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MERCHANTABLE POTATO STOCKS  
AS OF JANUARY 1, 1942  
WITH COMPARISONS

Stocks of merchantable potatoes in the hands of growers and local buyers or dealers on January 1, 1942, and available for sale on that date, are estimated by the Department of Agriculture to have been 6 percent smaller than holdings a year earlier but about 1 percent larger than the 10-year (January 1, 1931-40) average. January 1 holdings this year totaled 104,633,000 bushels, compared with 111,693,000 bushels (revised) on January 1, 1941 and the 10-year average of 103,191,000 bushels.

In the 18 surplus late States the January 1, 1942, stocks, estimated at 96,707,000 bushels, were 7 percent smaller than the holdings of 104,471,000 bushels a year earlier. But in the 12 other late States, where production in 1941 was larger than that of 1940 stocks this year, at 6,894,000 bushels, were 14 percent larger than the 6,057,000 estimated to have been on hand January 1, 1941. The 7 intermediate States showed January 1 holdings of 1,032,000 bushels, which are 11 percent smaller than the 1,165,000 bushels on hand last year.

Of the total production of 320,567,000 bushels in the 37 late and intermediate States in 1941, it is estimated that 226,988,000 bushels were available for sale compared with sales of 235,634,000 from the crop of 1940. The estimate of the quantity available for sale from the 1941 crop was arrived at by deducting from the 1941 production the quantities of sound and cull potatoes fed to livestock to January 1, loss from shrinkage, waste and decay to January 1 (including potatoes still on hand that were unfit for human consumption or seed), saved for household use on farms where grown, and saved for planting on farms where grown. The balance of the crop (available for sale) consists of potatoes sold to January 1 plus merchantable stocks on hand and available for sale as of that date.

The preliminary estimate of disposition of the 1941 crop indicates that the quantity fed to livestock, found unfit for food or seed, and lost through shrinkage and waste to January 1, totaled 20,765,000 bushels compared with 28,389,000 bushels accounted for in this manner during the marketing season for the 1940 crop. The percentage of the 1941 crop found unfit for food or seed (including shrink, waste, and fed to livestock to January 1) is somewhat less than from the crop of 1940, averaging 6.5 percent of production in the 37 States in 1941, compared with 8.4 percent of the 1940 crop.

Growers apparently are saving fewer potatoes for food in the farm household than was the case last year. The quantity saved for home consumption from the crop of 1941 is indicated to be 47,704,000 bushels, compared with 49,876,000 bushels saved from the crop of 1940.

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The quantity of seed potatoes saved for planting on farms where grown is only slightly less than the quantity saved last year and is estimated at 25,110,000 bushels from the crop of 1941, compared with 25,480,000 bushels from the crop of 1940. Growers reported that 70 percent of the seed to be planted this spring in the 37 late and intermediate States will be home-grown. Similar reports for past seasons indicated that home-grown seed comprised 70 percent of total seed requirements for the crop of 1940, 68 percent for the crop of 1939, and 70 percent for the crop of 1938.

Carlot shipments by rail to January 1 from the 37 late and intermediate States accounted for 51,219,000 bushels from the crop of 1941, compared with 52,755,000 bushels from the crop of 1940. Apparent sales to January 1, 1942, totaled 122,355,000 bushels, compared with 123,941,000 bushels to January 1, 1941. On the basis of these indicated sales it appears that rail shipments accounted for about 42 percent of sales to January 1 from both the 1941 and 1940 crops.

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POTATOES (IRISH): MERCHANTABLE STOCKS ON HAND ON JANUARY 1 IN THE 37 LATE AND INTERMEDIATE STATES, CROPS OF 1940 AND 1941, AND 10-YEAR AVERAGE JANUARY 1 STOCKS FOR CROPS OF 1930-1939, INCLUSIVE 1/

GROUP AND STATE	10-yr. Average	January 1,	January 1,
	Jan. 1, 1931-40	1941	1942
	Crops of	Crop of	Crop of
	1930-39	1940 2/	1941
Thousand bushels			
<b>SURPLUS LATE STATES:</b>			
Maine .....	24,149	26,053	27,828
New York .....	9,117	8,885	9,146
Pennsylvania .....	7,092	6,439	6,400
Michigan .....	9,756	5,476	7,025
Wisconsin .....	6,348	3,210	3,577
Minnesota .....	7,114	8,532	4,748
North Dakota .....	2,983	6,565	4,962
South Dakota .....	271	250	225
Nebraska .....	2,736	4,506	3,412
Montana .....	500	671	466
Idaho .....	10,956	15,917	12,336
Wyoming .....	790	1,035	1,132
Colorado .....	5,064	5,783	4,787
Utah .....	542	842	650
Nevada .....	182	308	169
Washington .....	3,063	2,937	3,046
Oregon .....	2,999	3,559	3,200
California .....	1,981	3,603	3,598
<b>TOTAL 18 SURPLUS LATE</b>	<b>95,643</b>	<b>104,471</b>	<b>96,707</b>
<b>OTHER LATE STATES:</b>			
New Hampshire .....	480	440	340
Vermont .....	672	580	560
Massachusetts .....	420	618	495
Rhode Island .....	132	202	200
Connecticut .....	643	864	830
West Virginia .....	216	303	421
Ohio .....	1,983	1,588	1,983
Indiana .....	820	620	1,161
Illinois .....	214	189	231
Iowa .....	344	556	557
New Mexico .....	62	31	46
Arizona .....	42	66	70
<b>TOTAL 12 OTHER LATE</b>	<b>6,028</b>	<b>6,057</b>	<b>6,894</b>
<b>30 LATE STATES</b>	<b>101,671</b>	<b>110,528</b>	<b>103,601</b>
<b>INTERMEDIATE STATES:</b>			
New Jersey .....	547	476	400
Delaware .....	62	69	49
Maryland .....	207	171	140
Virginia .....	130	154	93
Kentucky .....	219	80	80
Missouri .....	215	140	200
Kansas .....	140	75	70
<b>TOTAL 7 INTERMEDIATE</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>1,032</b>
<b>37 LATE AND INTERMEDIATE STATES</b>	<b>103,191</b>	<b>111,693</b>	<b>104,633</b>

1/ Merchantable potatoes held by growers and local dealers and buyers. Includes potatoes for sale to starch factories after January 1.  
 2/ Includes 5,263,000 bushels of potatoes of U. S. No. 2 grade or better diverted to livestock feed after January 1 under Government Diversion Program, for which growers received approximately 15 cents per bushel. For quantities by States, see 1940 disposition table on page 5.

POTATOES (IRISH): PRODUCTION AND FARM DISPOSITION IN THE 37 LATE AND INTERMEDIATE STATES

1940 CROP

GROUP AND STATE	FARM DISPOSITION							Gov't live- stock diver- sions 3/ Quantity
	PRODUCTION: 1/	Fed to live- stock, shrink- age, and loss after harvest :	: For farm household use	: Saved for: seed on : farms where grown	Balance of crop (sold) 2/	Percent of crop	Quantity	
<b>SURPLUS LATE STATES:</b>								
Maine .....	41,762	1,879	888	2,416	36,579	88	--	
New York .....	28,457	2,561	3,465	2,238	20,193	71	--	
Pennsylvania .....	21,000	1,470	4,032	1,855	13,643	65	--	
Michigan .....	17,548	1,930	3,795	2,696	9,127	52	--	
Wisconsin .....	13,246	1,854	4,440	1,762	5,190	39	--	
Minnesota .....	23,750	1,900	4,690	2,871	14,289	60	--	
North Dakota .....	18,630	1,677	1,656	2,233	13,064	70	--	
South Dakota .....	1,800	144	648	350	658	37	--	
Nebraska .....	11,340	567	1,150	462	9,161	81	341	
Montana .....	1,840	202	434	172	1,032	56	--	
Idaho .....	33,280	5,325	450	1,768	25,737	77	3,506	
Wyoming .....	2,100	231	68	132	1,669	79	89	
Colorado .....	13,936	1,533	218	1,018	11,167	83	720	
Utah .....	2,193	219	162	126	1,686	77	184	
Nevada .....	391	35	24	21	311	80	--	
Washington .....	7,995	800	725	352	6,118	77	57	
Oregon .....	7,805	859	432	481	6,033	77	95	
California .....	21,780	1,524	91	651	19,514	90	271	
18 SURPLUS LATE	268,853	24,710	27,368	21,604	195,171	72.6	5,263	
<b>OTHER LATE STATES:</b>								
New Hampshire .....	1,238	87	300	37	814	66		
Vermont .....	1,820	182	544	89	1,005	55		
Massachusetts .....	2,848	114	360	84	2,290	80		
Rhode Island .....	916	46	45	15	810	88		
Connecticut .....	3,034	151	297	44	2,542	84		
West Virginia .....	3,630	290	2,028	365	947	26		
Ohio .....	9,476	426	2,943	814	5,293	56		
Indiana .....	4,335	260	2,025	412	1,638	38		
Illinois .....	3,471	278	2,394	190	609	18		
Iowa .....	5,700	285	3,100	400	1,915	34		
New Mexico .....	216	10	25	26	155	72		
Arizona .....	270	19	8	16	227	84		
12 OTHER LATE	36,954	2,148	14,069	2,492	18,245	49.4		
30 LATE STATES	305,807	26,858	41,437	24,096	213,416	69.8		
<b>INTERMEDIATE STATES:</b>								
New Jersey .....	10,285	257	172	336	9,520	93		
Delaware .....	421	25	125	25	246	58		
Maryland .....	2,320	139	588	169	1,424	61		
Virginia .....	10,286	514	1,712	402	7,658	74		
Kentucky .....	3,300	198	2,272	297	533	16		
Missouri .....	4,510	226	2,898	111	1,275	28		
Kansas .....	2,450	172	672	44	1,562	64		
7 INTERMEDIATE	33,572	1,531	8,439	1,384	22,218	66.2		
37 LATE AND INTERMEDIATE STATES	339,379	28,389	49,876	25,480	235,634	69.4		

1/ Production is for the total crop in each State, including early as well as late potatoes.

2/ Includes potatoes sold to starch factories and those diverted to livestock feed for which growers received Government payments.

3/ The quantities shown in this column are included in sales and consist of potatoes of U. S. No. 2 grade or better diverted to livestock feed after January 1 under the Government Diversion Program, for which growers received approximately 15 cents per bushel.

POTATOES (IRISH): PRODUCTION AND FARM DISPOSITION IN THE 37 LATE AND INTERMEDIATE STATES

1941 CROP

GROUP AND STATE	: PRODUCTION	FARM DISPOSITION (Preliminary)					: Percent of crop
		: Fed to live- : stock, shrink- : age, and loss : after harvest 1/	: Used and : saved for : use in farm : household	: Saved for : seed on : farms where : grown	: Balance of crop : (Sold or for sale) : Quantity <sup>2/</sup>	: Percent : of crop	
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: Thousand bushels							
<u>SURPLUS LATE STATES:</u>							
Maine .....	44,745	1,790	912	2,288	39,755	89	
New York .....	27,676	1,384	3,675	2,201	20,416	74	
Pennsylvania ....	20,540	1,027	3,740	1,921	13,852	67	
Michigan .....	20,020	1,802	3,672	2,702	11,844	59	
Wisconsin .....	14,378	1,725	4,608	1,773	6,272	44	
Minnesota .....	17,200	1,720	4,356	2,737	8,387	49	
North Dakota ....	14,155	708	1,496	2,086	9,865	70	
South Dakota ....	1,740	122	572	296	750	43	
Nebraska .....	9,620	673	1,200	535	7,212	75	
Montana .....	1,540	154	429	176	781	51	
Idaho .....	27,450	2,470	434	1,710	22,836	83	
Wyoming .....	2,550	178	87	150	2,135	84	
Colorado .....	11,968	957	211	1,063	9,737	81	
Utah .....	1,904	133	157	123	1,491	78	
Nevada .....	306	21	21	16	248	81	
Washington .....	8,400	672	700	432	6,596	79	
Oregon .....	7,175	718	405	458	5,594	78	
California .....	20,951	1,257	80	616	18,998	91	
18 SURPLUS LATE	252,318	17,511	26,755	21,283	186,769	74.0	
<u>OTHER LATE STATES:</u>							
New Hampshire ...	1,023	31	298	43	651	64	
Vermont .....	1,740	87	544	109	1,000	57	
Massachusetts ...	2,492	75	319	63	2,035	82	
Rhode Island ....	920	37	39	13	831	90	
Connecticut .....	2,862	86	270	43	2,463	86	
West Virginia ...	3,795	266	1,872	366	1,291	34	
Ohio .....	10,614	531	3,024	777	6,282	59	
Indiana .....	5,355	321	1,944	507	2,583	48	
Illinois .....	3,240	194	2,071	194	781	24	
Iowa .....	5,712	400	2,950	440	1,922	34	
New Mexico .....	288	12	26	29	221	77	
Arizona .....	273	16	8	13	236	86	
12 OTHER LATE	38,314	2,056	13,365	2,597	20,296	53.0	
30 LATE STATES	290,632	19,567	40,120	23,880	207,065	71.2	
<u>INTERMEDIATE STATES:</u>							
New Jersey .....	10,360	207	172	251	9,730	94	
Delaware .....	300	12	96	21	171	57	
Maryland .....	1,920	58	546	143	1,173	61	
Virginia .....	6,916	277	1,620	326	4,693	68	
Kentucky .....	3,036	152	2,016	308	560	18	
Missouri .....	4,758	333	2,584	108	1,733	36	
Kansas .....	2,645	159	550	73	1,863	70	
7 INTERMEDIATE	29,935	1,198	7,584	1,230	19,923	66.6	
37 LATE AND INTERMEDIATE STATES	320,567	20,765	47,704	25,110	226,988	70.8	

1/ Fed to livestock and loss to January 1, 1942. Includes shrinkage, waste and decay to that date and quantities unfit for food or seed and still on hand.

2/ Includes potatoes sold to starch factories.