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Potato Acreage
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NORTH DAKOTA POTATO ACREAGE

North Dakota

North Dakota potato planted acreage is estimated at 90,000 acres in 2005, down from 105,000 acres in 2004 and 117,000 acres in 2003, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. This would be the lowest planted acres since 1952's 82,000 acres. Acreage expected for harvest is 86,000, down 15 percent from last year.

Russets accounted for 48 percent of the total acreage, up from 44 percent last year. Whites dropped to 32 percent from 39 percent in 2004. Reds accounted for 20 percent of the total, up from 17 percent last year.

United States

Area planted to fall potatoes for 2005 is estimated at 970,400 acres, down 7 percent from last year and 12 percent below 2003. Harvested acres are forecast at 955,700, down 7 percent from 2004 and 12 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest planted and harvested acres since 1957. This reduction is due in part to economic pressures, industry acreage reduction programs, and inclement weather at planting.

Russets accounted for 74 percent of the 11 major States total acreage, up from 73 percent last year. Whites decreased to 20 percent of the total compared to 21 percent last year. Reds accounted for 6 percent of the total acres, same as last year.

Fall Potato Acres Planted

State	Acres Planted		Planted by Type ^{1/}					
	2004	2005	Red		White		Russet	
			2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	-- 1,000 --		-- Percent --					
North Dakota	105.0	90.0	17	20	39	32	44	48
Colorado	65.0	58.2	5	4	13	11	82	85
Idaho	335.0	330.0	2	2	3	3	95	95
Maine	63.5	55.5	5	4	51	48	44	48
Michigan	43.0	43.0	3	2	84	83	13	15
Minnesota	47.0	46.0	23	25	11	9	66	66
New York	20.0	20.5	5	5	90	90	5	5
Oregon	37.0	35.0	4	2	22	14	74	84
Pennsylvania	12.0	11.5	4	6	96	94	---	---
Washington	160.0	154.0	3	3	9	10	88	87
Wisconsin	71.0	71.0	11	11	32	32	57	57
Total - 11 Major States	---	---	6	6	21	20	73	74
Total Fall States	1,039.7	970.4	---	---	---	---	---	---

^{1/} Predominant type shown may include small portion of other type(s) constituting less than 1 percent of State's total.

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