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Idaho Potato Acreage Down 8 Percent from 2012

Potato growers in Idaho have planted an estimated 317,000 acres in 2013, an 8 percent decrease from the 345,000 acres planted in 2012, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acres, at 316,000, are also down 8 percent from a year ago. In the 10 Southwest Counties, planted and harvested acres are estimated at 17,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2012. In Idaho's Other Counties, planted acreage of potatoes is expected to total 300,000 acres, down 8 percent from last year's 325,000 acres planted. Harvested area in the Other Counties is expected to be 299,000 acres.

Nationally, potato growers across the United States planted an estimated 1.08 million acres of potatoes in all four seasons of the 2013 crop year, down 6 percent from the previous year. Area for harvest, forecasted at 1.06 million acres, is also down 6 percent from 2012. Area planted to fall potatoes in 2013 is estimated at 957,400 acres, down 4 percent from the 2012 crop year. Harvested area is forecast at 945,200 acres, down 4 percent from 2012. Beginning in 2013, Colorado summer potatoes are included in the fall potatoes estimates. In Colorado, cooler spring temperatures delayed planting but growers reported planting was completed on schedule. Acreage in the San Luis Valley continued to be limited due to water restrictions but water supplies were reportedly adequate in the remainder of Colorado's potato growing area. Maine growers reported persistent wet conditions that stalled crop development, flooded fields, and prevented growers from completing plantings. A late spring delayed planting in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

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