



Wisconsin Ag News – Potatoes

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Wisconsin potato production in 2018 totaled 27.1 million hundredweight, down 9 percent from 2017, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Potatoes 2018 Summary*. The state’s potato growers planted 69,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2017. Harvested acres in 2018 were reported at 67,000, down 3,000 acres from the previous year. Average yield per acre was down from 425 hundredweight in 2017 to 405 hundredweight in 2018. Price per hundredweight, at \$10.50, was down from the previous year’s \$10.90. Total value of production of the Wisconsin potato crop decreased from \$324 million in 2017 to \$285 million in 2018.

Fall Potato Production - Wisconsin: 2009-2018



Fall Potato Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Selected States and United States: 2017-2018

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre ¹		Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Colorado	55.9	55.3	55.6	55.0	382	395	21,220	21,722
Idaho	310.0	315.0	310.0	315.0	435	450	134,850	141,750
Michigan	50.0	50.0	49.5	48.0	370	380	18,315	18,240
Minnesota	46.0	44.0	45.5	43.5	405	430	18,428	18,705
Nebraska	19.0	19.5	19.0	19.3	475	480	9,025	9,264
North Dakota ..	75.0	74.5	74.0	73.0	330	325	24,420	23,725
Washington	165.0	160.0	164.0	160.0	605	630	99,220	100,800
Wisconsin	71.0	69.0	70.0	67.0	425	405	29,750	27,135
United States ..	919.7	914.7	914.7	906.6	445	457	406,800	414,499

¹ Derived.

² Beginning in 2018, United States total includes data for Alaska.

Fall Potato Production, Seed Use, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value – Selected States and United States: 2018 Crop

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)
Colorado	21,722	1,350	945	1,616	19,161	9.98	216,786	191,311
Idaho	141,750	7,592	795	8,700	132,255	7.25	1,027,688	958,847
Michigan	18,240	1,400	373	680	17,187	10.50	191,520	180,477
Minnesota	18,705	738	67	1,028	17,610	9.64	180,316	169,730
Nebraska	9,264	566	217	825	8,222	10.90	100,978	89,232
North Dakota ..	23,725	1,548	150	2,000	21,575	9.53	226,099	205,557
Washington	100,800	4,241	258	5,800	94,742	7.82	788,256	741,224
Wisconsin	27,135	1,680	344	1,136	25,655	10.50	284,918	269,122
United States ..	414,499	22,200	4,013	24,692	385,794	8.48	3,516,729	3,269,884

¹ May not calculate due to rounding