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### Potato Size and Grade Summary – 2015 Crop

The statistics in this publication were obtained from the 2015 Potato Objective Yield Survey. Size and grade measurements are taken on potatoes harvested in the objective yield survey plots. Potatoes were harvested from six hills per sample randomly selected in each State using a scientifically designed sampling procedure. Potatoes were sent to laboratories for sizing and grading according to accepted United States fresh grading standards.

**Idaho:** Long potatoes (Russet only) weighing 10 oz or more comprised 33.7 percent of the total, up from 26.5 percent in 2014. Potatoes that met the 2.0 inch or 4 oz. minimum size and grade requirements for U.S. No. 1 potatoes were 73.7 percent of the total, down from 80.1 percent last year. Processing grade and U.S. No. 2 potatoes, with a 1.5 inch minimum, accounted for 24.8 percent of the 2015 crop.

**Oregon:** Long potatoes (Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender) weighing 10 oz or more were 39.4 percent of the total, up from 34.4 percent in 2014. The percent of long potato meeting U.S. No. 1 standards was 75.5 percent of the total, down from 78.6 percent a year ago. Processing and U.S. No. 2 potatoes, accounted for 22.1 percent of the 2015 crop.

**Washington:** Long potatoes (Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender) weighing 10 oz or more comprised 39.5 percent of the total, up from 37.3 percent in 2014. The percent of long potatoes meeting U.S. No. 1 standards was 74.9 percent of the total, down from 78.6 percent a year ago. Processing and U.S. No. 2 potatoes, accounted for 23.5 percent of the 2015 crop.

### Fall Potato Grading Categories by Type — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2014-2015

[Gross yield basis.]

| Type and State                        | No. 1<br>2 inch minimum <sup>1</sup> |           | No. 2 or<br>processing usable<br>1 1/2 inch minimum <sup>1</sup> |           | Cull <sup>2</sup> |           |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|                                       | 2014                                 | 2015      | 2014   | 2015      | 2014              | 2015      |
|                                       | (percent)                            | (percent) | (percent)  | (percent) | (percent)         | (percent) |
| <b>Round white potatoes</b>           |                                      |           |  |           |                   |           |
| Oregon .....                          | 87.8                                 | 95.2      | 10.3   | 3.9       | 1.9               | 0.9       |
| <b>All long potatoes <sup>3</sup></b> |                                      |           |  |           |                   |           |
| Idaho .....                           | 80.1                                 | 73.7      | 18.6   | 24.8      | 1.3               | 1.5       |
| Oregon .....                          | 78.6                                 | 75.5      | 19.9   | 22.1      | 1.5               | 2.4       |
| Washington.....                       | 78.6                                 | 74.9      | 20.3   | 23.5      | 1.1               | 1.6       |

<sup>1</sup> Potatoes which meet the requirement for United States #1 or #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

<sup>2</sup> Potatoes not meeting the requirement for United States #1 or #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender varieties unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>4</sup> Russets only.

### Fall Potato Number of Hills by Type — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2011-2015

| State and year      | Reds     |                                  | Whites   |                                  | Yellows  |                                  | Russets  |                                  |
|---------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
|                     | Samples  | Average number of hills per acre | Samples  | Average number of hills per acre | Samples  | Average number of hills per acre | Samples  | Average number of hills per acre |
|                     | (number) | (number)                         | (number) | (number)                         | (number) | (number)                         | (number) | (number)                         |
| Idaho.....2011      | 5        | 17,571                           | 6        | 11,790                           | (D)      | (D)                              | 209      | 12,906                           |
| 2012                | 6        | 18,368                           | 5        | 12,828                           | 3        | 13,110                           | 197      | 12,615                           |
| 2013                | 7        | 12,944                           | 6        | 12,565                           | (D)      | (D)                              | 188      | 12,793                           |
| 2014                | 5        | 14,147                           | 7        | 13,051                           | 3        | 13,419                           | 174      | 12,875                           |
| 2015                | 8        | 13,960                           | 6        | 12,780                           | (D)      | (D)                              | 182      | 12,720                           |
| Oregon.....2011     | 4        | 11,998                           | 25       | 12,986                           | 5        | 12,275                           | 98       | 12,570                           |
| 2012                | 6        | 12,430                           | 20       | 11,944                           | 3        | 10,692                           | 83       | 12,626                           |
| 2013                | (D)      | (D)                              | 14       | 12,926                           | (D)      | (D)                              | 60       | 12,627                           |
| 2014                | 4        | 9,772                            | 17       | 11,584                           | 3        | 10,663                           | 76       | 12,848                           |
| 2015                | 4        | 13,138                           | 16       | 11,269                           | 3        | 11,195                           | 70       | 12,864                           |
| Washington.....2011 | 7        | 16,378                           | 7        | 15,172                           | 3        | 15,148                           | 108      | 15,258                           |
| 2012                | 8        | 21,307                           | 10       | 14,424                           | 5        | 19,354                           | 111      | 14,638                           |
| 2013                | 5        | 18,686                           | 12       | 15,693                           | (D)      | (D)                              | 80       | 15,271                           |
| 2014                | 3        | 17,070                           | 13       | 15,419                           | 7        | 20,933                           | 111      | 14,663                           |
| 2015                | 6        | 20,170                           | 12       | 15,669                           | 5        | 13,988                           | 104      | 14,867                           |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

### Fall Potato Harvest Loss by Type — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2011-2015

| State and year      | Reds           | Whites         | Yellows        | Russets        | All types      |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                     | (cwt per acre) | (cwt per acre) | (cwt per acre) | (cwt per acre) | (cwt per acre) |
| Idaho.....2011      | -              | (D)            | -              | 29             | 30             |
| 2012                | (D)            | (D)            | (D)            | 25             | 26             |
| 2013                | (D)            | 18             | -              | 29             | 27             |
| 2014                | (D)            | -              | -              | 23             | 23             |
| 2015                | (D)            | (D)            | (D)            | 17             | 17             |
| Oregon.....2011     | (D)            | 12             | -              | 21             | 20             |
| 2012                | (D)            | 22             | -              | 19             | 19             |
| 2013                | -              | (D)            | -              | 21             | 24             |
| 2014                | (D)            | 24             | -              | 16             | 17             |
| 2015                | (D)            | (D)            | -              | 29             | 27             |
| Washington.....2011 | (D)            | (D)            | -              | 20             | 20             |
| 2012                | (D)            | (D)            | -              | 22             | 20             |
| 2013                | (D)            | (D)            | -              | 20             | 19             |
| 2014                | -              | 33             | -              | 18             | 20             |
| 2015                | -              | 14             | -              | 15             | 15             |

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## All Long Potato Size Categories — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2014-2015

[Gross yield basis. Includes Russet, Shepody, Prospect, and Defender varieties]

|                          | Inches               |                      |                  | Ounces                       |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                   |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|
|                          | 1 1/2<br>to<br>1 5/8 | 1 5/8<br>to<br>1 7/8 | 1 7/8<br>to<br>2 | 2 inch<br>or<br>4-6<br>ounce | 6    | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14<br>and<br>over |
|                          | (%)                  | (%)                  | (%)              | (%)                          | (%)  | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%)               |
| <b>2014</b>              |                      |                      |                  |                              |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                   |
| Idaho <sup>1</sup> ..... | 1.5                  | 6.2                  | 4.6              | 27.2                         | 10.2 | 9.3 | 8.2 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 9.4               |
| Oregon .....             | 1.1                  | 4.6                  | 3.3              | 23.7                         | 9.2  | 9.4 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 14.8              |
| Washington.....          | 0.6                  | 3.5                  | 3.0              | 22.8                         | 9.4  | 8.5 | 8.2 | 6.7 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 17.7              |
| <b>2015</b>              |                      |                      |                  |                              |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                   |
| Idaho <sup>1</sup> ..... | 1.4                  | 5.7                  | 3.9              | 22.3                         | 9.2  | 8.5 | 8.6 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 15.2              |
| Oregon .....             | 0.9                  | 3.8                  | 3.0              | 19.6                         | 8.9  | 7.8 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 3.9 | 18.5              |
| Washington.....          | 0.8                  | 4.5                  | 3.1              | 20.6                         | 8.9  | 8.1 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 2.8 | 20.2              |

<sup>1</sup> Russets only.

## Round Potato Size Categories by Type — Oregon: 2014-2015

[Gross yield basis.]

| Type and year         | Inches               |                  |                  |                      |                      |                  |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|
|                       | 1 1/2<br>to<br>1 7/8 | 1 7/8<br>to<br>2 | 2<br>to<br>2 1/4 | 2 1/4<br>to<br>2 1/2 | 2 1/2<br>to<br>3 1/2 | 3 1/2<br>to<br>4 | 4 inches<br>and over |
|                       | (percent)            | (percent)        | (percent)        | (percent)            | (percent)            | (percent)        | (percent)            |
| <b>White potatoes</b> |                      |                  |                  |                      |                      |                  |                      |
| 2014 .....            | 3.7                  | 5.1              | 11.1             | 22.1                 | 55.9                 | 0.9              | 1.2                  |
| 2015 .....            | 1.0                  | 2.6              | 5.6              | 8.5                  | 31.1                 | 47.4             | 3.8                  |

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