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Potato Size and Grade Summary – 2014 Crop

The statistics in this publication were obtained from the 2014 Potato Objective Yield Survey. Size and grade measurements are taken on potatoes harvested in the objective yield survey plots. Potatoes were harvested from six hills per sample randomly selected in each State using a scientifically designed sampling procedure. Potatoes were sent to laboratories for sizing and grading according to accepted United States fresh grading standards.

Idaho: Long potatoes (Russet only) weighing 10 oz or more comprised 26.6 percent of the total, down from 32.5 percent in 2013. Potatoes that met the 2.0 inch or 4 oz. minimum size and grade requirements for U.S. No. 1 potatoes were 80.3 percent of the total, down from 81.8 percent last year. Processing grade and U.S. No. 2 potatoes, with a 1.5 inch minimum, accounted for 18.5 percent of the 2014 crop.

Oregon: Long potatoes (Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender) weighing 10 oz or more were 34.0 percent of the total, down from 34.6 percent in 2013. The percent of long potato meeting U.S. No. 1 standards was 79.1 percent, down from 81.2 percent a year ago. Processing and U.S. No. 2 potatoes, accounted for 19.6 percent of the 2014 crop.

Washington: Long potatoes (Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender) weighing 10 oz or more comprised 37.3 percent of the total, up from 31.0 percent in 2013. The percent of long potatoes meeting U.S. No. 1 standards was 78.6 percent, up from 76.5 percent a year ago. Processing and U.S. No. 2 potatoes, accounted for 20.3 percent of the 2014 crop.

Fall Potato Grading Categories by Type — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2013-2014

[Gross yield basis. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding]

Type and State	No. 1 2 inch minimum ¹		No. 2 or processing usable 1 1/2 inch minimum ¹		Cull ²	
	2013 (percent)	2014 (percent)	2013 (percent)	2014 (percent)	2013 (percent)	2014 (percent)
Round white potatoes						
Oregon	92.9	87.8	5.3	10.3	1.8	1.9
All long potatoes ³						
Idaho	81.8	80.3	17.1	18.5	1.1	1.2
Oregon	81.2	79.1	17.6	19.6	1.2	1.3
Washington.....	76.5	78.6	22.1	20.3	1.4	1.1

¹ Potatoes which meet the requirement for United States #1 or #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

² Potatoes not meeting the requirement for United States #1 or #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

³ Includes Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender varieties unless otherwise indicated.

⁴ Russets only.

Fall Potato Number of Hills by Type — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2010-2014

State and year	Reds		Whites		Yellows		Russets	
	Samples	Average number of hills per acre	Samples	Average number of hills per acre	Samples	Average number of hills per acre	Samples	Average number of hills per acre
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Idaho								
2010	5	17,499	5	14,200	4	17,110	227	12,948
2011	5	17,571	6	11,790	(D)	(D)	209	12,906
2012	6	18,368	5	12,828	3	13,110	197	12,615
2013	7	12,944	6	12,565	(D)	(D)	188	12,793
2014	5	14,147	7	13,051	3	13,419	163	12,846
Oregon.....								
2010	4	11,436	26	13,744	(D)	(D)	102	13,229
2011	4	11,998	25	12,986	5	12,275	98	12,570
2012	6	12,430	20	11,944	3	10,692	83	12,626
2013	(D)	(D)	14	12,926	(D)	(D)	60	12,627
2014	4	9,772	17	11,584	3	10,663	69	12,890
Washington.....								
2010	7	17,257	13	15,710	3	15,369	125	14,968
2011	7	16,378	7	15,172	3	15,148	108	15,258
2012	8	21,307	10	14,424	5	19,354	111	14,638
2013	5	18,686	12	15,693	(D)	(D)	80	15,271
2014	3	17,070	13	15,419	7	20,933	111	14,663

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

Fall Potato Harvest Loss by Type — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2010-2014

State and year	Reds	Whites	Yellows	Russets	All types
	(cwt per acre)				
Idaho					
2010	-	(D)	(D)	31	31
2011	-	(D)	-	29	30
2012	(D)	(D)	(D)	25	26
2013	(D)	18	-	29	27
2014	(D)	-	-	22	21
Oregon.....					
2010	(D)	9	-	15	14
2011	(D)	12	-	21	20
2012	(D)	22	-	19	19
2013	-	(D)	-	21	24
2014	(D)	24	-	16	17
Washington.....					
2010	(D)	(D)	(D)	22	20
2011	(D)	(D)	-	20	20
2012	(D)	(D)	-	22	20
2013	(D)	(D)	-	20	19
2014	-	33	-	18	20

- Represents zero.

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

All Long Potato Size Categories — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2013-2014

[Gross yield basis. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding. Includes Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender varieties]

	Inches			Ounces									
	1 1/2 to 1 5/8	1 5/8 to 1 7/8	1 7/8 to 2	2 inch or 4-6 ounce	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 and over
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
2013													
Idaho ¹	1.3	5.6	4.0	22.5	9.7	9.5	7.8	7.1	6.0	5.2	3.4	3.2	14.7
Oregon	0.8	4.6	4.2	22.2	9.5	8.5	7.5	8.1	7.0	5.3	4.0	3.4	14.9
Washington.....	0.8	4.6	3.7	25.8	9.6	8.5	7.6	8.4	6.0	5.7	3.9	2.2	13.2
2014													
Idaho ¹	1.5	6.2	4.5	27.2	10.2	9.3	8.3	6.2	5.4	4.8	3.6	3.4	9.4
Oregon	1.1	4.8	3.5	23.5	9.1	9.4	7.5	7.1	6.2	5.1	4.3	3.5	14.9
Washington.....	0.6	3.5	3.0	22.8	9.4	8.5	8.2	6.7	5.5	5.7	4.7	3.7	17.7

¹ Russets only.

Round Potato Size Categories by Type — Oregon: 2013-2014

[Gross yield basis. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding]

Type and year	Inches						
	1 1/2 to 1 7/8	1 7/8 to 2	2 to 2 1/4	2 1/4 to 2 1/2	2 1/2 to 3 1/2	3 1/2 to 4	4 inches and over
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
White potatoes							
2013	2.7	2.4	10.3	16.7	66.6	1.3	-
2014	3.7	5.1	11.1	22.1	55.9	0.9	1.2

- Represents zero.

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