,149,000 dollars posted in 2009.

Potato sales totaled 1,969,000 cwt, 89 percent of the 2010 crop. This is down from 2009, when 2,693,000, or 91 percent of the total production, were sold. The average price received in 2010 was 12.10 per cwt, down sixty cents per cwt from the 2009 price. Of the total production, 159,000 cwt were used for seed, feed, or home use on the farms, while 77,000 cwt went to shrinkage and other losses. This is compared to 2009, when farm use accounted for 7,000 cwt and shrinkage and other losses were 245,000 cwt.

Pennsylvania: Potatoes - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1970-2010

Year	Planted (1,000 acres)	Harvested (1,000 acres)	Yield per acre (cwt.)	Production (1,000 cwt.)	Price per cwt. (dollars)	Value of	
						Production ¹ (1,000 dols.)	Sales (1,000 dols.)
1970	35.0	34.5	240	8,280	2.65	21,942	19,528
1980	23.0	22.0	190	4,180	7.90	33,022	29,807
1990	23.0	22.5	240	5,400	7.55	40,770	38,082
2000	13.5	13.0	270	3,510	7.75	27,203	25,583
2006	11.0	10.5	260	2,730	10.40	28,392	26,676
2007	10.5	10.0	220	2,200	10.10	22,220	21,142
2008	10.0	9.5	265	2,518	13.30	33,489	32,341
2009	10.0	9.5	310	2,945	12.70	37,402	34,149
2010	9.5	9.0	245	2,205	12.10	26,681	23,788

¹ Value of production based on final State marketing year average price.

Pennsylvania: Potato Production and Farm Disposition, 1970-2010

Year	Production (1,000 cwt.)	Total used for seed (1,000 cwt.)	Farm disposition		
			Where grown		Sold (1,000 cwt.)
			Seed, feed, home (1,000 cwt.)	Shrink and loss (1,000 cwt.)	
1970	8,280	621	249	662	7,369
1980	4,180	396	135	272	3,773
1990	5,400	399	76	280	5,044
2000	3,510	252	44	165	3,301
2006	2,730	280	5	160	2,565
2007	2,200	226	18	92	2,090
2008	2,518	220	16	65	2,437
2009	2,945	160	7	245	2,693
2010	2,205	195	159	77	1,969

