

# Crop Production

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## CITRUS FRUITS <sup>1/</sup>

CROP	PRODUCTION		
	Average 1962-63 to 1966-67	1967-68	Indicated 1968-69
	1,000	1,000	1,000
	boxes	boxes	boxes
Oranges .....	125,682	124,820	183,200
Grapefruit .....	42,512	44,060	57,300
Lemons .....	15,984	16,550	19,300

<sup>1/</sup> Season begins with the bloom of the year shown and ends with the completion of harvest the following year.

## POTATOES, IRISH

Seasonal group	ACREAGE HARVESTED		YIELD HARVESTED: PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			
	Average: 1962-66	1967 : 1968	Average: 1962-66	1967 : 1968	Average: 1962-66	1967 : 1968	1967 : 1968	1967 : 1968	
	--- 1,000 acres ---		--- Cwt. ---		--- 1,000 cwt. ---				
Fall .....	988.6	1,088.6	1,029.8	204 212 214	202,431	231,224	220,018		
	Average: 1968 : 1969	1963-67 :	Average: 1968 : 1969	1963-67 :	Average: 1968 : 1969	1963-67 :	1968 : 1969	1963-67 :	
Winter ...	21.6	21.9	20.5	196 177 195	4,239	3,885	3,998		
	Acreage planted:		Inten-			Yield per planted acre:			Production
	tions								
E. Spring :	33.7	34.4	32.6	135 146 ---	4,428	5,019	April		

## MONTHLY MILK AND EGG PRODUCTION

MONTH	MILK			EGGS		
	Average 1962-66	1967	1968	Average 1962-66	1967	1968
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Millions	Millions	Millions
October .....	9,547	9,167	9,159	5,306	5,860	5,680
November .....	9,208	8,814	8,793	5,238	5,726	5,539
Jan. -Nov. Incl. :	114,738	109,995	108,591	59,399	64,200	63,632

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## GENERAL CROP REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 1, 1968

Harvest of the Nation's crops was well along, except in parts of the West North Central and South Central States, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Precipitation, above normal in many areas, relieved shortages of soil moisture in New England, South Atlantic and South Central States. Because of light rains, parts of the Central and Southern Great Plains need additional moisture to stimulate growth of fall-seeded small grains.

The Nation's 1968-69 citrus crop is expected to be a record, 39 percent more than last season and slightly above the previous record in 1966-67. Output of winter potatoes and fresh vegetables also is expected to be above last year.

November egg production was 3 percent less than a year earlier, but milk production was down slightly from a year earlier.

Record Citrus Production

The Nation's 1968-69 citrus crop is expected at a record high, 39 percent more than last season and slightly above previous record in 1966-67. Of the 11.6 million tons expected to be produced this season, 68 percent are oranges, 20 percent grapefruit, 6 percent lemons and the remaining 6 percent are Temples, tangerines, tangelos and limes. All citrus fruits are expected to be more plentiful than last season. Florida's crop of 8.3 million tons accounts for 72 percent of the Nation's total citrus, and California's 2.5 million tons accounts for 21 percent. Arizona and Texas make up the remaining 7 percent.

Harvest Well Advanced in Most Areas

Harvest operations slowed somewhat in November because of frequent rains and snows. However, by the end of the month, harvest neared completion in most regions, except parts of the West North Central and South Central States. Progress was rapid in October over most of the country.

Despite below-normal precipitation in November in Minnesota and parts of Iowa, fields dried slowly after heavy rains in October. Heavy November rains in eastern Kansas and in Missouri slowed crop work. To the south, fall harvest operations lagged in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas because rains hampered field work.

Harvest except for corn and soybeans in the South, was well along in most States east of the Mississippi River. Conditions favored stripping of burley tobacco in Kentucky and Tennessee. Fall plowing for 1969 crops progressed rapidly in the eastern Corn Belt and on December 1 was well ahead of most recent years.

Effective January 1, 1969, the Statistical Reporting Service plans to discontinue calculation and publication of 5-year averages that appear in this report. The report will contain data for the current and the two preceding years. It is believed that changes in agriculture have decreased the value of the five-year averages for making comparisons."

In most Western States, harvest of late crops was completed under nearly ideal conditions. Some cotton remained to be picked in the far west, but progress was about normal. Rains and wet fields delayed harvest in the Pacific Northwest, and some potatoes, corn, and winter vegetables remained to be harvested.

#### November Generally Wet

November was a wet month over most of the Nation. Precipitation was above normal, except in scattered areas of Rocky Mountain States and across the North, from Montana to the Great Lakes. Generous rains were most welcome in the New England, South Atlantic and most South Central States. Moisture had been short, particularly in the Gulf States and in Georgia and the Carolinas. However, heavy rains the last week of the month caused flash flooding along a few small streams in Tennessee and Mississippi. At the end of the month, topsoil moisture supplies were generally adequate for current needs, except in parts of the Great Plains and in central and southern Utah and Nevada. The dry area in eastern Wyoming, western Kansas and eastern Colorado extends into southeastern Montana, and most of New Mexico.

November temperatures averaged below normal over much of the Great Plains, southwestern portions of the Corn Belt, the Southern Great Plains eastward to South Carolina, and in New England. Elsewhere temperatures generally averaged above normal. A storm November 11-12 dumped a foot or more of snow in the Carolina mountains and spots in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York and New England.

#### Winter Wheat Progress Generally Favorable

Fall-seeded small grains are entering the winter in good to excellent condition throughout most of the country. In the Great Plains, stands are good, root systems well-developed, and top growth is good, except for a dry area in New Mexico, eastern Colorado, western Kansas, and southwestern Nebraska. This dryness has retarded top growth and resulted in some thin stands. Light to moderate snow in late November improved prospects in northeastern Colorado, but more moisture is badly needed throughout the area. Prospects, high at the beginning of the month, declined slightly in Oklahoma because extensive rain was causing rust and retarding growth. Recent rains in Texas improved prospects in that State.

Ample moisture and above normal temperatures in most of the Corn Belt favored development of wheat. Most fields were showing good stands and color. Winter wheat was in good condition in Pennsylvania and New York.

Dry weather in October delayed seeding in the South Atlantic and southern parts of the Gulf States--northwest Florida to Louisiana. General rains enabled planting to proceed in most of the South Atlantic States, but dry conditions persisted in the Gulf States until early November. The area benefited greatly from above normal precipitation in November.

By the end of November, seeding of small grains and winter pastures was complete, except for acreage to be planted following corn and soybeans. Condition of small grains was good to excellent except in parts of North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama.

Wheat is generally in good condition in the Pacific Northwest. A small acreage is still to be planted.

#### Grazing Prospects Good

Above normal precipitation during November over most of the Central and Southern Great Plains improved prospects for grazing of winter wheat except western Kansas, eastern Colorado and New Mexico. By the end of the month increasing numbers of cattle were being moved into wheat fields in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Range and pasture condition declined seasonally during the month. However, ranges were open and the weather was favorable for grazing.

Pastures remained good in the Corn Belt because of ample moisture and above normal temperatures in most areas. Stubble fields, cut over meadows and crop residues were also being utilized.

In most South Atlantic and South Central States pastures were poor to fair at the beginning of the month because of earlier dry weather. With above normal precipitation during November pastures were improving by December 1.

Ranges and pastures remained open during the month over much of the West and weather was favorable for grazing. Central and southern Utah and Nevada and much of New Mexico were quite dry. Rain and snow improved range grasses in California, Arizona, and the Pacific Northwest.

Supplemental feeding of hay and other roughage started in many areas during November.

#### More Winter Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables

Production of 1969 winter potatoes is expected to be 3 percent more than last year.

Winter production of artichokes, beets, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, lettuce, shallots, and spinach is expected to be above last year, but output of kale will be down from a year ago.

**CITRUS:** The Nation's 1968-69 orange crop is forecast at 183.2 million boxes, 47 percent more than last season and nearly equal to the record crop--183.6 million boxes--in 1966-67. Florida growers are expected to harvest 131.0 million boxes of oranges, 30 percent more than last season but 6 percent below the record 139.5 million boxes picked in 1966-67. California's prospects are for the largest crop since 1952-53. Arizona's crop of 4.1 million boxes is expected to be record high. The Texas 1968-69 orange crop forecast of 4.1 million boxes is expected to be the largest since the 1947-48 season. Early and midseason and Navel varieties account for 52 percent of the Nation's orange crop and Valencias make up the rest.

The 1968-69 grapefruit crop is expected to total 57.3 million boxes, 30 percent more than last season and 35 percent above average. Arizona is the only State not expecting to harvest more grapefruit than last season.

Lemon production in California and Arizona is forecast at 19.3 million boxes, up 17 percent from last season and 21 percent above average. Prospects are for crops larger than last season, and average, in both States.

The 1968-69 crop of tangerines in Florida, California and Arizona is forecast at 6.7 million boxes, much larger than the 1967-68 crop. Production is expected to be above last season in each State--Florida's crop about double last season.

Florida's prospective crop of Temples at 5.0 million boxes is up 11 percent from last season and about one-third more than average. An estimated 1.8 million boxes of tangelos will be produced in Florida compared with 1.7 million boxes last season. Florida lime growers expect to harvest 750,000 boxes of limes, 4 percent more than last season. About two-thirds of this season's crop had been marketed by December 1.

Florida citrus groves are in excellent condition. Mid-November rain replenished surface moisture, but in sandy areas, some irrigation was in progress by the end of the month. Temperatures in November were below normal with some frost several mornings along the upper portion of the citrus belt. The low temperatures helped induce dormancy in advance of the winter season. Harvest of grapefruit and oranges is considerably behind last season, because of very late bloom period. This delayed maturity. However, fruit has continued to size-up better than had been expected, and droppage has been less than usual.

Growers in central districts of California are harvesting Navel oranges. Most shipments for the rest of the season will originate from those districts. Light volumes have been harvested in southern California and the Sacramento Valley. There is a heavy set of Valencia oranges. Picking of Valencias will begin in desert areas about the end of February. Grapefruit has been moving in good volume from the desert valleys, where size and color of fruit is very good. There is a heavy set of grapefruit in California's "Other Areas". Groves are in good condition, fruit sizing well, and picking will begin in February.

Arizona citrus groves are in very good condition. Fruit is sizing well and quality has been excellent. Harvest of Navel oranges started about mid-November. Grapefruit is being picked in both Yuma and Salt River Valley areas. Lemon harvest is nearing the halfway point. Size and color are very good.

In Texas, harvest of citrus was moderately active in November, volume is expected to increase now to meet the holiday demands. Cool weather during November favored maturing and coloring.

AVOCADOS: Florida's avocado crop is forecast at 12,000 tons, 18 percent below last season but 26 percent above the 1962-66 average. Avocado groves are in excellent condition. Fruit responded well to ideal growing conditions and sizes are generally larger than normal for this time of season. California's fall and winter crop is expected to total

54,000 tons, more than triple last season's short crop but slightly above the 1966-67 crop. Harvest of the Fuerte variety increased sharply in November. Large-sized fruit of excellent quality is being harvested.

POTATOES: Production for the 1969 crop of winter potatoes is forecast at 3,998,000 hundredweight, 3 percent more than in 1968. Florida production is estimated at 1,930,000 hundredweight, 3 percent less than last year, but California production at 2,068,000 hundredweight is up 9 percent. California prospects for a good-yielding crop more than offset the decline in acreage from last year for the two-State area.

Harvest is expected to be underway in late December in the Everglades area of Florida. Some acreage was lost during heavy rains of September and October. California harvest is underway in the Perris-Hemet district of Riverside County and earlier areas of Kern County. Prospects are for heavy movement in late December and in January.

Intended 1969 plantings of early spring potatoes in Florida and Texas are estimated at 32,600 acres, 5 percent less than planted in 1968.

Acreage in Florida's Hastings area is expected to be less than last year but 1969 early spring plantings in other areas are expected to equal 1968 levels. Plantings in southern Texas for the 1969 crop will be underway in mid-December and are expected to be equal to 1968.

U. S. production of fall potatoes for 1968 is estimated at 220,018,000 hundredweight, 5 percent less than in 1967. Previously the December estimates for the fall crop were released in the Annual Summary of Crop Production about December 20th. Estimates for the other seasonal groups, and comments for all groups of the 1968 potato crop will be carried in the Annual Summary to be released on December 19, 1968.

The report on December 1, 1968 stocks of fall potatoes will be released at 3:00 p.m., EST, December 12, 1968.

POULTRY AND EGGS: The Nation's laying flock produced 5,539 million eggs in November, down 2 percent from a month earlier and 3 percent below a year earlier. Layers on farms in November averaged 318.3 million birds, up slightly from October but 3 percent less than a year earlier. Rate of lay averaged 17.40 eggs per layer, down 3 percent from a month earlier but about the same as a year earlier. January-November egg production totaled 63,632 million eggs, 1 percent below a year earlier.

Egg production was below a year earlier in all regions except the West, which was unchanged. Regional decreases were: West North Central, 10 percent; South Central, 4; and North Atlantic, East North Central, and South Atlantic each 2 percent.

Rate of lay per 100 layers on December 1 averaged 58.0 eggs, fractionally below a month and a year earlier. The West North Central and South Atlantic regions were down 2 percent from a year earlier,

the South Central and West up 1 percent, and the North Atlantic and East North Central regions were practically unchanged. Layers on December 1 totaled 318.7 million head, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Regionally, the declines were: West North Central, 8 percent; South Central, 5; East North Central, 3; West, 2; North Atlantic, 1; and South Atlantic less than 1 percent.

Pullets 3 months old and older not of laying age on December 1 totaled 49.5 million, 3 percent above a year earlier. Decreases occurred except in the South Atlantic and South Central regions, where numbers were up. Potential layers (hens and pullets of laying age plus pullets 3 months old and older not of laying age) on December 1 are estimated at 368.2 million birds, down 2 percent from a year earlier. The South Atlantic region was up 2 percent. Other regions were down as follows: West North Central, 8 percent; East North Central and South Central, 3; West, 2; and North Atlantic, 1 percent.

HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE, POTENTIAL LAYERS  
AND EGGS LAID PER 100 LAYERS DECEMBER 1

Year	North Atlantic	E. North Central	W. North Central	South Atlantic	South Central	Western	48 States	United States 1/
HENS AND PULLETS OF LAYING AGE								
	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
1962-66 (Av.)	:47,581	46,386	58,856	52,908	59,683	46,354	311,769	312,640
1967	:45,714	45,836	51,203	62,764	69,471	52,875	327,863	328,823
1968	:45,151	44,662	47,332	62,460	66,199	51,925	317,729	318,726
PULLETS 3 MONTHS OLD AND OLDER NOT OF LAYING AGE								
1966	: 6,320	6,080	5,230	12,080	11,650	7,870	49,230	49,428
1967	: 5,210	7,020	5,190	11,320	11,480	7,810	48,030	48,215
1968	: 5,130	6,540	4,410	13,030	12,440	7,720	49,270	49,470
POTENTIAL LAYERS 2/								
1966	:53,342	51,556	58,760	72,405	79,144	56,279	371,486	372,606
1967	:50,924	52,856	56,393	74,084	80,951	60,685	375,893	377,038
1968	:50,281	51,202	51,742	75,490	78,639	59,645	366,999	368,196
EGGS LAID PER 100 LAYERS								
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
1962-66 (Av.)	: 57.1	58.1	56.1	56.4	52.8	59.1	56.4	56.4
1967	: 59.0	59.6	56.6	59.2	56.2	59.0	58.2	58.2
1968	: 59.0	59.5	55.3	58.1	56.7	59.8	58.0	58.0

1/ Includes Alaska and Hawaii.

2/ Hens and pullets of laying age plus pullets 3 months old and older not of laying age.

## CROP PRODUCTION, December 1968

Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA

**MILK PRODUCTION:** November milk production is estimated at 8,793 million pounds, almost the same as a year earlier but 5 percent below average for the month. Average daily production was down about 1 percent from October, the same decrease as from October to November in 1967. For 1968 through November, U.S. milk production was 1.3 percent less than a year earlier.

Monthly milk production, November 1968 with comparisons  
(In millions of pounds)

State	: Nov. : :average: :1962-66:	: Nov. : :1967 :	: Oct. : :1968 :	: Nov. : :1968 :	:: State ::	: Nov. : :average: :1962-66:	: Nov. : :1967 :	: Oct. : :1968 :	: Nov. : :1968 :
Maine	: 51	48	50	47	:: S. C. :	42	41	41	40
N. H.	: 30	30	29	28	:: Ga. :	79	87	87	88
Vt.	: 147	142	152	144	:: Fla. :	114	125	126	122
Mass.	: 62	57	59	57	:: Ky. :	180	173	205	178
R. I.	: 7.9	6.5	6.6	6.1	:: Tenn. :	154	154	174	155
Conn.	: 56	54	57	55	:: Ala. :	71	67	68	66
N. Y.	: 806	768	796	768	:: Miss. :	86	86	87	85
N. J.	: 81	66	62	61	:: Ark. :	56	52	55	54
Pa.	: 547	503	538	513	:: La. :	81	82	82	83
Ohio	: 402	353	368	346	:: Okla. :	104	103	109	105
Ind.	: 231	183	191	182	:: Texas :	232	252	241	236
Ill.	: 285	238	235	225	:: Mont. :	28	27	28	26
Mich.	: 429	359	381	356	:: Idaho :	108	103	114	106
Wis.	: 1,323	1,319	1,362	1,313	:: Wyo. :	12.4	12.0	12.0	11.6
Minn.	: 717	711	668	710	:: Colo. :	66	65	69	66
Iowa	: 437	393	401	371	:: N. Mex. :	23	26	27	26
Mo.	: 235	234	250	236	:: Ariz. :	42	44	48	47
N. Dak.	: 90	76	74	69	:: Utah :	58	57	62	60
S. Dak.	: 101	108	116	109	:: Nev. :	10.2	10.3	11.4	10.7
Nebr.	: 134	120	128	117	:: Wash. :	150	146	164	149
Kans.	: 145	137	131	134	:: Oreg. :	72	69	73	71
Del.	: 12.3	11.0	11.0	10.8	:: Calif. :	665	686	759	719
Md.	: 124	122	129	126	:: Alaska :	1.62	1.36	1.40	1.36
Va.	: 146	139	151	137	:: Hawaii :	11.4	11.8	10.7	10.8
W. Va.	: 40	34	36	33	:: U.S. :	9,208	8,814	9,159	8,793
N. C.	: 121	122	123	123	::				

CROP REPORTING BOARD



CITRUS FRUITS 1/

Crop and State	PRODUCTION					
	1,000 Boxes 2/		Equivalent tons			
	Average 1962-63 to 1966-67	1967-68	Indicated 1968-69	Average 1962-63 to 1966-67	1967-68	Indicated 1968-69
ORANGES:						
EARLY, MIDSEASON & NAVAL VARIETIES 3/						
Calif.	15,740	9,300	21,000	590,000	349,000	788,000
Fla.	46,140	51,400	71,000	2,076,400	2,313,000	3,195,000
Texas	665	970	2,200	29,914	43,600	99,000
Ariz.	4,812	880	1,200	4,30,440	33,000	45,000
Total Above Varieties	5/ 63,365	62,550	95,400	5/2,727,114	2,738,600	4,127,000
VALENCIAS:						
Calif.	17,340	10,100	23,000	650,400	379,000	862,000
Fla.	42,900	49,100	60,000	1,930,400	2,210,000	2,700,000
Texas	387	830	1,900	17,425	37,400	85,500
Ariz.	1,690	2,240	2,900	63,300	84,000	109,000
Total Valencia	62,317	62,270	87,800	2,661,525	2,710,400	3,756,500
ALL ORANGES:						
Calif.	33,080	19,400	44,000	1,240,400	728,000	1,650,000
Fla.	89,040	100,500	131,000	4,006,800	4,523,000	5,895,000
Texas	1,052	1,800	4,100	47,339	81,000	184,500
Ariz.	2,502	3,120	4,100	93,740	117,000	154,000
U. S. All Oranges	5/125,682	124,820	183,200	5/5,388,639	5,449,000	7,883,500
GRAPEFRUIT:						
Fla., All	33,340	32,900	42,000	1,416,800	1,399,000	1,784,000
Seedless	23,040	23,700	29,000	979,000	1,008,000	1,232,000
Pink	8,920	9,400	12,000	379,200	400,000	510,000
White	14,120	14,300	17,000	599,800	608,000	722,000
Other	10,300	9,200	13,000	437,800	391,000	552,000
Texas	2,394	2,800	6,500	85,760	112,000	260,000
Ariz.	2,602	3,740	3,000	83,320	120,000	96,000
Calif., All	4,176	4,620	5,800	136,420	150,400	189,000
Desert Valleys	2,336	2,920	3,500	74,760	93,400	112,000
Other Areas	1,840	1,700	2,300	61,660	57,000	77,000
U. S. All Grapefruit	42,512	44,060	57,300	1,732,300	1,781,400	2,329,000
LEMONS:						
Calif.	14,360	13,300	15,500	545,800	505,000	589,000
Ariz.	1,624	3,250	3,800	61,760	124,000	144,000
U. S. Lemons	15,984	16,550	19,300	607,560	629,000	733,000
LIMES:						
Fla.	449	720	750	17,960	28,800	30,000
TANGELOS:						
Fla.	1,130	1,700	1,800	50,860	76,500	81,000
TANGERINES:						
Fla.	3,740	2,800	5,700	177,600	133,000	271,000
Ariz.	6/ 173	150	200	6/6,500	5,620	7,500
Calif.	370	600	800	13,880	22,500	30,000
Total Tangerines	4,214	3,550	6,700	198,380	161,120	308,500
TEMPLES:						
Fla.	3,740	4,500	5,000	168,200	202,000	225,000

1/ The crop year begins with the bloom of the first year shown and ends with completion of harvest the following year. Includes quantities not harvested, or harvested but not utilized, on account of economic conditions, and quantities donated to charity. 2/ Net content of box varies. Approximate averages are as follows: Oranges - California and Arizona, 75 lbs.; Florida and other States, 90 lbs.; Grapefruit - California, Desert Valleys, and Arizona, 64 lbs.; other California areas, 67 lbs.; Florida 85 lbs. and Texas 80 lbs.; Lemons - 76 lbs.; Limes - 80 lbs.; Tangelos - 90 lbs.; Tangerines - California and Arizona, 75 lbs.; Florida, 95 lbs.; and Temples - 90 lbs. 3/ Navel and Miscellaneous varieties in California and Arizona. Early and Midseason varieties in Florida and Texas, including small quantities of tangerines in Texas. 4/ Includes small quantities of tangerines prior to the 1964-65 season. 5/ Includes State no longer estimated. 6/ 1964-65 to 1965-66 average.

CROP PRODUCTION, December 1968

Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA

POTATOES, IRISH 1969 Crop									
Seasonal group and State	Acreage			Yield per harv. acre			Production		
	Harvested	For harvest	Average	Indi-	Average	Indi-	Average	Indi-	
	1963-67	1968	1969	1963-67	1968	1969	1963-67	1968	1969
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres				cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Winter:									
Florida	9.7	11.4	11.7	157	175	165	1,528	1,995	1,930
California	11.9	10.5	8.8	227	180	235	2,710	1,890	2,068
Total	21.6	21.9	20.5	196	177	195	4,239	3,885	3,998

POTATOES, IRISH 1969 CROP - Continued									
Seasonal group and State	Acreage			Yield per			Production		
	planted	Indi-	planted	planted	Indi-	planted	Average	Indi-	
	Average	1968	1969	Average	1968	1969	1963-67	1968	1969
	1963-67	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
E. Spring:									
Florida									
Hastings	27.4	28.3	26.5	145	155	---	3,903	4,384	Apr.10
Other	2.7	3.3	3.3	110	118	---	289	388	"
Texas	3.5	2.8	2.8	74	88	---	236	247	"
Total	33.7	34.4	32.6	135	146	---	4,428	5,019	"

AVOCADOS 1/			
State and seasonal group	Average		Production 2/
	1962-66	1967	Indicated 1968
	Tons	Tons	Tons
California, All	48,660	37,400	6/
Fall and winter 3/	5/	16,800	54,000
Spring and Summer 4/	5/	20,600	6/
Florida	9,520	14,700	12,000
United States	58,180	52,100	6/

1/ Crop year begins with bloom of the year shown and ends with completion of harvest the following year. 2/ Includes quantities unharvested on account of economic conditions, and excess cullage of harvested fruit. 3/ Includes "Fuerte" and other fall and winter varieties. 4/ Includes "Hass" and other spring and summer varieties. 5/ Not available. 6/ First forecast for California "Spring and Summer" varieties, California "All" and U.S. to be released as of April 1, 1969.

POTATOES, IRISH 1968 Fall Crop

Seasonal group and State	Acreage harvested			Yield per harv. acre:			Production		
	Average	1967	1968	Average	1967	1968	Average	1967	1968
	1962-66		1/	1962-66		1/	1962-66		1/
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
<b>FALL:</b>									
Maine	145.6	158.0	155.0	258	238	238	37,473	37,604	36,890
N. H.	1.5	1.2	1.0	212	210	230	314	252	230
Vt.	1.9	1.6	1.5	190	180	190	369	288	285
Mass.	6.7	6.4	5.6	198	190	185	1,329	1,216	1,036
R. I.	5.5	6.0	5.6	227	190	225	1,249	1,140	1,260
Conn.	6.6	6.3	5.7	227	215	220	1,496	1,354	1,254
N. Y.-L. I.	28.2	31.6	27.8	270	235	270	7,614	7,426	7,506
-Upstate	40.0	36.0	35.5	218	245	225	8,726	8,820	7,988
Pa.	38.6	38.0	37.0	185	240	205	7,121	9,120	7,585
8 Eastern-Fall	274.6	285.1	274.7	239	236	233	65,690	67,220	64,034
Ohio	11.9	12.3	11.9	201	205	210	2,396	2,522	2,499
Ind.	6.6	6.5	5.7	253	300	215	1,667	1,950	1,226
Mich.	34.4	33.0	29.0	203	215	215	6,996	7,095	6,235
Wis.	35.5	39.5	37.0	214	238	225	7,606	9,401	8,325
Minn.	94.2	98.0	87.0	127	120	140	11,974	11,760	12,180
N. Dak.	108.8	120.0	108.0	126	119	145	13,717	14,280	15,660
S. Dak.	5.4	5.9	5.4	109	100	115	594	590	621
Nebr.	8.1	7.8	7.0	189	230	260	1,524	1,794	1,820
8 Central-Fall	304.9	323.0	291.0	152	153	167	46,474	49,392	48,566
Mont.	7.8	8.4	8.1	159	180	180	1,322	1,512	1,458
Idaho-S.W. Co.	22.1	31.0	29.0	277	300	270	6,319	9,300	7,830
-Other Co.	243.4	273.0	265.0	195	200	195	47,675	54,600	51,675
Wyo.	3.4	3.4	3.8	147	170	160	506	578	608
Colo.	34.0	33.6	34.5	242	275	225	8,209	9,240	7,762
Utah	8.1	7.7	6.7	152	190	160	1,231	1,463	1,072
Nev.	1.2	.7	.5	188	275	275	222	192	138
Wash.	25.7	43.0	41.5	333	355	390	8,756	15,265	16,185
Oreg.-Malheur Co.	11.6	20.5	16.5	263	285	255	3,036	5,842	4,208
-Other Co.	25.6	28.5	30.5	240	260	265	6,154	7,410	8,082
Calif.	26.1	30.7	28.0	261	300	300	6,837	9,210	8,400
9 Western-Fall	409.1	480.5	464.1	219	239	231	90,267	114,612	107,418
Total-Fall	988.6	1,088.6	1,029.8	204	214	214	262,431	281,224	280,018

1/ Estimates revised. Same data will be published in Crop Production Annual Summary to be released December 19, 1968.

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State and division	November Egg Production							
	Number of layers on hand during Nov.		Eggs per 100 layers		Total eggs produced			
	1967	1968	1967	1968	During November		Jan.-Nov. incl. 1/	
	Thous.	Thous.	Number	Number	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
Maine	5,376	5,538	1,815	1,872	98	104	1,071	1,113
N. H.	1,718	1,762	1,830	1,848	31	33	346	342
Vt.	564	584	1,884	1,848	10.6	10.8	118	111
Mass.	2,460	2,386	1,806	1,797	44	43	485	466
R. I.	370	363	1,740	1,800	6.4	6.5	72	69
Conn.	3,914	3,995	1,755	1,764	69	70	772	763
N. Y.	11,232	10,561	1,773	1,782	199	188	2,164	2,184
N. J.	5,385	5,150	1,689	1,539	91	79	1,095	971
Pa.	14,353	14,672	1,782	1,752	256	257	2,892	2,873
N. Atl.	45,372	45,011	1,774	1,757	805	791	9,015	8,892
Ohio	10,447	9,624	1,800	1,806	188	174	2,172	2,030
Ind.	12,338	13,826	1,719	1,740	212	241	2,315	2,691
Ill.	8,872	8,476	1,755	1,764	156	150	1,756	1,742
Mich.	7,693	6,914	1,836	1,809	141	125	1,520	1,470
Wis.	6,177	5,717	1,800	1,758	111	101	1,264	1,195
E. N. Cent.	45,527	44,557	1,775	1,775	808	791	9,027	9,128
Minn.	11,180	9,724	1,794	1,761	201	171	2,253	2,078
Iowa	15,340	13,948	1,746	1,668	268	233	3,216	2,972
Mo.	6,654	6,486	1,551	1,575	103	102	1,315	1,238
N. Dak.	1,560	1,469	1,389	1,395	22	20	283	268
S. Dak.	6,104	5,950	1,614	1,584	99	94	1,275	1,174
Nebr.	5,898	5,055	1,554	1,578	92	80	1,181	1,047
Kans.	4,376	4,501	1,722	1,659	75	75	881	829
W. N. Cent.	51,112	47,133	1,683	1,644	860	772	10,404	9,606
Del.	616	606	1,734	1,674	10.7	10.1	120	117
Md.	1,573	1,562	1,650	1,605	26	25	296	312
Va.	5,276	5,262	1,749	1,725	92	91	1,028	1,025
W. Va.	1,622	1,532	1,710	1,632	28	25	316	302
N. C.	13,666	13,678	1,815	1,776	248	243	2,698	2,791
S. C.	5,475	5,222	1,776	1,752	97	91	1,134	1,062
Ga.	24,394	24,485	1,740	1,710	424	419	4,531	4,542
Fla.	10,162	9,984	1,845	1,860	187	186	2,002	2,177
S. Atl.	62,784	62,331	1,773	1,749	1,113	1,090	12,125	12,328
Ky.	3,502	3,375	1,638	1,626	57	55	661	648
Tenn.	6,238	5,911	1,488	1,548	93	92	1,075	1,078
Ala.	12,867	10,961	1,702	1,776	229	195	2,410	2,268
Miss.	11,380	11,052	1,800	1,758	205	194	2,293	2,322
Ark.	14,495	14,546	1,776	1,809	257	263	2,873	2,847
La.	3,999	3,902	1,698	1,650	68	64	734	751
Okla.	2,664	2,688	1,542	1,602	41	43	499	480
Texas	14,368	14,022	1,626	1,641	234	230	2,705	2,680
S. Cent.	69,513	66,457	1,703	1,709	1,184	1,136	13,250	13,074
Mont.	1,019	1,022	1,635	1,611	16.7	16.5	184	192
Idaho	1,020	903	1,815	1,812	19	16	205	191
Wyo.	207	202	1,755	1,470	3.6	3.0	40	38
Colo.	1,467	1,538	1,614	1,632	24	25	286	275
N. Mex.	744	757	1,533	1,740	11.4	13.2	133	146
Ariz.	1,135	1,134	1,734	1,707	20	19	222	227
Utah	1,290	1,220	1,725	1,755	22	21	257	244
Nev.	36	35	1,374	1,134	0.5	0.4	7	6
Wash.	5,009	4,617	1,848	1,788	93	83	1,003	983
Oreg.	2,258	2,434	1,764	1,878	40	46	468	509
Calif.	38,403	37,930	1,794	1,836	689	696	7,385	7,598
West.	52,588	51,792	1,786	1,813	939	939	10,190	10,409
48 States	326,896	317,281	1,746	1,740	5,702	5,522	64,011	63,437
Alaska	34	32	1,686	1,842	0.6	0.6	9	7
Hawaii	926	960	1,740	1,728	16.1	16.6	180	188
U. S.	327,856	318,273	1,746	1,740	5,726	5,539	64,200	63,632

1/ Cumulative State totals based on unrounded monthly data.

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