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1981-82 PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, VALUE, STOCKS, & UTILIZATION

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Production and Disposition by States -- 1981 and 1982

This publication presents estimates of acreage, yield per acre, production, farm disposition, season average price, value and utilization of sales including processing. First of the month estimates (December thru May) of total stocks of potatoes for the 15 major fall States are shown. Production, disposition and value data for Alaska are included separately.

The final 1982 crop estimates are based primarily on information furnished by crop reporters and cooperating State or Federal agencies. This includes annual State farm census data in some States, Market News Service rail and truck shipments and unloads, Federal-State inspections--and miscellaneous data available through various marketing programs.

Price estimates represent average returns to growers for all uses and methods of sale. These prices are applied to production to compute value of production and to the quantity sold to compute value of sales. The difference is accounted for by farm use for seed, feed and home use and shrinkage and loss. The published United States season average price is obtained by weighting State prices by quantities sold.

Potato production, utilization and value of sales in each State has been classified by seasonal group according to the period or periods when the largest supplies are usually harvested.

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These seasons are not fixed dates but are approximations because there is some overlapping of harvest before or after the specified season. Generally, the marketing season follows closely the harvesting season except for the fall crop where marketing from storage may extend through August of the following year.
PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION

Potato production in 1982 for all four seasons in the U.S. totaled 352 million cwt (16.0 million metric tons), 4 percent more than in 1981, and 16 percent above 1980 output. Harvested area was 1.27 million acres (516 thousand hectares), a gain of 3 percent over 1981, and 10 percent above 1980. The 1982 average yield was a record high 276 cwt per acre, up from the previous high of 274 cwt set in 1981.

Potatoes were valued at 1.55 billion dollars, down 15 percent from last year and 22 percent below the record high 1.98 billion dollars for the 1980 crop. The average price of $4.45 per cwt was down nearly a dollar from last year and more than two dollars below the 1980 price.

The quantity sold at 314 million cwt was up 2 percent from 1981 and 15 percent above 1980. However, value of sales at 1.40 billion dollars shrank 16 percent from last year and 22 percent below 1980. Processors bought 48 percent of the potatoes produced in 1982; fresh market (table stock) accounted for 34 percent; while 7 percent was sold for seed and livestock feed. Potatoes used on farms where grown, lost through shrinkage and other losses accounted for the remaining 11 percent.

Table stock sales totaled 119 million cwt in 1982, up 8 percent from 1981 and 23 percent above 1980. Total seed usage of 24.1 million cwt was down 4 percent; with farmers purchasing 19.4 million cwt, or 81 percent of their needs. The remaining 19 percent (4.69 million cwt) was planted on farms where grown.

Potato processing plants used 169 million cwt of raw product from the 1982 crop, 2 percent below the utilization from the previous crop but well above the short 1980 crop. Frozen french fries were made from 74.9 million cwt, down 6 percent; chips and shoestring potatoes accounted for 40.8 million cwt, a gain of 4 percent; while 28.1 million cwt were dehydrated, a decrease of 6 percent. The quantity used for other processed products (canned, other frozen, starch and flour) totaled 25.5 million cwt, up 10 percent.

Sweetpotato production totaled 14.3 million cwt (648 thousand metric tons) in 1982, up 12 percent from 1981, and 30 percent above 1980. Area harvested at 111 thousand acres (45.0 thousand hectares) increased 2 percent while yields were record high at 129 cwt per acre and were up 10 percent from 1981. The 1982 value of production at 113 million dollars fell 35 percent from 1981. The average price of $7.90 per cwt dropped $5.70 from the previous 2 years.
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A. SALES

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2. FOR PROCESSING   |                |        |        |
   A. CHIPS AND SHOESTRINGS | 37,894         | 39,344 | 40,776 |
   B. DEHYDRATION     | 28,222         | 29,875 | 28,133 |
   C. FROZEN FRENCH FRIES | 67,208         | 79,829 | 74,889 |
   D. OTHER FROZEN PRODUCTS | 13,673         | 16,812 | 16,949 |
   E. CANNED POTATOES  | 2,054           | 2,469  | 2,724  |
   F. OTHER CANNED PRODUCTS, (HASH, STEWS, AND SOUPS) | 1,993           | 1,700  | 1,770  |
   G. STARCH AND FLOUR | 2,186           | 2,299  | 4,075  |
   TOTAL             | 153,230         | 172,328 | 169,316 |

3. OTHER SALES

A. LIVESTOCK FEED | 3,903           | 3,583  | 6,552  |
B. SEED           | 15,152          | 20,501 | 19,412 |
C. TOTAL DIVERTED | 0               | 0      | 0      |
   TOTAL           | 23,055          | 24,084 | 25,964 |

TOTAL SALES       | 273,102         | 306,491| 313,896|

B. NON-SALES

1. SEED USED ON FARMS WHERE GROWN | 4,970           | 4,539  | 4,689  |
2. HOUSEHOLD USE AND USED FOR FEED: ON FARMS WHERE GROWN | 1,416           | 1,458  | 2,564  |
3. SHRINKAGE AND LOSS | 23,389          | 26,103 | 30,673 |
   TOTAL NON-SALES    | 29,755          | 32,100 | 37,926 |

TOTAL PRODUCTION  | 302,857         | 338,591| 351,822|

1/ REVISED.

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|         | 5,195 | 5,975 |
|         | 7,325 |        |

WASH AND OTHER AREA, OREG | 1981-82 | 17,730 | 21,255 |
|                          | 24,940 | 29,175 |
|                          | 33,855 | 38,095 |
|                          | 47,325 |        |

OTHER STATES 4/ | 1981-82 | 5,090 | 6,330 |
|                | 7,745 | 9,385 |
|                | 11,110 | 12,750 |
|                | 15,755 |        |

TOTAL | 1981-82 | 41,686 | 51,750 |
|      | 62,135 | 73,900 |
|      | 87,000 | 99,090 |
|      | 127,000 |        |

1/ TOTAL QUANTITY RECEIVED AND USED FOR PROCESSING REGARDLESS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE POTATOES WERE PRODUCED. DOES NOT INCLUDE QUANTITIES USED FOR POTATO CHIPS IN MAINE, MICH, MINN, N DAK AND WIS. 2/ REVISED. 3/ INCLUDES MAINE GROWN POTATOES ONLY. 4/ MICH, MINN, N DAK AND WIS.

POTATOES & SWEETPOTATOES, SEPTEMBER 1983 CROP REPORTING BOARD, SRS, USDA
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| GA    | 819   | 36                       | 229       | 75   | 515      | 7.95       | 6    | 6,111 | 4,994            |
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| MISS  | 500   | 48                       | 79        | 35   | 386      | 7.80       | 3    | 3,900 | 3,011            |
| N J   | 319   | 17                       | 16        | 30   | 273      | 9.20       | 3    | 3,126 | 2,675            |
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