

# IDAHO POTATO PULSE



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### IDAHO'S 2009 POTATO CROP VALUED AT \$855 MILLION

The final value of Idaho's 2009 potato crop was \$855 million, surpassing 2008's record value of \$833 million by \$22.8 million. The market year average price received by growers was \$6.45 per cwt, down from last year's record \$7.15 per cwt. Fresh prices averaged \$4.75 per cwt, a sharp drop from the previous year, but market year average processing prices rose to a record \$7.70 per cwt.

Idaho's growers sold 172 million cwt from their 2009 crop while using 1.00 million cwt on the farm for seed, feed and household consumption. The remaining 9.20 million cwt was lost to shrinkage, decay and dumping. Fresh market sales accounted for 37.2 million cwt of the 2009 crop, up 21 percent from the 2008 crop, and processing accounted for 71.5 million cwt, up 5 percent from the 2008 crop.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used a total of 79.4 million cwt of 2009 crop potatoes compared to 77.2 million cwt used in 2008. Of the total processed, 71.5 million cwt were Idaho potatoes. Processing in Idaho and Malheur County accounted for 51.0 percent of Idaho's production compared to 58.5 percent of the 2008 crop.

### DISPOSITION OF IDAHO POTATO PRODUCTION, CROP YEARS 2002-2009

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	SALES			USED ON FARM WHERE GROWN			
		TOTAL	FRESH SALES 1/	PROCESSED 2/	OTHER 3/	TOTAL	SEED, FEED AND HOUSEHOLD USE	SHRINK & LOSS 4/
1,000 Cwt								
2002	153,365	123,295	35,000	78,200	10,095	10,090	1,440	8,650
2003	123,180	112,817	32,700	70,140	9,977	10,363	1,463	8,500
2004	151,970	119,618	34,100	75,710	10,008	12,152	1,250	10,507
2005	118,288	109,258	30,400	69,170	9,698	9,029	1,230	7,800
2006	128,915	119,227	31,200	78,510	9,817	9,388	1,188	8,200
2007	130,010	120,260	31,600	78,570	10,320	9,540	940	8,700
2008	116,473	108,417	30,700	68,160	9,537	8,038	908	7,130
2009	152,300	122,200	37,200	71,500	13,600	10,200	1,000	9,200

1/ Federal-State inspection less certified seed. 2/ Idaho potatoes processed in Idaho and Malheur County. 3/ Potatoes sold for seed, livestock feed and shipped under contracts at premium. 4/ For 2009 crop, includes potatoes disposed of by United Irish Potato Growers of Idaho.

### POTATOES PROCESSED IN IDAHO AND MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON, CROP YEARS 2002-2009

CROP YEAR	RECEIVED FROM			
	IDAHO		OTHER STATES	TOTAL PROCESSED
	QUANTITY 1/	PERCENT IDAHO PRODUCTION PROCESSED		
1,000 Cwt				
2002	78,200	58.6	7,190	85,390
2003	70,140	56.9	7,190	77,330
2004	75,710	57.4	8,690	84,400
2005	69,170	58.5	8,190	77,360
2006	78,510	60.9	7,120	85,630
2007	78,570	60.3	9,660	88,230
2008	68,160	58.6	9,180	77,340
2009	71,500	54.0	7,600	79,100

1/ Does not include Idaho origin potatoes processed outside of Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon.

**ALL POTATOES: UTILIZATION OF THE 2007, 2008 AND 2009 CROPS, UNITED STATES**

UTILIZATION ITEMS	2007 CROP	2008 CROP	2009 CROP
		1,000 Cwt	
<b>A. SALES</b>			
1. Table Stock	110,860	109,321	112,053
2. For Processing			
A. Chips and Shreds/Strips	51,343	50,983	42,886
B. Dehydrated 1/	40,021	40,546	44,421
C. Frozen French Fries	135,674	154,373	138,757
D. Other Frozen Products	26,571	19,319	20,988
E. Canned Products	2,094	2,070	1,979
F. Other Canned Products, (Hash, Stews and Soups)	800	750	746
G. Starch, Flour and Other	1,029	5,288	6,193
TOTAL	276,892	253,424	255,826
3. Other Sales			
A. Livestock Feed	1,160	803	6,333
B. Seed	22,297	20,900	20,219
TOTAL	23,457	21,703	26,752
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>411,209</b>	<b>384,428</b>	<b>397,661</b>
<b>B. NON SALES</b>			
1. Seed Used on Farms Where Grown	2,936	3,313	3,346
2. Household Use and Used for Feed on Farms Where Grown	1,315	873	1,189
3. Shrinkage and Loss	25,561	26,418	29,172
<b>TOTAL NON-SALES</b>	<b>31,666</b>	<b>30,576</b>	<b>31,657</b>
<b>TOTAL PRODUCTION</b>	<b>444,875</b>	<b>415,005</b>	<b>431,318</b>

1/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour.

**Potatoes Used for Processing, Selected States, 2007 - 2009 Crops 1/**

STATE	STARTING STOCK	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	ENDING STOCK
		OCT 1	NOV 1	DEC 1	JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUNE 1	
1,000 Cwt											
ID & Milburn Co., OR All Potatoes	2007-08	10,630	18,980	26,230	33,250	40,310	43,690	55,460	63,000	70,700	81,030
	2008-09	8,240	15,900	22,380	28,980	35,430	42,150	49,030	55,570	62,040	77,340
	2009-10	9,860	18,950	23,310	29,180	35,170	42,050	49,200	56,300	62,930	79,400
ID&NO Potatoes	2007-08	6,840	13,460	20,890	27,790	34,410	42,220	48,360	55,070	62,050	78,370
	2008-09	5,070	11,310	17,720	24,010	30,180	36,690	42,250	47,650	54,530	68,160
	2009-09	6,360	12,380	18,360	24,170	29,900	36,570	43,430	49,640	55,700	71,500
Idaho 2/	2007-08			1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,990	4,670	5,240	7,550
	2007-08			1,555	2,130	2,765	3,355	3,815	4,265	5,265	7,120
	2008-09			1,775	2,600	3,630	4,555	5,415	6,110	7,500	9,160
WA & Okan. Ass., OR	2007-08	16,640	23,360	30,595	36,940	42,350	50,125	57,160	67,690	72,380	82,770
	2008-09	17,960	25,470	32,560	38,670	45,790	49,855	56,330	67,675	70,675	81,500
	2009-10	13,740	20,945	27,945	31,945	36,130	43,780	50,130	56,780	64,805	75,690
Other States 3/	2007-08			15,640	17,335	20,755	23,930	26,630	30,710	37,950	39,430
	2008-09			12,480	13,170	15,165	17,690	24,695	26,715	28,960	37,585
	2009-10			10,865	13,555	16,305	18,095	21,600	24,315	27,975	34,540
TOTAL	2007-08			73,565	89,895	106,730	126,195	143,560	167,070	186,650	217,780
	2008-09			68,675	84,980	96,315	116,430	133,570	146,785	168,470	203,605
	2009-10			60,645	76,670	90,685	103,680	124,845	141,705	160,375	196,490
DEHYDRATED 4/	2007-08			12,815	16,785	21,640	23,330	26,500	31,610	37,075	46,600
	2008-09			10,675	14,400	18,335	21,455	24,875	28,345	33,870	39,345
	2009-10			10,625	14,685	17,130	19,895	23,135	26,630	30,545	38,615

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amounts include quantities used for potato chips in ME and WI. 2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. 3/ CO, MD, NV, ND, and WI. 4/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour included in above totals. 2007 includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI. 2008 includes CO, ID, NV, OR, WA, and WI. 2009 includes CO, ID, NV, OR, and WA.

POTATOES: PRODUCTION, FARM DISPOSITION, PRICE, AND VALUE  
BY SEASON, STATE, AND UNITED STATES, 2009 CROP<sup>1/</sup>

STATE	PRODUCTION	TOTAL USED FOR SEED	FARM DISPOSITION USED ON FARMS WHERE GROWN		SOLD	PRICE PER Cwt	VALUE OF	
			SEED, FEED, STORAGE	SHED-NEEDS			PRODUCTION	SALES
Winter Total	2,122	297		95	2,089	18.13	38,989	37,729
Spring Total	21,321	1,746	244	738	20,339	15.96	340,287	324,570
Summer Total	14,911	811	48	115	19,917	13.18	143,194	141,670
Fall								
California	4,590	111		149	4,521	8.85	27,128	28,239
Colorado	77,088	1,443	1,716	7,165	18,461	5.00	139,480	110,820
IDAHO	122,500	6,944	1,200	9,200	122,300	5.45	654,625	787,290
Maine	45,263	1,218	215	998	43,047	13.13	153,158	141,939
Massachusetts	884	80	4	75	805	9.25	5,177	7,450
Michigan	11,668	1,068	711	1,675	19,776	13.53	164,430	143,690
Minnesota	20,760	903	311	1,358	19,002	7.50	157,320	144,532
Missouri	3,293	250	207	425	2,868	10.60	34,959	28,385
Nebraska	8,716	707	701	645	7,365	8.91	78,555	70,891
Nevada	2,297	118	-	207	2,110	6.30	15,101	13,340
New Mexico	2,880	113		278	2,867	8.35	16,258	15,541
New York	4,658	389	52	351	4,347	12.80	63,350	58,198
N. Dakota	19,115	1,800	171	1,690	17,760	9.41	180,731	169,785
Ore	784	44	1	8	855	13.40	7,322	7,227
Oregon	21,468	879	100	1,450	19,900	7.55	162,623	150,607
Pennsylvania	7,641	168	7	745	7,063	17.70	37,407	34,146
Rhode Island	92	12	1	10	81	11.20	1,030	911
Washington	87,219	2,573	29	3,900	81,360	7.10	618,502	686,386
Wisconsin	28,688	1,431	250	1,525	27,205	8.85	258,473	240,428
Fall Total	262,544	20,824	4,240	27,935	251,316	7.52	2,995,839	2,751,550
US TOTAL	361,418	24,878	1,565	29,122	359,961	8.10	3,521,210	3,299,910

POTATOES: TOTAL STOCKS HELD BY GROWERS, LOCAL DEALERS, AND PROCESSORS,  
13 FALL STATES, CROP OF 2008 /AND 2009 1/

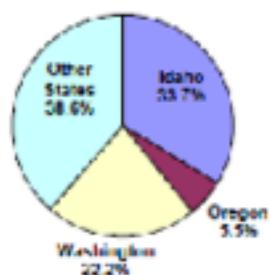
STATE	CROP OF 2008						CROP OF 2009 1/						FEB 1	FEB 1
	DEC 1	JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1	DEC 1	JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1		
	1,000 Cwt													
CA	1,000	1,500	1,800	1,900	800	500	900	2,100	1,800	1,800	1,100	800	900	100
CO	16,500	11,700	12,700	11,100	9,800	5,900	2,800	15,900	14,100	12,200	10,500	8,100	1,300	4,500
ID	25,300	75,500	66,000	56,500	45,800	22,500	21,200	93,000	86,500	76,500	67,500	52,000	38,500	25,500
ME	11,300	10,000	8,500	7,100	5,600	3,700	2,200	12,000	10,000	5,200	7,800	6,000	3,900	2,200
MT	8,900	6,600	4,800	3,300	1,800	700	*	9,000	7,300	1,900	1,300	1,700	*	*
MN	13,700	11,700	10,500	8,700	6,400	4,400	7,800	13,300	11,000	6,900	5,300	6,800	4,700	3,000
MT	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,200	2,100	*	*	3,300	3,200	3,200	3,300	2,300	700	*
NE	5,600	4,700	4,100	3,500	2,200	1,200	*	5,700	4,900	4,300	3,300	2,200	1,100	*
NY	2,800	2,900	1,900	1,200	700	*	*	2,800	1,800	1,800	900	500	*	*
ND	11,800	12,500	10,700	8,100	6,500	4,200	2,300	15,000	10,800	9,000	7,000	5,000	4,500	1,700
OR	16,100	14,100	12,000	9,800	7,400	5,200	1,400	17,400	15,000	12,500	10,700	8,000	5,300	2,000
WA	46,500	43,800	28,600	21,400	23,700	16,500	6,200	53,100	47,500	42,000	34,800	27,100	22,300	14,100
WV	11,400	12,700	10,500	7,800	4,800	2,700	700	10,600	17,000	14,400	11,100	7,400	3,800	1,700
Other					1,600	800							400	600
Total	243,700	213,200	183,900	152,700	115,800	78,300	45,300	285,800	234,300	203,500	185,700	128,700	89,500	55,120
Minnesota Report 2/	4,700	3,300	2,800	2,000	1,450	710	(4)	4,700	3,300	2,800	2,700	1,300	770	(4)

\* Continued into "Other" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

1/ Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed potatoes that are not yet moved, and shrinkage, waste, and other losses (but not to allow the sale of seed potatoes). 2/ Revised. 3/ In Idaho, potatoes are in CA and Nevada's Co. 4/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

FALL POTATO PRODUCTION  
U.S. and Selected Areas

2009 Crop Year  
Percent of Fall Potato Production



Idaho's 2009 production of 155 million cwt accounted for 34 percent of the entire U.S. Fall production of 494 million cwt. Production in the Pacific Northwest, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, collectively, totaled 291 million cwt or 61 percent of the U.S. Fall production.

FARM MARKETINGS OF FALL POTATOES, SPECIFIED STATES, 2009 CROP YEAR, PERCENT BY MONTHS

STATE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY
California				12	11	9	9	7	9	10	11	12	10
Colorado	-	-	7	8	9	10	9	8	12	11	8	10	8
IDAHO	-	2	10	10	7	7	7	8	11	11	9	8	10
Maine		1	8	8	8	8	9	10	12	14	9	5	8
Michigan	1	7	11	13	12	11	11	11	12	9	2	-	-
Minnesota	1	12	11	7	6	8	8	7	7	9	9	15	-
New York		11	13	13	15	13	8	9	8	9	1		
North Dakota	-	-	25	15	8	7	8	7	7	9	8	4	2
Oregon	-	14	11	19	4	4	4	8	8	10	10	3	5
Washington		9	17	24	7	5	4	6	6	5	7	6	4
Wisconsin	1	5	13	12	10	9	10	10	12	11	6	1	-
United States		5	13	14	8	7	7	8	9	9	8	6	6

FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND SEASON AVERAGE PRICE, IDAHO AND U.S., 2004-09

	2004	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	CROP YEAR	CROP YEAR	% CHANGE								
FALL PRODUCTION:											
Idaho	122.0	118.3	-3.0	120.9	+2.3	120.0	-0.8	116.5	-2.9	122.5	+5.6
U.S.	410.7	383.6	-6.6	390.7	+1.8	405.8	+3.9	378.6	-8.2	393.1	+1.5
FALL SEASON AVERAGE PRICE:											
Idaho	6.25	5.79	-7.4	5.90	+1.9	6.15	+4.2	7.15	+16.4	6.45	-9.8
U.S.	5.12	4.53	-11.5	4.67	+3.1	5.04	+7.7	4.49	-10.9	4.62	+2.9