



Season's Greetings
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Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks December 1, 2011-2012

State	Crop of 2011			Crop of 2012		
	Prod.	Stocks Dec. 1, 2011	% of Prod.	Prod.	Stocks Dec. 1, 2012	% of Prod.
	1,000 Cwt.		%	1,000 Cwt.		%
CA.....	4,312	2,500	58	4,312	2,500	58
CO	21,291	15,400	72	21,021	15,200	72
ID.....	128,760	90,000	70	143,240	101,000	71
ME.....	14,310	10,600	74	15,471	12,200	79
MI.....	15,180	8,600	57	16,330	9,700	59
MN.....	16,685	10,600	64	18,480	12,000	65
MT.....	3,795	3,600	95	3,744	3,700	99
NE.....	7,800	4,700	60	9,761	6,100	62
NY.....	4,050	2,100	52	4,703	2,700	57
ND.....	18,865	13,000	69	25,200	16,800	67
OR.....	23,342	17,900	77	23,045	18,900	82
WA.....	97,600	56,500	58	98,175	58,500	60
WI.....	25,938	17,500	67	28,665	21,000	73
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TOTAL	381,928	253,000	66	412,147	280,300	68
Klamath Basin 1/	(NA)	5,200	(NA)	(NA)	4,800	(NA)

^{1/} Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath County Or.

FALL POTATO STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2012

The 13 major potato States held 280 million hundredweight of potatoes in storage December 1, 2012, up 11 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 68 percent of the 2012 fall storage States' production, up 2 percent from the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 132 million hundredweight, was 2 percent above December 1, 2011. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 13.7 million hundredweight, was unchanged from the same date in 2011. Processors in the 9 major States have used 73.2 million hundredweight of potatoes this season, down 4 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 13.5 million hundredweight of the total processing, up 1 percent from last year.

Fall potato stocks in Colorado's San Luis Valley totaled 15.2 million hundredweight as of December 1, 2012 down 1 percent from the stocks in storage one year earlier. The latest stocks represent 72 percent of the 21.02 million hundredweight produced in 2012. The December 2011 stocks represented 72 percent of the 21.29 million hundredweight produced for that year. The December 1, 2012 stocks by type in Colorado were 1 percent reds, 6 percent whites, 5 percent yellow and 88 percent russet.

Sales of Colorado's fall potatoes for table stock have averaged 67 percent of the production for the 2007-2011 period. The remaining 33 percent of production is used for seed, processing, feed and home use or is lost through cullage and shrinkage. The total quantity of potatoes sold as a percent of production has averaged about 85 percent over the past five years. If these relationships for total sales and table stock sales exist for the 2012 crop, about 17.9 million hundredweight of the 21.0 million hundredweight produced will be sold of which 14.1 million hundredweight will be sold as table stock.

DRY EDIBLE BEANS - 2012

Production in **Colorado**, at 720 thousand hundredweight, is up 23 percent from 2011. Area harvested, at 45,000 acres, is 15 percent higher than the 37,000 acres harvested last year. The average yield of 1,600 pounds per acre is 20 pounds above 2011.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 31.8 million hundredweight, up 60 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.74 million acres, up 43 percent from 2011. Harvested area is forecast at 1.70 million acres, 45 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,873 pounds per acre, an increase of 170 pounds from 2011. If realized, yield will be a record high, exceeding the previous record of 1,768 pounds set in 2008.

Dry Edible Beans: Acreage, Yield, and Production 2011-2012 ^{1/}

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		Pounds		1,000 Cwt.	
Arizona.....	8.5	13.5	8.2	13.4	1,890	2,070	155	277
California.....	57.5	58.5	57.0	57.5	1,900	2,200	1,083	1,265
Colorado.....	38.0	50.0	37.0	45.0	1,580	1,600	585	720
Idaho.....	95.0	145.0	94.0	144.0	2,000	2,100	1,880	3,024
Kansas.....	6.5	8.0	6.0	7.5	1,700	2,110	102	158
Michigan.....	170.0	200.0	168.0	197.0	2,000	1,790	3,360	3,526
Minnesota.....	140.0	160.0	135.0	155.0	1,690	1,920	2,281	2,976
Montana.....	15.0	28.5	14.8	28.1	1,820	1,500	270	422
Nebraska.....	110.0	145.0	105.0	133.0	2,000	2,400	2,100	3,193
New Mexico.....	12.5	9.8	12.4	9.8	2,230	2,200	277	216
New York.....	12.0	10.0	11.8	9.5	1,400	1,920	165	182
North Dakota.....	410.0	700.0	380.0	690.0	1,300	1,700	4,940	11,730
Oregon.....	6.4	9.8	6.4	9.8	2,410	2,510	154	246
South Dakota.....	10.2	13.0	9.0	12.9	1,770	2,060	159	266
Texas.....	9.0	22.0	8.0	20.0	1,000	1,000	80	200
Washington.....	77.0	115.0	77.0	115.0	1,900	2,000	1,463	2,300
Wisconsin.....	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.2	2,080	1,940	110	101
Wyoming.....	35.0	45.0	33.0	43.0	2,200	2,200	726	955
United States.....	1,217.9	1,738.3	1,167.9	1,695.7	1,703	1,873	19,890	31,757

^{1/} Excludes beans grown for garden seed. ^{2/} Clean Basis.

North Dakota's harvest began the end of August, about two weeks ahead of the five-year average. Harvest progressed quickly due to favorable conditions and was virtually complete by the end of September, more than a month ahead of normal. In Michigan, harvest began on a limited basis the week of September 10 and wrapped up the week ending October 28. If realized, Idaho production will be the largest crop since 1990. Chickpea yields in North Idaho were excellent, and the southern Idaho crop was reported to be better than last year.

FALL POTATO PRODUCTION 2012 CROP

Production of fall potatoes for 2012 is forecast at 422 million hundredweight, up 8 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 991,500 acres, is unchanged from the November forecast but 6 percent above the previous year. The average yield forecast, at 425 hundredweight per acre, is up 9 hundredweight from last year's yield.

In Idaho, growers are expecting a record high yield due to favorable growing conditions, while production is forecast to be the second highest on record. Record high yields are also forecast in North Dakota and Massachusetts due to favorable spring weather and adequate water supplies. In Michigan, growers reported good yields despite the high temperatures and dry conditions experienced during the summer.

Fall potato growers in the San Luis Valley produced 21.02 million hundredweight of potatoes this year, slightly down from last year's crop. Average yield was 385 hundredweight per acre, 10 hundredweight above last year's yield. The harvested area of 54,600 acres this year was up 1 percent from last year.



Fall Potatoes: Acreage, Yield, and Production, 2011-2012

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield/Acre		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000 Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
California	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	490	490	4312	4,312
Colorado.....	54.0	55.1	53.9	54.6	395	385	21,291	21,021
ID.....	320.0	345.0	319.0	344.0	404	416	128,760	143,240
10 SW Co	19.0	20.0	19.0	20.0	540	520	10,260	10,400
Other Co	301.0	325.0	300.0	324.0	395	410	118,500	132,840
Maine.....	57.0	58.0	54.0	57.3	265	270	14,310	15,471
Massachusetts.....	3.6	3.8	2.8	3.8	275	350	770	1,330
Michigan	45.0	47.5	44.0	46.0	345	355	15,180	16,330
Minnesota	49.0	51.0	47.0	48.0	355	385	16,685	18,480
Montana	11.7	12.0	11.5	11.7	330	320	3,795	3,744
Nebraska	20.0	23.0	19.5	22.7	400	430	7,800	9,761
Nevada	1/	7.1	1/	7.1	1/	390	1/	2,769
New Mexico	1/	6.3	1/	6.2	1/	460	1/	2,852
New York.....	16.5	17.0	16.2	16.5	250	285	4,050	4,703
North Dakota.....	84.0	88.0	77.0	84.0	245	300	18,865	25,200
Ohio.....	2.0	1/	1.7	1/	270	1/	459	1/
OR.....	40.0	42.0	39.9	41.9	585	550	23,342	23,045
Pennsylvania	9.2	8.9	7.8	8.6	260	250	2,028	2,150
Rhode Island.....	0.6	1/	0.6	1/	250	1/	150	1/
Washington.....	160.0	165.0	160.0	165.0	610	595	97,600	98,175
Wisconsin	63.0	63.5	62.5	63.0	415	455	25,938	28,665
Other States ^{2/}	13.2	2.4	13.3	2.3	439	243	5,845	558
United States.....	957.7	1,004.4	939.5	991.5	416	425	391,180	421,806

^{1/} Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

^{2/} Includes data withheld above.

MILK PRODUCTION NOVEMBER 2012

Colorado dairy herds produced 261 million pounds of milk during the November 2012 period, 7 percent above the 245 million pounds produced during the same period in 2011. The average number of milk cows on hand during the month was 135,000, up 4,000 head from the same month last year. Production per cow averaged 1,935 pounds for November, 65 pounds higher than November a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.9 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from November 2011. October revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was down slightly from October 2011. The October revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,758 pounds for November, 19 pounds above November 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 3,000 head less than November 2011, but 8,000 head more than October 2012.

Milk Cows and Milk Production

Item	Unit	2011	2012
Colorado:			
Milk Cows ^{1/}	1,000 head	131	135
Production per cow ^{2/}	Pounds	1,870	1,935
Production ^{2/}	Mil. lbs.	245	261
23 State Total:			
Milk Cows ^{1/}	1,000 head	8,475	8,472
Production per cow ^{2/}	Pounds	1,739	1,758
Production ^{2/}	Mil. lbs.	14,742	14,898

^{1/} Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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