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Idaho Potato Acreage Up 8 Percent from 2010

Idaho: Potato growers in Idaho have planted an estimated 320,000 acres in 2011, an 8 percent increase from the 295,000 acres planted in 2010. Growers increased acreage from last year driven by strong prices. Harvested acres, at 319,000, are up 9 percent from a year ago. This estimate is the same as the acreage that was planted and harvested in 2009. The acreage planted in 2010 was the least potato acres planted in Idaho since 1980, when 295,000 acres were also planted. In the 10 Southwest Counties, planted and harvested acres are estimated at 19,000 acres, up 3,000 acres from 2010. Acres for harvest in the State's Other Counties are expected to total 300,000 acres from 301,000 planted acres. This is an 8 percent increase from last year's 279,000 acres planted in Other Counties.

Potatoes planted in Idaho are estimated to be 3 percent red, 4 percent white, 1 percent yellow, and 92 percent Russet.

United States: Potato growers across the United States planted an estimated 1.08 million acres of potatoes in all four seasons of the 2011 crop year, up 6 percent from the previous year. Area for harvest, forecasted at 1.07 million acres, is also up 6 percent from 2010.

Fall Potatoes: Area planted to fall potatoes in 2011 is estimated at 948,600 acres, up 6 percent from the 2010 crop year. Harvested area is forecast at 935,100 acres, also up 6 percent from 2010. In California, adequate water supplies led to increased potato acreage in the Klamath Basin. In Colorado producers continued to voluntarily limit acreage for water conservation. Less than optimal planting and growing conditions delayed the fall potato crop in Maine where potato development was 1-2 weeks behind schedule as of June 19. Heavy rains in mid-June reportedly led to drown outs in some low lying areas. In North Dakota, cold, wet weather caused delays in planting. In Oregon, crop development was reportedly behind due to cold, wet spring conditions.

Fall Potato Percent of Acreage Planted by Type of Potato – Selected States: 2010 and 2011

State	Potato Types 1/							
	Reds		Whites		Yellows		Russets	
	2010 (percent)	2011 (percent)	2010 (percent)	2011 (percent)	2010 (percent)	2011 (percent)	2010 (percent)	2011 (percent)
Colorado	2	1	3	4	10	8	85	87
Idaho	3	3	4	4	1	1	92	92
Maine	4	4	40	39	5	3	51	54
Michigan	2	2	87	85	-	-	11	13
Minnesota	21	20	11	9	1	1	67	70
New York	3	7	90	86	5	5	2	2
North Dakota	22	26	35	23	2	1	41	30
Oregon	3	3	19	14	2	3	76	80
Pennsylvania	5	10	92	89	1	1	2	
Washington	3	3	11	7	1	1	85	89
Wisconsin	10	11	37	37	1	1	52	51
Total	6	7	21	18	2	2	71	73

1/ Predominant type shown may include small portion of other type(s) constituting less than 1 percent of state's total. Blue types reported under red types.

**Potatoes: Area Planted and Harvested, by Seasonal Group,
Fall Potatoes by State, and United States, 2010-2011**

Seasonal Group and State	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Acres			
Spring	88.3	93.1	85.9	90.5
Summer	39.0	40.9	37.5	38.7
Fall				
California	6.0	8.6	6.0	8.6
Colorado	33.3	34.0	33.2	33.8
IDAHO	293.0	320.0	294.0	319.0
SW (10 Counties)	16.0	19.0	16.0	19.0
Other Counties	279.0	301.0	278.0	300.0
Maine	55.0	56.5	54.8	55.5
Massachusetts	3.3	3.6	3.3	3.5
Michigan	44.0	45.0	43.5	44.5
Minnesota	45.0	49.0	47.0	46.0
Montana	11.5	11.0	11.3	10.7
Nebraska	19.0	20.0	18.6	19.7
Nevada	7.7	6.9	7.7	6.9
New Mexico	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.0
New York	16.2	16.5	16.0	16.1
North Dakota	84.0	83.0	80.0	79.0
Ohio	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0
Oregon	35.5	38.5	35.5	38.5
Pennsylvania	9.5	9.2	9.0	8.7
Rhode Island	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Washington	135.0	155.0	134.0	155.0
Wisconsin	62.5	63.0	61.5	62.0
Total Fall	893.7	948.6	881.3	936.1
United States	1,021.5	1,082.6	1,004.7	1,055.3

Fall Potatoes: Acres Planted for Certified Seed Potatoes, by States ^U

State	2010 Crop			State	2010 Crop			2011 Entered for Certification	
	Entered for Certification	Certified	Percent Certified		Entered for Certification	Certified	Percent Certified		
	Acres		Percent	Acres	Acres		Percent	Acres	
Alaska	154	154	100	150	Nebraska	4,949	4,914	99	5,062
California	618	618	100	399	New York	862	852	100	846
Colorado	13,326	12,653	90	15,000	North Dakota	17,926	15,872	89	17,800
IDAHO	30,461	30,461	100	31,000	Oregon	2,436	2,436	100	2,635
Maine	11,115	10,849	98	11,154	Pennsylvania	271	271	100	278
Michigan	2,277	2,273	100	2,361	Washington	2,915	2,915	100	2,887
Minnesota	8,154	6,575	86	8,107	Wisconsin	8,133	8,119	100	8,313
Montana	9,938	9,538	100	9,543	TOTAL	113,538	103,711	96	115,519

^U Data supplied by State seed certification officials.