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Northwest Potato Production is Forecast at 257 Million Hundredweight, Up 3 Percent from Last Year.

Potato production in Idaho is forecast at 134 million cwt., up 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 316,000 acres, is unchanged from 2013. Yield is expected to be 425 cwt. per acre, up 10 cwt. from 2013. Production for the 10 Southwestern counties in Idaho is forecast at 8.24 million cwt., down 7 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 16,000 acres, is down 1,000 acres from 2013. Yield is expected to be 515 cwt. per acre down 5 cwt. from the previous year. Production in the other Idaho counties is forecast at 126 million cwt., up 3 percent from a year ago. Harvested area, at 300,000 acres, is up 1,000 acres from 2013. Yield is expected to be 420 cwt. per acre, up 11 cwt. from 2013. Potato production in Oregon is forecast at 22.8 million cwt., up 6 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, at 39,000 acres, is down 600 acres from 2013. Yield is expected to be 585 cwt. per acre, up 40 cwt. from 2013. Potato production in Washington is forecast at 99.8 million cwt., up 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 165,000 acres, is up 5,000 acres from 2013. Yield is expected to be 605 cwt. per acre up 5 cwt. from the previous year.

Nationally, production of fall potatoes is forecast at 406 million cwt, up 3 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 926,200 acres is down slightly from 2013. Yield is expected to be 439 cwt. per acre, up 14 cwt. from the previous year. Total potato production in the United States is forecast at 443 million cwt., up 2 percent from 2013. Harvested area, at 1.05 million acres is down slightly from last year. Yield is expected to be 422 cwt. per acre, up 8 cwt. from 2013.

Fall Potato Acreage by Variety

The National Agricultural Statistics Service collects variety data in seven States, accounting for 81 percent of the 2014 United States fall potato planted acres. The seven States conduct objective yield surveys where all producing areas are sampled in proportion to planted acreage. Variety data are actual percentages from these surveys.

In the Northwest Region, the following varieties accounted for 10 percent or more of acres planted in 2014. In Idaho, the Russet Burbank variety accounted for 50.4 percent of the potato acreage planted. Russet Norkotah accounted for 17.0 percent of plantings, and Ranger Russet was 15.5 percent. In Oregon, the Russet Ranger variety accounted for 24.2 percent of planted acres. This was followed by Ranger Norkotah at 15.0 percent of plantings, Russet Burbank at 12.4 percent, and Alturas at 10.3 percent of planted acres. In Washington, Russet Burbank accounted for 28.7 percent of acreage planted. Umatilla Russet accounted for 15.1 percent of plantings, followed by Ranger Russet at 14.3 percent, and Russet Norkotah at 10.3 percent of plantings.

The most common variety in the seven states conducting the objective yield survey was Russet Burbank which accounted 37.2 percent of acres planted in the seven states. This was followed by Ranger Russet at 11.4 percent, and Russet Norkotah also at 11.4 percent of planted acres.

Percent of Fall Potatoes Planted to Major Varieties — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Seven-State Total: 2013-2014

State and variety	Percent of planted acres		State and variety	Percent of planted acres	
	2014	2013		2014	2013
	(percent)	(percent)		(percent)	(percent)
Idaho			Total (seven states) ²		
Russet Burbank	50.4	52.5	Russet Burbank	37.2	39.6
R Norkotah.....	17.0	20.1	Ranger R	11.4	10.1
Ranger R	15.5	14.2	R Norkotah.....	11.4	13.1
Alturas	2.1	2.2	Umatilla R	6.8	6.2
Norland.....	1.6	(NA)	Frito-Lay.....	4.0	5.0
Bannock.....	1.5	(NA)	Norland.....	3.9	3.1
Cal White.....	1.3	(NA)	Alturas	2.9	3.0
Innovator.....	1.1	(NA)	Bannock.....	1.7	0.6
Other ¹	9.5	11.0	Shepody.....	1.6	1.1
Oregon			Goldrush	1.4	1.2
Ranger R	24.2	16.2	Prospect.....	1.4	1.2
R Norkotah.....	15.0	25.3	Snowden.....	1.2	1.2
Russet Burbank	12.4	14.2	Innovator.....	0.9	0.8
Alturas	10.3	6.4	Chieftain.....	0.8	1.2
Umatilla R	9.6	10.4	Clearwater	0.7	0.5
Shepody.....	9.5	6.8	Dakota Pearl.....	0.6	1.0
Frito-Lay.....	4.7	6.4	Yukon Gold.....	0.6	0.6
Yukon Gold.....	3.0	2.8	Cherry Red	0.6	(NA)
Modoc.....	2.6	1.4	Atlantic.....	0.5	0.6
Pike.....	2.2	1.1	Cal White	0.5	0.3
ClearWater.....	1.3	(NA)	Pike.....	0.4	0.7
Other ¹	5.2	9.0	Silverton.....	0.4	0.5
Washington			Ivory Crisp.....	0.4	0.2
Russet Burbank	28.7	28.3	Superior.....	0.3	0.4
Umatilla R	15.1	17.3	Western R.....	0.3	0.1
Ranger R	14.3	12.2	Modoc.....	0.3	0.4
R Norkotah.....	10.3	11.5	Red La Soda.....	0.3	0.3
Alturas	6.4	7.7	Norwis.....	0.3	0.1
Frito-Lay.....	4.2	3.1	Lamoka.....	0.2	(NA)
Shepody.....	3.4	1.6	Keuka Gold.....	0.2	(NA)
Cherry Red	1.9	(NA)	Agata	0.2	(NA)
Clearwater	1.7	1.8	Cascade.....	0.2	0.2
Chieftain.....	1.3	4.2	Blazer	0.2	0.3
Pike.....	1.0	2.5	Alpine.....	0.2	0.6
Other ¹	11.7	9.8	Rio Grande	0.2	(NA)
			White Pearl	0.1	(NA)
			Satina	0.1	0.1
			Klondike Rose.....	0.1	(NA)
			Other ¹	5.5	5.7

(NA) Not available.

¹ Other variety category includes varieties not listed in current publication and varieties listed but not available to publish.

² Seven program states include Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Seasonal Group — States and United States: 2013 and Forecasted November 1, 2014

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2013 (1,000 acres)	2014 (1,000 acres)	2013 (1,000 acres)	2014 (1,000 acres)	2013 (cwt)	2014 (cwt)	2013 (1,000 cwt)	2014 (1,000 cwt)
Spring ¹								
United States	75.9	73.8	72.9	72.3	304	290	22,137	20,991
Summer ¹								
United States	48.7	51.3	47.5	50.2	363	310	17,240	15,580
Fall								
California	7.3	8.5	7.3	8.5	480	475	3,504	4,038
Colorado	54.8	60.2	54.6	59.8	372	397	20,304	23,735
San Luis Valley	49.7	54.2	49.6	53.9	365	390	18,104	21,021
All other areas	5.1	6.0	5.0	5.9	440	460	2,200	2,714
Idaho	317.0	317.0	316.0	316.0	415	425	131,131	134,240
10 Southwest counties	17.0	16.0	17.0	16.0	520	515	8,840	8,240
Other Idaho counties	300.0	301.0	299.0	300.0	409	420	122,291	126,000
Maine	55.0	51.0	54.0	50.5	290	305	15,660	15,403
Massachusetts	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	260	300	1,014	1,140
Michigan	44.5	43.0	44.0	42.5	360	370	15,840	15,725
Minnesota	46.0	43.0	45.0	42.0	385	400	17,325	16,800
Montana	11.3	10.8	11.1	10.7	310	320	3,441	3,424
Nebraska	18.5	15.0	18.3	14.8	460	430	8,418	6,364
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New York	17.5	16.5	17.1	16.0	290	285	4,959	4,560
North Dakota	81.0	79.0	78.0	77.0	290	315	22,620	24,255
Ohio	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.5	280	280	504	420
Oregon	40.0	39.0	39.6	39.0	545	585	21,582	22,815
Pennsylvania	6.7	6.4	6.6	6.3	290	275	1,914	1,733
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	260	245	130	123
Washington	160.0	165.0	160.0	165.0	600	605	96,000	99,825
Wisconsin	62.5	64.0	62.0	63.0	420	440	26,040	27,720
Other States ²	10.9	9.4	10.7	9.3	457	417	4,889	3,875
United States	939.3	933.8	930.5	926.2	425	439	395,275	406,195
All potatoes								
United States	1,063.9	1,058.9	1,050.9	1,048.7	414	422	434,652	442,766

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

¹ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

² Includes data withheld above.

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