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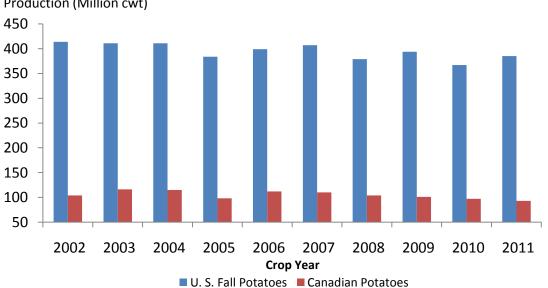
### **North American Potatoes**

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#### Combined United States Fall Potato and Canadian Potato Production Up 3 Percent From 2010

This publication is the result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to publish potato production for both countries in one report. United States 2011 fall potato production was released November 9, 2011 and Canadian production was released November 18, 2011.

The 2011 fall potato production for the United States and Canada combined is estimated at 478 million cwt, up 3 percent from 2010. The United States fall potato production is estimated at 385 million cwt, 5 percent above 2010. Canada's potato growers harvested 92.7 million cwt, down 4 percent from 2010.



### United States Fall Potato Prodution vs Canadian Potato Production Production (Million cwt)

# Fall Potato Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, Total Production, Utilized Production, Price, and Farm Value – United States: 2002-2011

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop year	Ar	ea	Yield	Total	Utilized	Price	Value of	
orop year	Planted	Harvested		production	production <sup>1</sup>	1 100	sales <sup>2</sup>	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	
2002	1,134.1	1,105.2	374	413,581	384,195	5.89	2,232,627	
2003	1,107.0	1,091.9	376	410,973	377,364	5.22	1,942,160	
2004	1,040.7	1,023.3	401	410,683	374,730	5.12	1,880,920	
2005	969.7	951.0	403	383,563	356,378	6.53	2,297,647	
2006	995.7	984.0	406	399,176	370,797	6.67	2,448,546	
2007	1,007.8	993.2	410	406,800	378,518	7.04	2,636,885	
2008	931.1	922.0	411	378,588	353,635	8.49	2,967,871	
2009	936.7	917.2	429	393,544	365,559	7.62	2,751,550	
2010	894.3	881.8	416	366,505	343,116	8.79	2,981,528	
2011	957.3	938.5	410	385,113				

<sup>1</sup> Includes potatoes sold and used on farm where grown for human consumption, seed, and livestock feed.

<sup>2</sup> Includes value of potatoes sold.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

### Potato Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, Total Production, Utilized Production, Price, and Farm Value – Canada: 2002-2011

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop year	Are	ea	Yield	Total	Utilized	Price <sup>2</sup>	Farm	
Crop year	Planted	Harvested	Tield	production	production <sup>1</sup>	Thee	value 23	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	
2002	437.6	422.3	245.6	103,731	101,305	6.47	655,940	
2003	457.5	447.0	260.5	116,458	110,441	5.97	659,281	
2004	433.2	424.4	272.0	115,431	108,868	6.16	670,122	
2005	405.3	386.2	253.1	97,754	95,192	8.60	818,953	
2006	401.9	391.0	287.1	112,241	107,926	7.64	824,897	
2007	399.2	395.2	278.3	109,982	106,510	9.00	958,170	
2008	379.9	373.4	277.3	103,560	99,950	10.13	1,012,381	
2009	369.9	359.7	280.4	100,859	96,810	10.77	1,043,096	
2010	356.5	343.0	282.4	96,853	92,977	11.69	1,086,999	
2011	361.1	348.2	266.1	92,653				

<sup>1</sup> Includes potatoes sold and used on farm where grown for human consumption, seed, and livestock feed.

<sup>2</sup> Converted to United States dollars.

<sup>3</sup> Includes value of potatoes sold and used on farm where grown for human consumption, seed, and livestock feed. Source: Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada

# Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, Total Production, Utilized Production, Price, and Farm Value – United States and Canada: 2002-2011

[Fall potatoes only for the United States and all potatoes for Canada. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop year	Area Planted Harvested		Yield	Total production	Utilized production <sup>1</sup>	Price <sup>2</sup>	Value 23
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2002	1,571.7	1,527.5	338.7	517,312	485,500	5.95	2,888,567
2003	1,564.5	1,538.9	342.7	527,431	487,805	5.33	2,601,441
2004	1,473.9	1,447.7	363.4	526,114	483,598	5.28	2,551,042
2005	1,375.0	1,337.2	359.9	481,317	451,570	6.90	3,116,600
2006	1,397.6	1,375.0	371.9	511,417	478,723	6.84	3,273,443
2007	1,407.0	1,388.4	372.2	516,782	485,028	7.41	3,595,055
2008	1,311.0	1,295.4	372.2	482,148	453,585	8.78	3,980,252
2009	1,306.6	1,276.9	387.2	494,403	462,369	8.21	3,794,646
2010	1,250.8	1,224.8	378.3	463,358	436,093	9.33	4,068,527
2011	1,318.4	1,286.7	371.3	477,766			

<sup>1</sup> Includes potatoes sold and used on farm where grown for human consumption, seed, and livestock feed.

<sup>2</sup> Converted to United States dollars.

<sup>3</sup> Includes value of potatoes sold for the United States and value of potatoes sold and used on farm where grown for human consumption, seed, and livestock feed for Canada.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada

# Potato Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, Total Production, Utilized Production, Price, and Farm Value by Season – United States: 2010-2011

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop year	Area		Yield	Total production	Utilized production <sup>1</sup>	Price	Value of sales <sup>2</sup>
and season	Planted	Planted Harvested					
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2010							
Spring	89.3	85.8	289	24,797	23,512	13.50	314,992
Summer	42.1	40.4	321	12,971	12,655	12.06	152,228
Fall	894.3	881.8	416	366,505	343,116	8.79	2,981,528
United States	1,025.7	1,008.0	401	404,273	379,283	9.20	3,448,748
2011							
Spring	93.1	90.5	283	25,640			
Summer		44.2	303	13,386			
Fall	957.3	938.5	410	385,113			
United States	1,095.6	1,073.2	395	424,139			

<sup>1</sup> Includes potatoes sold and used on farm where grown for human consumption, seed, and livestock feed.

<sup>2</sup> Includes value of potatoes sold.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

### **Statistical Methodology**

**Survey Procedures:** Potato estimates are the results of a variety of surveys. Fall potatoes are included in the June and December Quarterly Agricultural Surveys, but also follow Grower Special Surveys. Telephone follow-up of mail survey non-respondents is used to ensure adequate coverage. Special grower disposition surveys are conducted at the end of each season to provide additional details about the crop.

**Estimating Procedures:** Information obtained from the special grower disposition surveys along with federal administrative data is used to establish estimates of acreage, production, and amount sold. These estimates are reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates.

**Revision Policy:** All United States estimates in this report for the current year were carried forward from the latest forecast. End-of-season estimates of production are made following harvest and are subject to revision the following year based on a thorough review of all available data.

**Reliability:** Survey results are subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors cannot be measured directly, but they are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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