

IRISH POTATOES
Utilization of 1968 Crop with Comparisons

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Potatoes sold for table stock from the 1968 crop totaled 125.3 million hundredweight, 4 percent less than the 131.2 million a year earlier and 6 percent less than from the 1966 crop, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The quantity processed for food products (excluding starch and flour) from the 1968 crop was 105.5 million cwt., 12 percent more than a year earlier and 10 percent above the 1966 crop. Quantities sold for starch, flour and livestock feed totaled 16.2 million cwt., a decline of 12.7 million from the 1967 crop when potatoes were diverted under the USDA diversion program for starch, livestock feed and freeze-dried.

Household use of potatoes for food on farms where grown continued to decline. The 2.1 million cwt. used from the 1968 crop compares with 2.3 million a year earlier. The quantity fed to livestock on farms where grown was 25 percent less than a year earlier. The quantity used for seed on farms where grown totaled 6.9 million from the 1968 crop, which compares with 7.4 million cwt. from the 1967 crop. Shrinkage and loss totaled 18.9 million cwt. for the 1968 crop, down from the 22.5 million for 1967.

Total sales accounted for 264.2 million cwt. from the 1968 crop, and 270.3 million cwt. were sold a year earlier.

Quantities used in the processing of frozen french fries accounted for 37.8 million cwt. from the 1968 crop, compared with 34.6 million a year earlier. Other frozen products used 6.8 million cwt. from the 1968 crop compared with 5.0 million for the 1967 crop.

Potatoes used for chips and shoestrings totaled 34.1 million cwt. from the 1968 crop, 5 percent above the quantity used from the 1967 crop. On a fiscal year basis (July 1, 1968 through June 30, 1969), the quantity used for chips and shoestrings was 34.3 million cwt., compared with the 33.0 million used a year earlier, and 32.8 million cwt. for the year ended June 30, 1967.

IRISH POTATOES: Number of Potato Chip Plants and Quantity Used for Chipping by Areas and U. S. and Quantity Used for Shoestring Potatoes, U. S. July 1-June 30, 1967, 1968 and 1969

A r e a	Number of plants	July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967	Number of plants	July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968	Number of plants	July 1, 1968 to June 30, 1969
	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>
New England						
Me., N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.	23	1,679	21	1,738	21	1,685
Eastern						
Del., Md., N.J., N.Y., Pa., Va., D.C.	75	8,173	74	8,206	73	8,324
North Central						
Mich., Ohio, W. Va.	61	4,085	59	4,075	56	4,224
Mid-Central						
Kans., Mo., Nebr.	21	1,599	20	1,558	19	1,712
Midwest						
Ill., Ind., Iowa, Minn., S.D., N.D., Wisc.	49	5,181	48	5,350	48	5,285
Southeast						
Ala., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., Miss., N.C., S.C., Tenn.	30	3,887	29	3,990	28	4,398
Southwest						
Ark., Texas, Okla.	23	1,989	22	1,965	22	2,104
Rocky Mountain						
Colo., Idaho, Mont., N. Mex., Utah, Wyo.	20	1,276	18	1,201	18	1,253
West Coast						
Ariz., Calif., Nev., Oreg., Wash.	25	4,146	23	4,024	21	4,321
Total	327	32,015	314	32,107	306	33,306
Shoestrings		762		922		961
Total Used for Chips and Shoestrings		32,777		33,029		34,267

I R I S H P O T A T O E S: Utilization of the 1966, 1967 and 1968 Crops

Utilization Items	1966 Crop <u>1,000 cwt.</u>	1967 Crop ^{1/} <u>1,000 cwt.</u>	1968 Crop <u>1,000 cwt.</u>
A. Sales			
1. Table stock	133,856	<u>131,184</u>	<u>125,277</u>
2. For processing			
a. Chips and shoestrings ..	32,729	32,406	34,123
b. Dehydration	19,811	19,084	22,761
c. Frozen french fries	34,029	34,601	37,794
d. Other frozen products ..	5,602	5,008	6,768
e. Canned potatoes	1,961	1,821	2,192
f. Other canned products ..	1,425	1,537	1,849
g. (Hash, stews, soups) ..	11,001	<u>12,049</u>	<u>7,299</u>
g. Starch and flour			
Total	106,558	106,506	112,786
3. Other sales			
a. Livestock feed	8,440	16,800	8,877
b. Seed	<u>16,173</u>	<u>15,846</u>	<u>17,277</u>
Total	<u>24,613</u>	<u>32,646</u>	<u>26,154</u>
Total Sales	265,027	270,336	264,217
B. Non-sales			
1. Seed used on farms where grown	8,113	7,427	6,905
2. Household use	2,378	2,289	2,137
3. Feed	2,930	2,781	2,074
4. Shrinkage and loss	<u>28,454</u>	<u>22,501</u>	<u>18,859</u>
Total non-sales	<u>41,875</u>	<u>34,998</u>	<u>29,975</u>
TOTAL PRODUCTION	306,902	305,334	294,192

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