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IRISH POTATOES

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Utilization of 1957 and 1958 Crops

Potatoes sold for table stock from the 1958 crop amounted to 145,991,000 hundredweight, or 55 percent of the total production, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This compares with 143,763,000 hundredweight used for table stock from the 1957 crop, or 60 percent of production. Potatoes used for processing from the 1958 crop totaled 51,324,000 hundredweight or 19 percent of production compared to 41,256,000 hundredweight used for processing from the 1957 crop or 17 percent of production. Sales for livestock feed and seed amounted to 32,249,000 hundredweight from the 1958 crop compared to 22,725,000 from the 1957 crop. Growers sold 229,564,000 hundredweight from the 1958 crop or 86 percent of production while from the 1957 crop sales were 207,744,000 hundredweight or 87 percent of production. Non-sales items such as seed, feed, food, shrinkage, and loss on farms where grown totaled 36,165,000 from the 1958 crop compared with 31,795,000 from the 1957 crop.

Potatoes used for chips and shoestrings from the 1958 crop totaled 17,063,000 hundredweight, down 2 percent from the volume used from the 1957 crop. However, during the first six months of this year potato chippers used a larger volume from the early season production of 1959 than they did during the same period last year. Volume used by chippers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 was 10 percent above the volume used from the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958.

Processors of flakes, granules, and other forms of dehydrated potatoes used 5,917,000 hundredweight from the 1958 crop, an increase of 57 percent over the quantity thus processed from the 1957 crop. Potatoes used in making frozen French fries in 1958 was 7,352,000 hundredweight or 74 percent above the quantity from the crop of a year earlier. Volume used for making starch and flour from the 1958 crop was 17,217,000 hundredweight or 36 percent above the amount from the previous crop. Processors of potatoes for canned products, including hash, stews and soups also used more potatoes from the 1958 crop than they did from the 1957 crop.

Sales for seed were about the same for the two crops but sales for livestock feed from the 1958 crop were more than double the volume from the 1957 figure-- increasing from 8,950,000 hundredweight to 18,918,000 hundredweight.

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I R I S H P O T A T O E S: Utilization of the 1956, 1957, and 1958 Crops

Utilization Items	1956 Crop	1957 Crop	1958 Crop
	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>
A. Sales			
1. Table stock.....	142,607	143,763	145,991
2. For processing			
a. Chips and shoestrings.....	14,566	17,356	17,063
b. Dehydration.....	3,223	3,776	5,917
c. Frozen French fries.....	4,348	4,215	7,352
d. Other frozen products.....	327	612	911
e. Canned potatoes.....	994	1,216	1,250
f. Other canned products.....	1,289	1,390	1,614
(Hash, stews, soups)			
g. Starch and flour.....	18,336	12,691	17,217
Total.....	43,083	41,256	51,324
3. Other sales			
a. Livestock feed.....	7,675	8,950	18,918
b. Seed.....	13,442	13,775	13,331
Total.....	21,117	22,725	32,249
Total Sales.....	206,807	207,744	229,564
B. Non-sales			
1. Seed used on farm			
where grown.....	6,692	7,626	7,166
2. Household use.....	10,963	10,558	10,433
3. Feed.....	4,142	2,686	3,935
4. Shrinkage and loss.....	15,112	10,925	14,631
Total Non-sales.....	36,909	31,795	36,165
TOTAL PRODUCTION.....	243,716	239,539	265,729