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Potatoes – 2014 and November 1, 2015 Forecasted Acreage and Production

Potato area planted in the United States is forecasted at 1.074 million acres, up 1 percent from 2014. The United States potato area harvested is forecasted at 1.063 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

Potato acreage planted in Maine is forecasted 500 acres above previous year. Potato acreage planted in New York is forecasted 1,000 acres above 2014. Potato acreage planted in Pennsylvania is forecasted 200 acres above 2014. Potato acreage in Massachusetts and Rhode Island are forecasted at same individual levels as 2014.

Potato production in the U.S. for the 2015 crop at 446 million cwt. is 1 percent above the previous year. U.S. average yield of 419 cwt. per acre is down 2 cwt. from 2014.

Potato yield for the 2015 crop in Maine was forecasted at a record high 315 cwt. per acre, exceeding 2004's yield of 310 cwt. per acre. New York yield was forecasted at 285 cwt. per acre, up 10 cwt. from 2014. Pennsylvania was forecasted at 275 cwt. per acre, same as previous year. Massachusetts was forecasted at 300 cwt. per acre, up 15 cwt. from 2014. Rhode Island was forecasted at 240 cwt. per acre, down 5 cwt. from previous year.

Percent breakdown of planted acres by potato variety summarized from the Potato Objective Yield survey. The top five potato varieties in Maine were Russet Burbank at 39 percent, white Frito-Lay at 9 percent, Russet Norkotah at 7 percent, Russet Innovator at 6 percent, and white Snowden at 4 percent.

Potato harvest loss in Maine summarized from the Potato Objective Yield survey. Harvest loss averaged 20 cwt. per acre, up 2 cwt. from 2014 and 5 cwt. from 2013.

Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – 2014 and Forecasted November 1, 2015

	Area Planted (1,000 acres)		Harvested (1,000 acres)		Yield per acre (cwt)		Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Delaware	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	290	340	348	408
Maine	51.0	51.5	50.5	51.0	290	315	14,645	16,002
Maryland	2.3	(D)	2.3	(D)	380	(D)	874	(D)
Massachusetts	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	285	300	1,026	1,080
New Jersey	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	225	250	428	500
New York	16.0	17.0	15.8	16.9	275	285	4,345	4,817
Pennsylvania	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.3	275	275	1,430	1,458
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	245	240	123	120
U.S. Total	1,062.6	1,073.5	1,051.1	1,063.1	421	419	442,170	445,602

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations

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