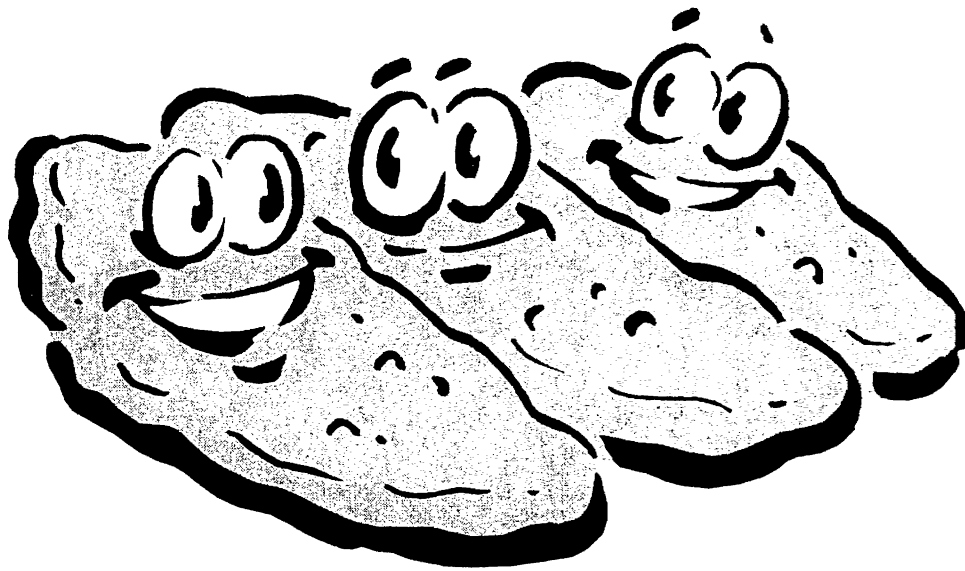


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July 2003 Thru June 2004

STATES		2003	2004											TOTAL
		JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
IDAHO	Rl & Pb	769	328	528	690	827	892	866	614	730	694	606	673	8217
	Truck	2122	1870	2153	2398	2030	2044	2183	1898	2185	2043	1885	2120	24931
	TOTAL	2891	2198	2681	3088	2857	2936	3049	2512	2915	2737	2491	2793	33148
Arizona	Rl & Pb	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	97	59	168
	Truck	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243	108	394
California														
Central	Rl & Pb	490	24	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	27	494	883	1885
	Truck	1063	403	47	20	0	0	319	198	76	0	565	1247	3938
Imp. Valley	Rail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	19
	Truck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	214	50		282
North	Rail	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Truck	82	12	2	106	107	134	132	87	73	91	63	74	963
South	Rl & Pb	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	25	43
	Truck	68	121	71	20	37	113	94	110	29	37	57	43	800
Colorado	Rail	0	0	95	33	86	108	39	38	113	138	124	91	865
	Truck	1488	579	1098	1412	1604	1683	1680	1431	1663	1654	1330	1150	16772
	Tr-Export	0	0	0	24	60	37	64	57	57	61	41	3	404
Delaware	Truck	45	195	247	216	84	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	819
Florida	Piggyback	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	7	16
	Truck	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	295	730	726	785	462	3010
Kansas	Rail	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
	Truck	61	632	41	0	0	0	0	0	0				734
Long Island	Truck	0	21	85	148	140	139	112	66	57	22	0	0	790
Maine	Truck	8	0	57	108	306	394	463	357	436	342	221	52	2744
	Tr-Export	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	Truck	43	128	156	150	143	158	189	158	183	162	152	22	1644
Minnesota	Rl & Pb	0	0	0	1	3	10	5	1	0	0	0	0	20
	Truck	94	666	556	365	264	224	171	105	107	84	82	33	2751
Nebraska	Rail	1	0	50	60	26	12	19	16	5	0	1	4	194
	Truck	69	202	406	426	427	266	282	219	237	238	347	221	3340
Nevada	Rail	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	1	1	1	9
	Truck	44	18	51	70	95	61	83	68	51	62	72	58	733
N. Mexico	Rail	49	118	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	196
	Truck	0	100	86	102	126	69	104	50	1	0	0	0	638
N. Carolina	Truck	333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	452
N. Dakota	Rl & Pb	0	0	7	34	53	39	52	22	16	10	0	0	233
	Truck	33	20	124	243	269	326	361	277	263	253	157	45	2371
Oregon	Rail	10	21	14	11	14	25	11	10	16	14	10	8	164
	Truck	54	79	201	219	162	171	195	148	135	161	149	139	1813
	Tr-Export	8	34	30	33	3	2	7	6	8	12	15	11	169
Texas	Rail	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
	Truck	259	338	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	597
Virginia	Truck	347	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	524
Washington	Rl & Pb	59	142	139	95	85	69	56	51	49	28	43	39	855
	Truck	438	893	663	941	938	789	681	448	750	670	751	525	8487
	Tr-Export	154	200	151	83	72	72	99	99	116	105	131	96	1378
Wisconsin	Truck	66	927	1260	1512	1314	1301	1322	1074	1135	1033	918	728	12590
TOTAL U.S.		8321	8185	8365	9524	9276	9176	9599	7903	9241	8916	9404	9117	107027
Canada (Import*)		410	256	288	340	559	568	607	552	640	534	532	483	5769
TOTAL		8731	8441	8653	9864	9835	9744	10206	8455	9881	9450	9936	9600	112796

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SHIPMENTS OF POTATOES, CHIPPERS - U.S. - BY MONTHS - 1,000 CWT														
July 2003 Thru June 2004														
STATES		2003 JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2004 JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
Idaho	TR	15	103	71	129	182	178	223	130	253	411	1/		1695 *
Arizona	TR	145	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2/		145 *
California														
Central	TR	333	236	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2/		608 *
Florida	PB	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	TR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	622	4228	3296	8146
Illinois	TR	0	0	0	54	21	0	0	0	0	0	3/		75 *
Kansas	TR	92	45	29	54	6	0	0	0	0	0	4/		226 *
Maine	TR	0	93	151	86	243	247	273	134	183	190	318	102	2020
Michigan	TR	0	800	830	1025	1161	901	985	710	954	895	652	231	9144
Minnesota	TR	0	0	23	24	102	128	127	96	100	124	49	3	776
Missouri	TR	902	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4/		976 *
Nebraska	TR	2	170	139	162	183	227	309	223	240	175	4/		1830 *
New Mexico	TR	0	0	103	73	95	104	115	61	65	7	1/		623 *
New York	TR	0	69	429	263	201	209	232	140	149	105	0	0	1797
N. Carolina	TR	1840	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	632	2584
N. Dakota	TR	0	0	34	56	170	213	226	159	190	194	125	8	1375
Ohio	TR	0	167	68	52	83	43	28	0	0	0	0	0	441
Pennsylvania	TR	0	181	138	151	75	73	92	77	57	14	0	0	858
Virginia	TR	337	216	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	566
Wisconsin	TR	132	286	313	388	629	781	743	723	701	556	0	288	5540
Wyoming	TR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mid Central Region	TR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	133	155	288
Mid West District	TR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Region	TR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209	89	298
West Coast Region	TR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	232	455	687
TOTAL U.S.		3799	2552	2367	2517	3151	3104	3353	2453	2892	3293	5946*	5272*	29481 *

1/ Started reporting under the Rocky Mountain Region May 1, 2004

2/ Started reporting under the West Coast Region May 1, 2004

3/ Started reporting under the Mid West District May 1, 2004

4/ Started reporting under the Mid Central District May 1, 2004

* Shipments incomplete

**Potatoes: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Seasonal
Group, State, and United States, 2003-2004**

Seasonal Group & State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Winter <u>1/</u>								
CA	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	310	250	2,635	2,125
FL	6.1	5.7	5.8	5.5	240	250	1,392	1,375
TOTAL	14.6	14.2	14.3	14.0	281	250	4,153	3,500
Spring <u>1/</u>								
AZ	7.6	6.2	7.6	6.2	275	285	2,090	1,767
CA	19.0	17.5	19.0	17.5	440	380	8,360	6,650
FL	30.0	22.8	28.6	22.5	280	249	8,008	5,605
Hastings	21.5	16.2	20.3	16.0	280	265	5,684	4,240
Other FL	8.5	6.6	8.3	6.5	280	210	2,324	1,365
NC	19.0	16.0	17.0	15.0	175	190	2,975	2,850
TX	13.0	11.0	12.5	10.5	240	210	3,000	2,205
TOTAL	88.6	73.5	84.7	71.7	288	266	24,433	19,077
Summer <u>2/</u>								
AL	3.0	2.9	1.8	2.0	185	165	333	330
CA	7.5	7.0	7.2	7.0	385	380	2,772	2,660
CO	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	360	365	2,304	2,236
DE	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.2	240	260	864	832
IL	6.5	5.0	6.1	4.8	360	350	2,196	1,680
KS	2.8	3.2	2.7	3.1	380	400	1,026	1,240
MD	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	240	260	1,104	1,196
MO	8.0	6.0	7.1	5.5	265	315	1,882	1,733
NJ	2.8	2.3	2.7	2.3	250	275	675	633
NM	1.9	1.5	1.9	1.5	280	300	532	450
TX	9.0	10.4	8.4	9.6	420	440	3,528	4,224
VA	7.0	6.0	6.2	5.1	250	230	1,550	1,173
TOTAL	63.4	58.8	58.7	55.1	320	336	18,766	18,487
Fall <u>2/</u> , <u>3/</u>								
CA	8.3	7.7	8.3	7.7	425		3,528	
CO	66.3	65.0	65.7	64.8	360		23,652	
ID	360.0	350.0	358.0	348.0	344		123,180	
10 SW Co	25.0	26.0	25.0	26.0	465		11,625	
Other ID	335.0	324.0	333.0	322.0	335		111,555	
IN	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.2	250		925	
ME	66.0	63.5	65.5	63.0	260		17,030	
MA	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.5	265		716	
MI	46.0	43.0	45.5	42.0	330		15,015	
MN	60.0	53.0	58.0	49.0	385		22,330	
MT	10.7	10.7	10.6	10.6	315		3,339	
NE	23.5	22.0	23.2	21.5	420		9,744	
NV	8.3	6.7	8.0	6.7	415		3,320	
NM	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	400		1,600	
NY	22.2	20.0	21.7	19.7	300		6,510	
ND	117.0	95.0	112.0	91.0	245		27,440	
OH	4.5	3.7	4.3	3.6	255		1,097	
OR	42.8	40.0	44.5	40.0	493		20,991	
Malheur	5.8	5.3	5.8	5.3	415		2,407	
Other OR	37.0	34.7	36.8	34.7	505		18,584	
PA	13.0	12.0	12.5	11.0	270		3,375	
RJ	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	285		171	
SD <u>4/</u>	1.0		1.0		340		340	
UT <u>4/</u>	1.0		1.0		335		335	
WA	163.0	160.0	162.0	160.0	575		93,150	
WI	81.0	75.0	80.0	74.0	410		32,800	
TOTAL	1,114.4	1,037.8	1,093.4	1,022.8	376		410,588	
US	1,106.0	1,248.6	1,090.9	1,163.6	367		457,814	

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

2/ 2003 Crop revised.

3/ The forecast of fall potato production will be published in the November "Crop Production".

4/ Estimates discontinued in 2004.

Source: Crop Production – September 10, 2004, NASS, USDA

**POTATOES: UTILIZATION OF CROPS, UNITED STATES,
2000-03**

Utilization Items	Crop Year			
	2000 <u>1/</u>	2001 <u>1/</u>	2002 <u>1/</u>	2003
	1,000 cwt			
<u>Sales</u>				
Table Stock	139,590	122,552	131,889	135,368
Processing				
Chips and Shoestrings	52,405	54,080	51,640	52,754
Dehydration	54,332	40,759	51,357	48,418
Frozen French Fries	146,869	126,711	124,875	126,515
Other Frozen Products	26,723	23,598	28,951	23,870
Canned Products	2,368	2,590	2,744	3,003
Other Canned Products (Hash, Stews, Soups)	2,709	1,722	2,089	1,804
Starch, Flour, & Other	1,966	1,015	1,050	879
Total	287,372	250,475	262,706	257,243
<u>Other Sales</u>				
Livestock Feed <u>2/</u>	14,265	3,496	3,044	2,005
Seed	23,345	25,537	24,005	22,361
Diversion (Other than Feed)				
Total	37,610	28,033	27,049	24,366
TOTAL SALES	464,572	401,060	421,644	416,977
<u>Non-Sales</u>				
Seed Used on Farms				
Where Grown	3,792	4,088	4,144	3,999
Household Use and Used for				
Feed on Farms Where Grown	1,495	1,298	1,478	1,542
Shrinkage and Loss	43,685	31,227	30,905	35,296
TOTAL NON-SALES	48,972	36,613	36,527	40,837
TOTAL PRODUCTION	513,544	437,673	458,171	457,814

1/ Revised.

2/ Includes 6,872 thousand cwt sold for livestock feed under Government Diversion Program for 2000.

Source: POTATOES – 2003 Summary – September, 2004 USDA/NASS

PROCESSING

1,000 cwt

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, ^{1/} NINE STATES, 2001-2003^{1/}

STATES	Storage Season	To Oct 1	To Nov 1	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Entire Season
Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon	2001-02	8,050	14,350	20,940	27,330	33,620	40,860	47,710	54,150	61,200	73,390
All Potatoes	2002-03	11,790	20,180	28,380	34,860	41,200	48,600	56,240	63,840	71,280	85,390
	2003-04	9,810	17,290	24,310	30,730	36,260	43,640	49,570	56,380	63,770	77,530
IDAHO Potatoes	2001-02	5,670	10,970	17,030	22,750	28,470	35,310	41,640	47,480	53,860	65,720
	2002-03	8,630	16,170	23,800	30,020	36,100	43,030	50,110	57,310	64,350	78,200
	2003-04	7,870	15,030	20,640	26,950	32,230	38,310	43,980	50,230	57,380	70,140
Maine ^{2/}	2001-02			1,975	2,440	3,110	3,700	4,285	4,775	5,515	7,195
	2002-03			2,230	2,715	3,345	3,905	4,505	5,225	5,905	7,835
	2003-04			1,590	2,085	2,720	3,420	4,095	4,740	5,400	7,270
Wash. & Other Areas, Oregon	2001-02	15,380	22,090	29,320	35,310	40,540	47,910	54,970	61,360	69,400	77,180
	2002-03	19,500	26,440	33,680	39,490	44,190	51,920	58,710	64,300	71,480	79,110
	2003-04	18,100	24,690	32,670	38,520	43,610	51,210	58,500	64,160	72,350	79,800
Other States ^{3/}	2001-02			13,170	14,925	19,000	22,115	24,655	27,815	30,460	37,740
	2002-03			12,190	14,865	18,865	20,740	23,580	26,000	29,075	36,705
	2003-04			13,835	16,505	19,590	22,685	25,920	29,480	32,845	42,160
TOTAL (9 STATES)	2001-02			65,405	80,005	96,270	114,585	131,620	148,100	166,575	195,505
	2002-03			76,480	91,930	106,600	125,165	143,035	159,365	177,740	209,040
	2003-04			72,405	87,840	102,180	120,955	138,085	154,760	174,365	206,760
Dehydrated ^{4/}	2001-02 ^{5/}										38,581
	2002-03			15,675	19,660	23,710	27,950	31,915	36,105	40,455	48,940
	2003-04			14,250	18,440	22,050	26,090	30,290	34,630	39,070	47,750

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, CO, MI, and WI. 2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. 3/ February revised. 4/ MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI in 2001. CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI in 2002 and 2003. 5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI. 6/ No monthly data available.

Source: Potatoes – 2003 Summary – September 2004 (USDA)

**POTATOES: PERCENT OF ACREAGE PLANTED BY TYPE OF POTATOES,
11 MAJOR STATES, 2003-2004**

STATE	Potato Types 1/					
	REDS		WHITES		RUSSETS	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Percent					
Colorado	5	5	12	13	83	82
Idaho	2	2	3	3	95	95
Maine	4	4	56	55	40	41
Michigan	4	3	83	84	13	13
Minnesota	28	23	11	10	61	67
New York		5	100	90		5
N. Dakota	20	17	39	39	41	44
Oregon	2	4	26	22	72	74
Pennsylvania		4	100	96		
Washington	6	3	9	9	85	88
Wisconsin	10	11	32	32	52	57
TOTAL	7	6	21	21	70	73

1/ Predominant type shown may include small portion of other type(s) constituting less than 1% of state's total. Yellow flesh potatoes are reported under white types. Blue types are reported under red types.

Source: Crop Production – July 2004 - NASS, USDA

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF PROCESSED POTATOES

1,000 lbs.

End of Month.

	2003 <u>1/</u> JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
French Fries	859,504	821,342	895,402	974,023	968,108	869,521
Other Frozen	270,935	249,079	258,271	279,923	264,709	250,897
TOTAL FROZEN	1,130,439	1,070,421	1,153,673	1,253,946	1,232,817	1,120,418
	2004 <u>2/</u> JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
French Fries	906,579	930,547	919,539	874,233	894,667	864,111
Other Frozen	260,680	276,811	272,912	284,469	291,270	263,341
TOTAL FROZEN	1,167,259	1,207,358	1,192,451	1,158,702	1,185,937	1,127,452

1/ Revised 2/ Preliminary – will be updated by Cold Storage Annual Summary released February, 2005

Source: Agricultural Statistics Board, NASS, USDA

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FROZEN FRENCH FRIED POTATOES, BY MONTH

	JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1	JUL 1	AUG 1	SEP 1	OCT 1	NOV 1	DEC 1
YEAR	Million Pounds											
1993	742	734	778	791	694	733	732	693	671	783	908	894
1994	779	785	800	791	783	815	808	728	774	832	908	895
1995	835	885	929	916	889	880	872	767	764	914	992	938
1996	904	932	953	942	899	867	840	707	761	921	1,031	962
1997	921	920	969	971	979	973	1,022	985	906	1,045	1,124	1,095
1998	974	948	1,019	1,039	970	1,012	1,036	967	938	1,010	1,076	1,031
1999	948	959	1,005	1,015	977	981	966	900	928	1,002	1,073	1,020
2000	946	912	1,026	1,016	968	987	930	927	923	1,041	1,104	1,049
2001	959	983	998	999	1,032	1,017	1,083	1,012	954	1,072	1,105	1,067
2002	1,010	1,047	1,032	1,005	964	913	938	848	798	889	994	957
2003 <u>1/</u>	877	917	950	950	899	867	900	860	821	894	969	968
2004 <u>2/</u>	870	907	931	920	874	895	864	858				

1/ Revised. 2/ Preliminary

Source: Cold Storage – 2003 Summary – February 2004 – Agricultural Statistics Board, NASS, USDA

POTATOES: TOTAL STOCKS HELD BY GROWERS AND LOCAL DEALERS
FALL STATES, 2002 & 2003 CROPS

CROP YEAR AND STATE	Current Year	Following Year <u>1/</u>					
	2002 DEC 1	2003 JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
	1,000 cwt						
2002 <u>2/</u>							
California	3,400	2,900	2,500	2,000	1,600	1,000	700
Colorado	20,500	18,100	15,300	13,100	9,900	5,800	3,800
IDAHO	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000	34,500	21,000
Maine	12,600	11,200	9,500	8,000	6,300	3,900	2,100
Michigan	7,900	6,500	5,600	4,500	2,900	1,000	
Minnesota	12,000	10,500	9,100	7,400	6,100	4,500	2,300
Montana	3,100	3,000	2,900	2,800	1,900	400	
Nebraska	5,500	4,550	3,700				
New York	2,400	1,800	1,100	600	220		
N. Dakota	16,000	14,000	11,600	10,000	7,900	5,500	2,700
Ohio	85	40	20				
Oregon	17,500	15,000	12,500	9,900	7,500	5,000	2,300
Pennsylvania	1,300	1,000	700	500	400		
Washington	50,000	43,500	38,500	30,500	23,000	16,500	9,000
Wisconsin	20,200	16,900	13,500	11,000	7,000	3,600	1,300
Other	0	0	0	2,910	2,050	1,340	680
TOTAL 15 STATES	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880

1/ Blank states combined into "Other". 2/ Revised

Source: Potatoes 2003 Summary – September 2004 NASS/USDA

CROP YEAR AND STATE	Current Year	Following Year <u>1/</u>					
	2003 DEC 1	2004 JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
	1,000 cwt						
2003							
California	2,700	2,100	1,600	1,300	1,000	700	
Colorado	17,500	15,300	12,600	10,700	7,500	4,300	2,600
IDAHO	86,000	76,500	67,000	58,000	46,000	33,000	19,500
Maine	13,500	12,100	10,500	8,900	6,500	4,100	2,300
Michigan	9,420	7,700	6,200	5,100	3,200	1,500	
Minnesota	14,000	12,400	11,100	9,600	7,600	5,500	3,500
Montana	3,100	3,000	2,900	2,800	2,300	1,000	
Nebraska	6,500	5,600	4,600				
New York	2,700	1,600	1,100	700	300		
N. Dakota	19,400	17,300	15,000	13,000	11,200	8,300	5,000
Ohio	300	190	130				
Oregon	18,000	15,800	13,500	11,000	8,400	5,500	2,900
Pennsylvania	1,900	1,500	1,100	700	400		
Washington	51,000	44,000	38,000	29,500	21,500	15,000	7,000
Wisconsin	22,100	18,500	14,900	11,200	7,600	4,200	1,500
Other				3,780	2,610	1,900	1,720
TOTAL 15 STATES	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020

1/ Blank states combined into "Other".

Source: Idaho Potatoes (Monthly Issues) NASS/USDA

POTATOES: SELECTED U.S. IMPORTS, BY TYPE, 1978-2003 1/							
Year	Fresh	Seed	Frozen	Dehydrated 2/	Dried	Flour	Starch
--- 1,000 pounds ---							
1978	85,376	64,674	6,313	1,682	809	771	21,539
1979	98,058	61,376	16,424	293	1,641	215	14,945
1980	140,675	77,691	10,915	179	151	623	15,917
1981	246,984	145,369	14,989	136	2,374	602	41,410
1982	348,374	130,026	22,164	44	1,515	700	26,789
1983	279,557	69,529	26,557	135	417	775	21,795
1984	253,579	71,570	49,732	364	3,172	1,007	30,084
1985	300,469	105,403	69,081	2,826	2,571	1,142	61,081
1986	280,813	63,645	73,527	1,194	4,226	1,305	47,422
1987	402,791	96,995	93,901	452	3,702	1,545	60,742
1988	388,394	95,029	101,907	201	5,022	571	77,638
1989	509,347	160,932	104,206	1,624	2,758	693	97,406
1990	482,903	201,044	138,196	880	1,082	808	126,354
1991	437,349	178,907	170,542	2,058	427	833	92,949
1992	273,515	128,071	195,657	1,161	277	564	95,598
1993	541,382	171,200	290,503	1,679	217	761	125,765
1994	405,899	236,911	309,675	1,820	288	537	100,436
1995	458,926	225,942	355,063	4,671	266	473	103,221
1996	690,768	295,698	454,283	3,064	297	476	89,816
1997	512,321	252,499	697,252	2,810	283	271	122,590
1998	737,223	323,801	871,053	5,798	229	718	105,798
1999	610,538	312,894	982,650	10,792	235	931	116,584
2000	502,706	302,754	1,153,119	21,045	122	582	127,317
2001	487,889	183,172	1,297,380	23,392	151	1,888	124,928
2002	621,475	261,647	1,449,712	27,929	189	1,948	160,620
2003 3/	635,007	237,364	1,651,671	33,971	303	1,788	178,530

-- = Not available.

1/ Imports of processed potatoes are in product weight as reported by Census. 2/ Includes flakes and granules. 3/ Potato chip imports totaled 61.5 million pounds in 2003.

POTATOES: SELECTED U.S. EXPORTS, BY TYPE, 1978-2003 1/								
Year	Fresh 2/	Seed 2/	Frozen			Flakes and Granules	Chips 3/	Dried 4/
			Total	Fries	Other			
1978	361,282	45,347	53,099	42,025	11,074	68,432	15,461	28,934
1979	382,667	32,000	66,654	55,281	11,373	80,985	13,976	26,297
1980	248,038	26,594	84,544	73,328	11,216	102,337	13,232	10,175
1981	377,198	21,380	102,435	86,711	15,723	58,816	11,474	7,924
1982	285,374	19,782	109,719	95,302	14,417	65,634	13,342	8,855
1983	265,548	17,689	121,352	106,051	15,302	42,219	9,138	8,433
1984	335,228	25,097	140,435	123,134	17,300	42,372	8,599	7,984
1985	309,437	20,448	145,828	127,697	18,131	30,739	7,836	9,207
1986	313,618	26,989	195,066	171,756	23,310	42,624	8,802	8,978
1987	340,934	22,281	246,004	212,982	33,022	48,778	12,408	11,068
1988	394,279	27,606	309,109	265,636	43,473	58,829	16,582	12,519
1989	444,993	22,844	363,318	319,770	43,548	46,067	20,658	5,838
1990	301,891	25,443	421,597	385,884	35,712	41,192	44,222	6,389
1991	297,317	44,365	409,779	377,808	31,971	63,800	54,568	10,737
1992	499,894	38,045	463,826	429,166	34,659	72,138	84,369	13,505
1993	506,631	32,714	527,749	482,543	45,206	57,944	110,252	14,482
1994	620,373	34,653	638,062	593,025	42,037	81,368	155,107	8,581
1995	536,510	47,428	834,179	778,566	55,613	117,869	135,759	14,416
1996	564,010	46,043	857,557	800,473	57,084	85,581	128,758	13,505
1997	634,904	35,366	959,435	903,999	55,436	85,432	136,274	17,373
1998	607,753	43,165	1,037,775	991,077	46,698	71,755	245,529	15,644
1999	579,378	19,688	1,076,636	1,023,884	52,752	264,324	236,405	13,621
2000	644,190	32,387	1,147,376	1,072,490	74,887	98,451	201,555	9,294
2001	579,361	56,815	1,132,899	1,082,888	50,010	89,911	155,147	11,776
2002	643,545	49,651	1,101,608	1,051,671	49,937	64,895	163,835	6,543
2003	541,775	48,577	990,752	935,924	54,828	100,080	125,476	5,432

-- = Not available.

1/ Exports of processed potatoes in product weight as reported by the Bureau of the Census. 2/ Data for 1978 to 1989 incorporate data on Canadian imports of U.S. potatoes as reported by Canada. 3/ Includes corn chips prior to 1978. 4/ Excludes flour and starch. Flour/meal was 8.8 mil. lb in 2003.

Source: Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. Vegetables and Specialties, USDA, ERS July 2004

POTATOES: U.S. PER CAPITA UTILIZATION, BY CATEGORY, 1978-2004 1/							
Year	Total	Fresh	Processing				
			Total	Freezing	Chips & Shoestrings	Dehydrating	Canning
	--- Pounds, farm weight ---						
1978	119.5	46.0	73.5	42.6	16.5	12.1	2.3
1979	117.8	49.3	68.5	38.5	16.7	11.2	2.1
1980	114.7	51.1	63.6	35.4	16.5	9.8	1.9
1981	116.5	45.8	70.7	41.5	16.6	10.8	1.8
1982	115.0	47.1	67.9	38.6	17.0	10.4	1.9
1983	118.7	49.8	68.9	39.2	17.8	10.0	1.9
1984	122.1	48.3	73.8	43.7	18.0	10.3	1.8
1985	122.4	46.3	76.1	45.4	17.6	11.2	1.9
1986	125.9	48.8	77.1	46.3	18.1	10.9	1.8
1987	126.0	47.9	78.1	47.9	17.6	10.8	1.8
1988	122.3	49.6	72.7	43.3	17.1	10.4	1.9
1989	127.0	50.0	77.0	46.8	17.4	10.8	2.0
1990	123.9	46.7	77.2	46.4	16.4	12.6	1.8
1991	134.1	50.2	83.9	51.1	17.3	13.8	1.7
1992	129.9	48.3	81.6	49.9	17.1	12.8	1.8
1993	136.7	50.1	86.6	53.5	17.7	13.7	1.7
1994	136.7	49.6	87.1	55.7	16.5	13.2	1.7
1995	136.9	49.2	87.7	56.2	16.4	13.2	1.9
1996	145.0	49.9	95.1	60.2	16.4	16.7	1.8
1997	141.4	48.5	92.9	59.3	15.9	15.9	1.8
1998	138.1	47.0	91.1	58.2	14.8	16.6	1.5
1999	136.5	48.0	88.5	58.5	15.9	12.3	1.8
2000 r	138.8	47.3	91.5	57.9	16.0	15.9	1.7
2001 r	138.2	46.4	91.8	57.9	17.6	14.7	1.6
2002 r	132.3	44.6	87.7	55.1	16.4	14.8	1.4
2003 r, p	138.8	47.0	91.8	57.6	17.2	15.5	1.5
2004 f	136.0	45.6	90.4	56.6	17.1	15.2	1.5

r – Revised p = Preliminary. f = ERS Forecast.

^{1/} Calendar-year estimates on a fresh-equivalent basis.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Vegetables and Specialties, USDA, ERS, July 2003

CANADIAN POTATO PRODUCTION				
	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	Total Production
	Acres	Acres	Cwts/acre	Cwts
2002				
Canada	437,600	422,300	245.6	103,731,000
Nfld	700	700	164.2	115,000
PEI	109,000	107,500	280.0	30,100,000
NS	5,500	5,500	220.0	1,210,000
NB	58,000	58,000	260.0	15,080,000
Que	48,900	47,900	210.3	10,072,000
Ont	43,700	41,700	167.0	6,964,000
Man	88,000	84,000	220.0	18,480,000
Sask	13,000	12,500	285.0	3,563,000
Alta	62,000	55,800	280.0	15,624,000
B.C.	8,800	8,700	290.0	2,523,000

Source: Statistics Canada – July 2004

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MARKETING THE 2003 CENTRAL ARIZONA POTATO CROP

Acreage and Production: Arizona

Spring crop acreage was estimated by NASS, USDA at 7,600 acres, a decrease from 2002s 7,800 acres. Yields were 275 cwt in 2003, an increase from 2002s yields of 270 cwt. Production was 2,090,000 cwt in 2003 compared to 2,106,000 in 2002. Most of the Spring acreage is in Maricopa county, including Tolleson and the southeast Salt River Valley near Queen Creek. Potatoes are grown for the fresh market and for chipping processing.

Shipments: Shipments started in late April and continued through mid July. Shipments were collected from the

voluntary cooperation of the six handling fresh potatoes. Fresh movement for the season was 766,000 cwt. This was an increase from 636,000 cwt in 2002.

Marketing: Florida and California

Kern District Round Red prices influence the Arizona market. The first f.o.b. price report was issued on April 26. Round Red 50-lb cartons U.S. One size A was \$10.00-13.00. The last report was issued on June 7 at \$7.00-9.25.

Packaging: The major packs remain 100-lb sacks and 50-lb cartons.

CENTRAL ARIZONA
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
2003 Season

Week Ending	100 lb sks	50 lb ctns	50 lb ctns	50 lb ctns
	ROUND RED U.S. One Sz A	ROUND RED U.S. One Sz A	ROUND RED U.S. One Sz B	ROUND RED U.S. One Creamers $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 $\frac{5}{8}$ "
<u>2003</u>				
Apr 26	--	10.00-13.00	12.00-15.00	--
May 3	20.00-22.00	10.00-12.25	10.00-12.25	24.25-30.00
10	16.00-20.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	24.00-30.00
17	14.00-18.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	24.00-25.00
24	12.00-16.00	8.00-9.25	8.00-10.00	24.00-25.00
31	10.00-14.00	7.00-10.00	8.00-10.25	22.00-26.00
Jun 7	10.00-14.00	7.00-9.25	8.50-10.25	20.00-25.00

CENTRAL ARIZONA Weekly Potato Shipments – 2003 Crop 1,000 cwt				
Week Ending	Rail & Piggyback	Truck	Weekly Total	Total to Date
<u>2003</u>				
Apr 26	6	87	93	93
May 3	16	71	87	180
10	24	73	97	277
17	17	89	106	383
24	28	70	98	481
31	28	43	71	552
Jun 7	16	43	59	611
14	18	31	49	660
21	12	7	19	679
28	8	17	25	704
Jul 5	1	28	29	733
12	0	9	9	742
19	0	5	5	747
TOTAL	174	573	747	
CENTRAL ARIZONA Monthly Potato Shipments – 2003 Crop 1,000 cwt				
Week Ending	Rail & Piggyback	Truck	Weekly Total	Total to Date
<u>2003</u>				
April	12	123	135	136
May	105	325	430	565
June	54	98	152	717
July	1	43	44	761
TOTAL	172	589	761	

Marketing the 2003 Kern Potatoes Crop

Shipments: Fresh shipments totaled 4.5 million cwt. This was 8.5% less than the shipments recorded for the 2002 crop.

Shipments started in late April, then peaked in June and continued through August. By type, the shipments were 36% Russets, 29% Long Whites and 26% Round Red, and 10% other. The recorded table stock shipments include some bulk rail shipments but one large shipper does not cooperate with shipment data. Chip stock shipments (also incomplete) were recorded at 1.48 million cwt.

Acreage & Production: California Spring crop acreage planted was estimated by NASS at 19,000 acres. Average yield was 440 cwt. per acre and production was 8,360,000 cwt.

Marketing: The market opened the first week of May with Long Whites, U.S. No. 1 100-lb. sacks size A at \$20.00-\$22.00 but quickly fell. By June and in July Long

White prices were at \$10.00-\$12.00 per sack.

Round Red prices, 100-lb. sack U.S. No. 1, size A opened at \$12.00-\$14.00 in May. The season low was \$6.00-\$10.00 in June and closed at \$8.00.

Russet Norkotah marketing started in June. The baled 5 10-lb. film bags non-size A were \$3.50-\$4.00 per bale for most of the season. 50-lb. cartons of 80 count opened the first week at \$7.00-\$8.00 per carton. Prices trailed down to \$4.50-\$5.50 by the end of the season and were much lower than 2002 crop prices of \$14.00-\$15.00 per carton.

Transportation Trends: Shipments are collected from individual shippers and released as an aggregated total. From this total rail shipments are subtracted. Trucks hauled 61% of the fresh shipments, rail 38%, and piggyback 1%.

KERN DISTRICT CALIFORNIA
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
2003 Crop

Week Ending	50 lb ctns LONG WHITE U.S. ONE Sz A	50 lb ctns LONG WHITE U.S. ONE Sz B	100 lb sks LONG WHITE U.S. One Sz A	50 lb ctns LONG WHITE U.S. ONE Creamers ¾-1 5/8"	50 lb ctns YELLOW TYPE U.S. ONE Sz A	50 lb ctns YELLOW TYPE U.S. ONE Sz B	100 lb sks YELLOW TYPE U.S. ONE Sz A	50 lb ctns YELLOW TYPE U.S. ONE Creamers ¾-1 5/8"
2003								
May 3	14.00	10.00	20.00-22.00	30.00	--	--	--	--
10	14.00	10.00	20.00-22.00	30.00	16.00	10.00	--	30.00
17	12.00-14.00	10.00	16.00-20.00	28.00-30.00	14.00-16.00	10.00	--	28.00-30.00
24	12.00	8.00-10.00	14.00-16.00	28.00-30.00	12.00-14.00	10.00	--	25.00-30.00
31	10.00-11.00	8.00	14.00	25.00-30.00	12.00	10.00	--	25.00-30.00
Jun 7	10.00	8.00	12.00-14.00	25.00-30.00	10.00	8.00-10.00	--	25.00-30.00
14	9.00-10.00	8.00	12.00	25.00-30.00	10.00	8.00-10.00	--	25.00-30.00
21	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	10.00-12.00	25.00-30.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	14.00-15.00	25.00-30.00
28	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	10.00-12.00	25.00-26.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	14.00-16.00	25.00-30.00
Jul 5	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	10.00-12.00	25.00-30.00	10.00-12.00	8.00	14.00-16.00	25.00-30.00
12	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	10.00-12.00	25.00-30.00	12.00	8.00	--	30.00
19	8.00-9.00	6.00-8.00	--	25.00-26.00	--	--	--	--
26								
Aug 02								

Week Ending	50 lb ctns ROUND RED U.S. ONE Sz A	50 lb ctns ROUND RED U.S. ONE Sz B	50 lb ctns ROUND RED U.S. ONE Creamers ¾-1 5/8"	100 lb sks ROUND RED U.S. One Sz A
2003				
May 10	9.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	20.00-25.00	--
17	8.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	20.00-25.00	12.00-14.00
24	8.00	9.00-12.00	22.00-26.00	12.00-14.00
31	8.00	9.00-10.00	22.00-26.00	10.00-12.00
Jun 7	7.00-8.00	8.00-10.00	22.00-26.00	8.00-10.00
14	6.00-8.00	7.00-9.00	22.00-26.00	8.00-10.00
21	6.00-7.00	7.00-9.00	22.00-26.00	6.00-10.00
28	6.00-8.00	8.00-12.00	22.00-26.00	6.00-10.00
Jul 5	7.00-8.00	10.00-14.00	24.00-30.00	8.00-10.00
12	6.00-8.00	12.00	25.00-30.00	8.00-10.00
19	6.00-8.00	12.00	25.00-26.00	8.00
26	7.00-8.00	12.00-14.00	25.00-30.00	8.00

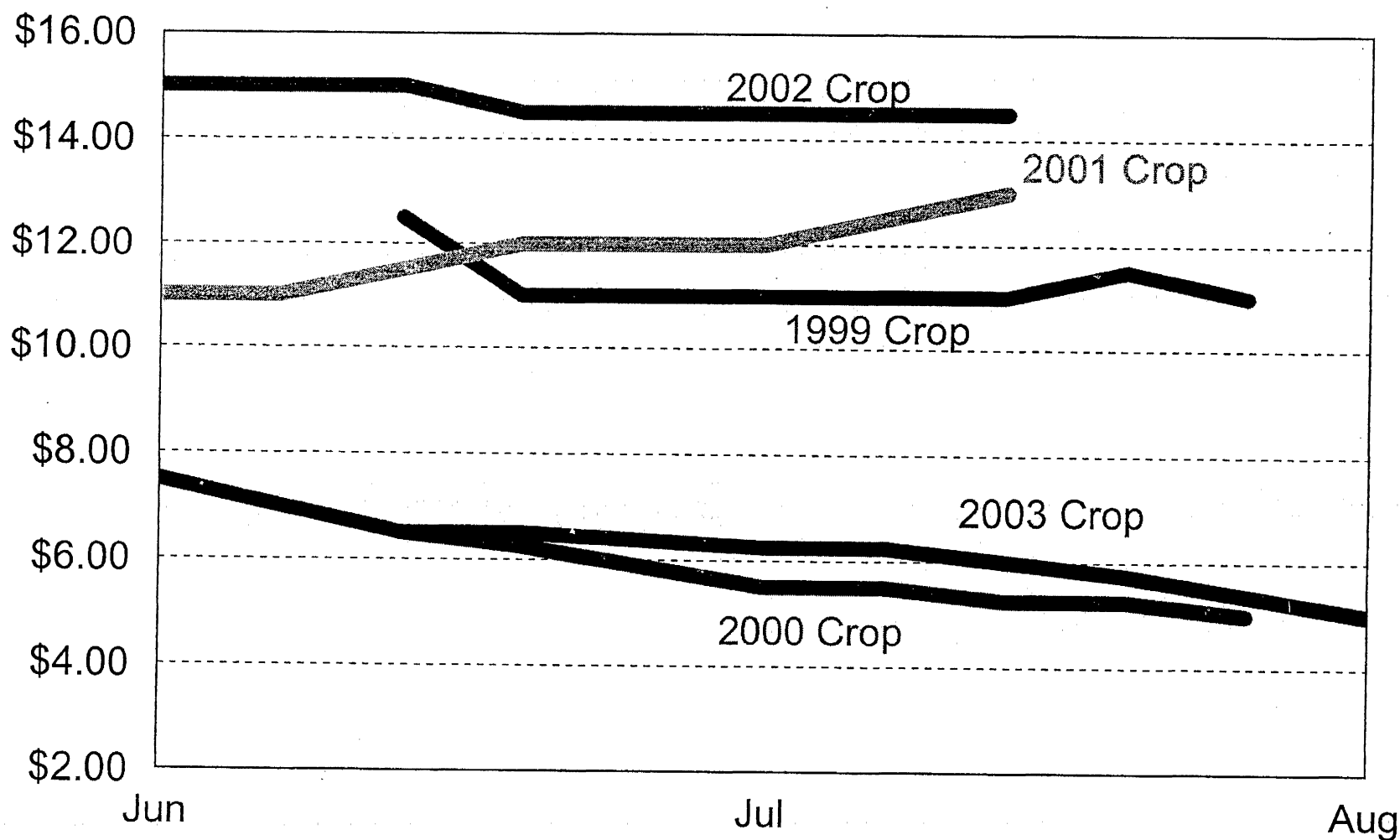
KERN DISTRICT CALIFORNIA
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
2003 Crop (Continued)

Week Ending	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs Russet Norkotah U.S. ONE Non Sz A	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs Russet Norkotah U.S. ONE Non Sz A	100 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. ONE Non Sz A	100 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. ONE 5-9 oz.
<u>2003</u>				
Jun 7	3.50-5.00	4.50-6.00	8.00	10.00-10.50
14	3.50-5.00	4.50-6.00	7.00-8.00	10.00-10.50
21	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	7.00	9.00-10.00
28	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00
Jul 5	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00
12	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	6.00-7.00	8.00-10.00
19	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	6.00	8.00-9.00
26	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.00-6.00	--
Aug 02	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	5.00-6.00	--

Week Ending	50 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. ONE 60s	50 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. ONE 70s	50 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. ONE 80s	50 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. ONE 90s	50 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. ONE 100s
<u>2003</u>					
Jun 7	--	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00
14	--	7.00-8.50	6.00-8.00	6.00-8.00	6.00-7.00
21	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00
28	7.50-8.00	7.00-7.50	6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00
Jul 5	7.50-8.00	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	6.00	5.50-6.00
12	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
19	6.50-7.50	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.50	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50
26	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
Aug 02	5.00-6.50	5.00-6.50	4.50-5.50	4.50-5.50	4.50-5.50

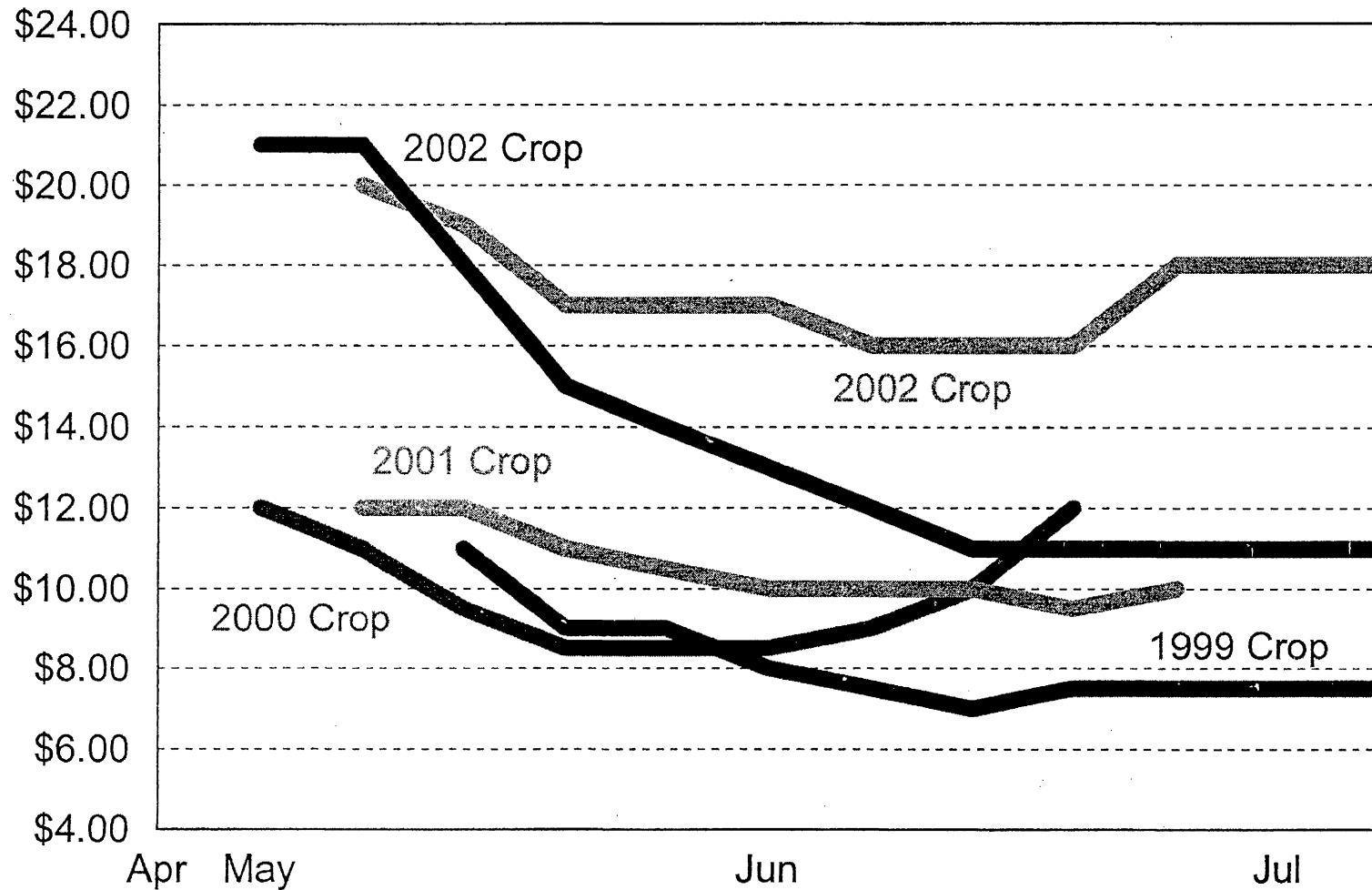
Kern District Potatoes

Russet Norkotah 80 count cartons



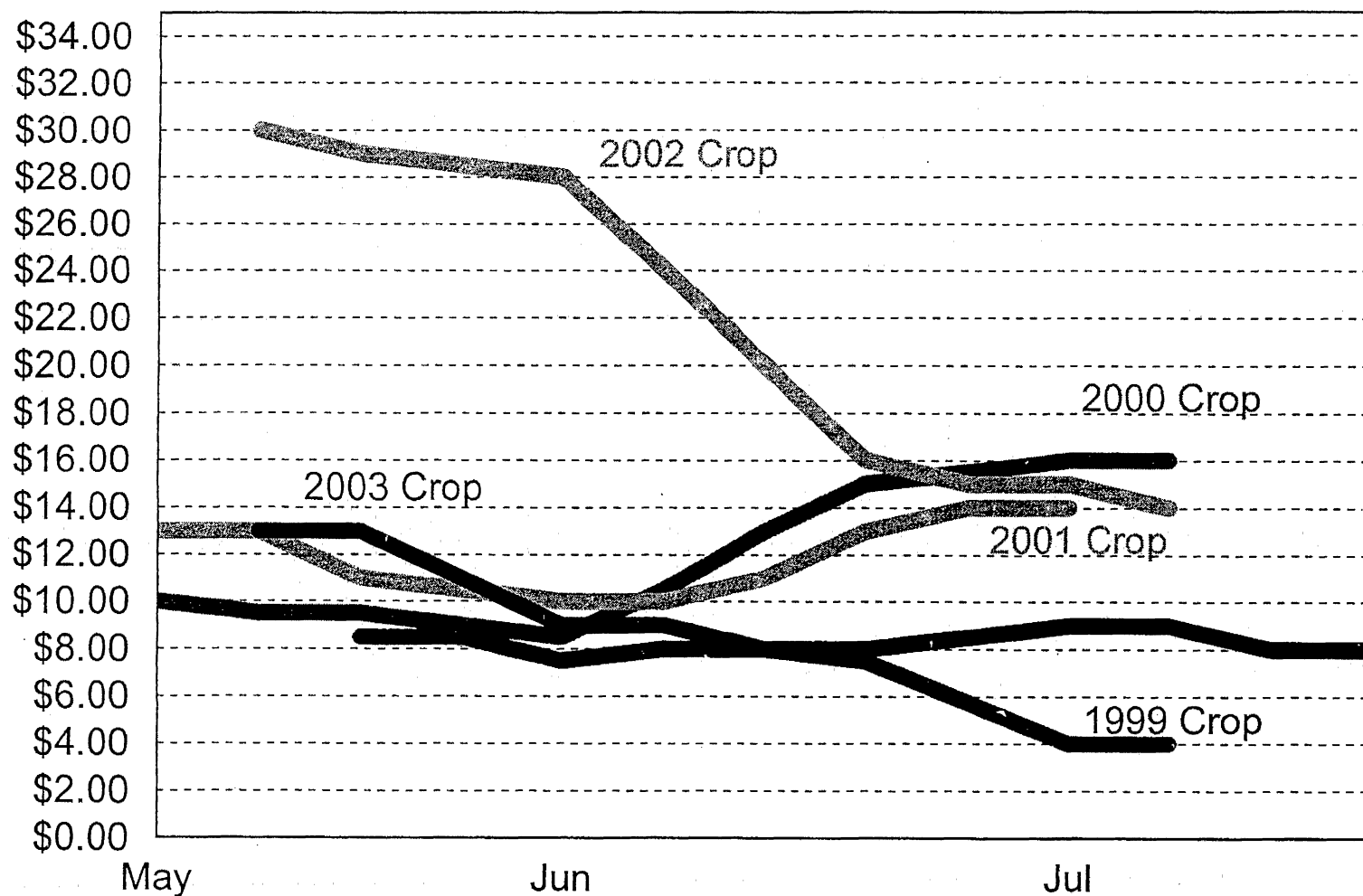
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Long Whites (100 lb Size A)



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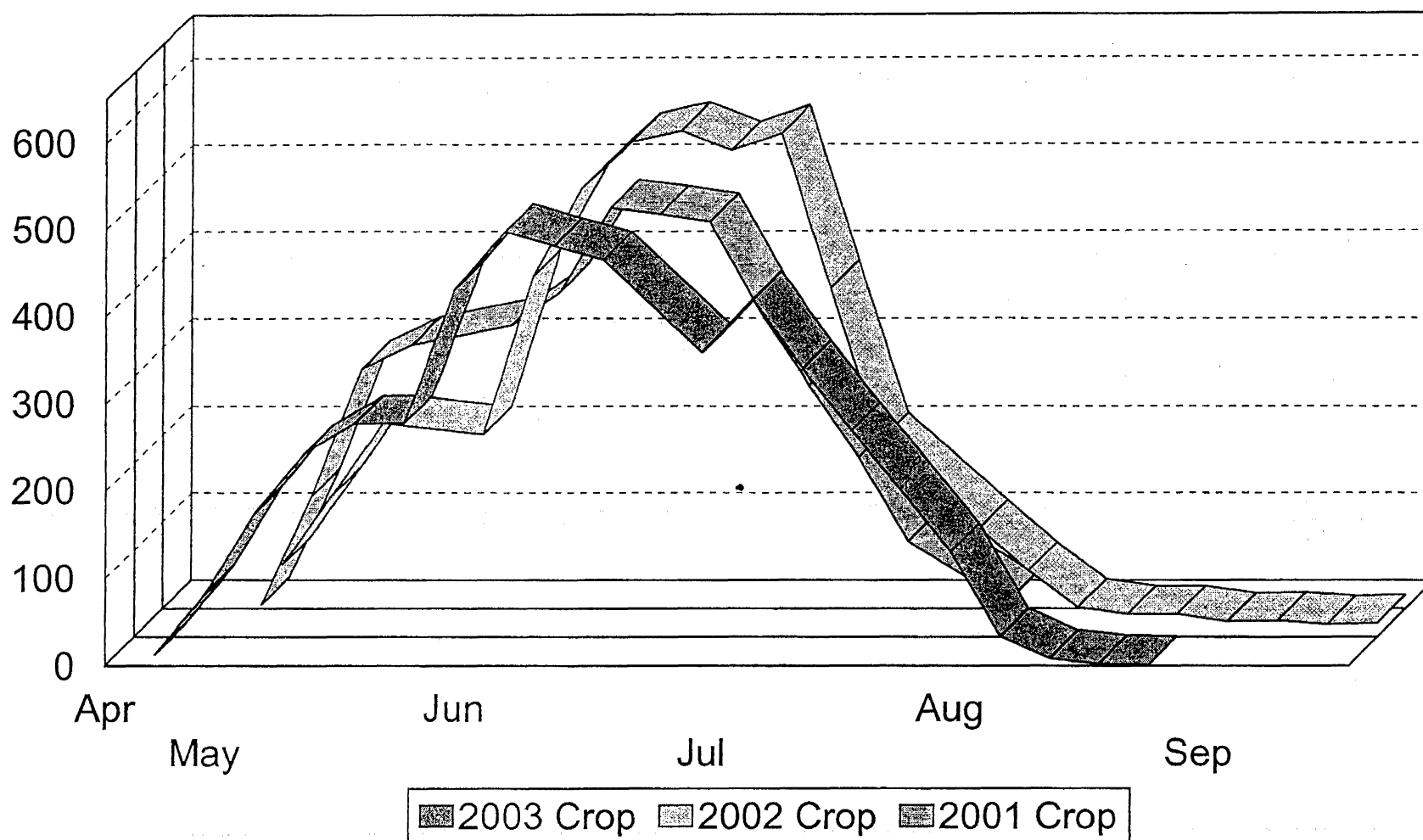
Round Red (100 lb Size A)



SHIPMENTS – KERN DISTRICT POTATOES – 2003 CROP 1,000 CWT						SHIPMENTS- KERN DISTRICT CHIPPER, POTATO - 2003 CROP 1,000 CWT		
WEEKLY Table-Stock						WEEKLY Chippers		
WEEK ENDING	Rail	Piggyback	Truck	Weekly Total	Season To Date	WEEK ENDING	Truck	Season To date
<u>2003</u>						<u>2003</u>		
Apr 26	0	0	12	12	12	May 3	7	7
May 3	9	0	72	81	93	10	110	117
10	47	3	124	174	267	17	114	231
17	93	7	143	243	510	24	111	342
24	110	4	163	277	787	31	71	413
31	145	1	132	278	1,065	Jun 7	133	546
Jun 7	231	5	194	430	1,495	14	104	650
14	231	8	258	497	1,992	21	113	763
21	155	7	318	480	2,472	28	113	876
28	188	6	270	464	2,936	Jul 5	84	960
Jul 5	111	4	243	358	3,294	12	81	1,041
12	141	5	273	419	3,713	19	89	1,130
19	114	5	221	340	4,053	26	56	1,186
26	88	3	178	269	4,322	Aug 2	47	1,233
Aug 2	44	2	84	130	4,452	9	57	1,290
9	6	0	27	33	4,485	16	71	1,361
16	1	1	6	8	4,493	23	54	1,415
23	0	0	2	2	4,495	30	48	1,463
30	0	0	1	1	4,496			
Total	1,714	61	2,721	4,496		Total	1,463	
MONTHLY – Table-Stock						MONTHLY – Chippers		
	Rail	Piggyback	Truck	Monthly Total	Season To Date		Chippers	Season To Date
<u>2003</u>						<u>2003</u>		
April	0	0	12	12	12	May	413	413
May	405	16	634	1,055	1,067	June	481	894
June	820	26	1,113	1,959	3,026	July	333	1,227
July	476	18	902	1,396	4,422	August	236	1,463
August	13	1	60	74	4,496			
Total	1,714	61	2,721	4,496		TOTAL	1,463	

Kern District Potatoes

Weekly Shipments (1,000 cwt)



IMPERIAL VALLEY POTATO SHIPMENTS

2003 CROP

1,000 CWT

WEEKLY POTATO SHIPMENTS			MONTHLY SHIPMENTS		
WEEK ENDING	TRUCK	TOTAL TO DATE		TRUCK	TOTAL TO DATE
<u>2003</u>			<u>2003</u>		
Mar 15	15	15	March	86	86
22	40	55			
29	31	86	April	330	416
Apr 5	62	148	May	19	435
12	80	228			
19	91	319			
26	96	415			
May 3	19	434			
10	0	434			
17	0	434			
24	0	434			
31	0	434			
TOTAL	434			435	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
WEEKLY POTATO SHIPMENTS – 2003 CROP
1,000 CWT**

Week Ending	RL & PB	RL & PB TO DATE	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE	WEEKLY TOTAL	SEASON TOTAL
<u>2003</u>						
Jan 4	0	0	16	16	16	16
11	0	0	37	53	37	53
18	0	0	25	78	25	78
25	0	0	15	93	15	93
Feb 1	0	0	26	119	26	119
8	0	0	29	148	29	148
15	0	0	14	162	14	162
22	0	0	11	173	11	173
Mar 1	0	0	10	183	10	183
8	0	0	8	191	8	191
15	0	0	0	191	0	191
22	0	0	0	191	0	191
29	0	0	0	191	0	191
Apr 5	0	0	0	191	0	191
12	0	0	0	191	0	191
19	0	0	0	191	0	191
26	0	0	0	191	0	191
May 3	0	0	0	191	0	191
10	0	0	9	200	9	200
17	0	0	6	206	6	206
24	5	5	9	215	14	220
31	0	0	9	224	9	229
Jun 7	2	7	11	235	13	242
14	1	8	9	244	10	252
21	2	10	9	253	11	263
28	2	12	11	264	13	276

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
WEEKLY POTATO SHIPMENTS – 2003 CROP
1,000 CWT
(Continued)**

Week Ending	RL & PB	RL & PB TO DATE	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE	WEEKLY TOTAL	SEASON TOTAL
<u>2003</u>						
Jul 5	2	14	8	272	10	286
12	2	16	10	282	12	298
19	1	17	23	305	24	322
26	0	17	26	331	26	348
Aug 2	0	17	25	356	25	373
9	0	17	23	379	23	396
16	0	17	24	403	24	420
23	0	17	21	424	21	441
30	0	17	27	451	27	468
Sep 6	0	17	26	477	26	494
13	0	17	22	499	22	516
20	0	17	16	515	16	532
27	0	17	7	522	7	539
Oct 4	0	17	5	527	5	544
11	0	17	6	533	6	550
18	0	17	5	538	5	555
25	0	17	4	542	4	559
Nov 1	0	17	4	546	4	563
8	0	17	5	551	5	568
15	0	17	6	557	6	574
22	0	17	13	570	13	587
29	0	17	8	578	8	595
Dec 6	0	17	42	620	42	637
13	0	17	38	658	38	675
20	0	17	24	682	24	699
27	0	17	9	691	9	708
TOTALS	17		691		708	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
MONTHLY POTATO SHIPMENTS – 2003 CROP
1,000 CWT**

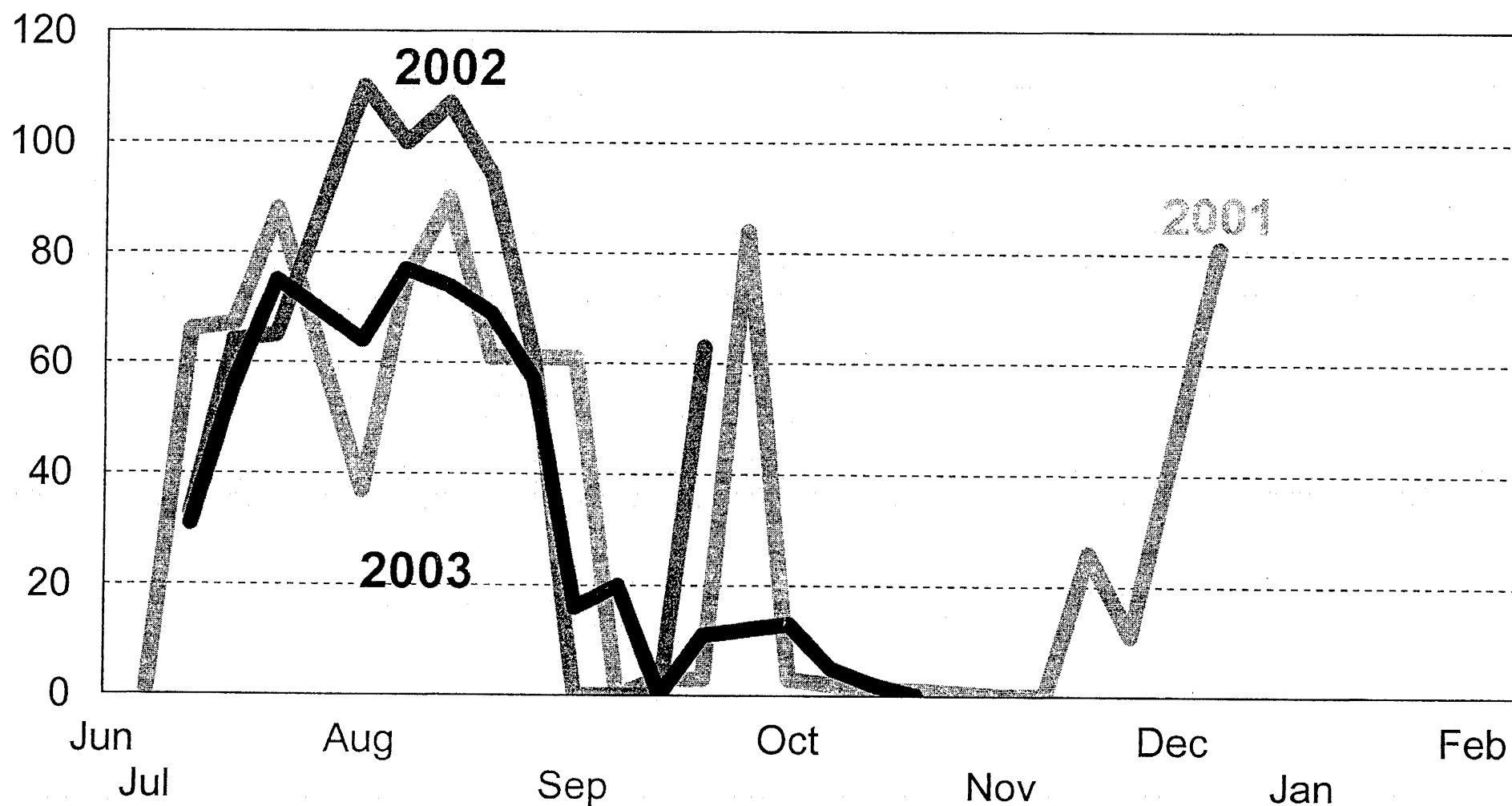
	RL & PB	RL & PB TO DATE	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE	WEEKLY TOTAL	SEASON TOTAL
<u>2003</u>						
January	0	0	93	93	93	93
February	0	0	80	173	80	173
March	0	0	18	191	18	191
April	0	0	0	191	0	191
May	5	5	33	224	38	229
June	8	13	40	264	48	277
July	6	19	68	332	74	351
August	0	19	121	453	121	472
September	0	19	71	524	71	543
October	0	19	20	544	20	563
November	0	19	37	581	37	600
December	0	19	113	694	113	713
TOTALS	19		694		713	

SHIPMENTS – STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA
POTATOES – 2003 CROP
1,000 CWT

Weekly Table-Stock							Monthly Table-Stock						
Week Ending	PB	PB To Date	Truck	Truck To Date	Weekly Total	Season To Date	Month	RL & PB	RL & PB To Date	Truck	Truck To Date	Monthly Total	Season To Date
<u>2003</u>							<u>2003</u>						
Jul 12	0	0	31	31	31	31	July	0	0	162	162	162	162
19	0	0	56	87	56	87							
26	0	0	75	162	75	162							
Aug 2	0	0	64	226	64	226	August	0	0	341	503	341	503
9	0	0	77	303	77	303							
16	0	0	74	377	74	377	September	0	0	47	550	47	550
23	0	0	69	446	69	446							
30	0		57	503	57	503	October	0	0	20	570	20	570
Sep 6	0	0	16	519	16	519							
11	0	0	20	539	20	539							
18	0	0	0	539	0	539							
25	0	0	11	550	11	550							
Oct 4	0	0	13	563	13	563							
11	0	0	5	568	5	568							
18	0	0	2	570	2	570							
25	0	0	0	570	0	570							
TOTAL	0		570		570		TOTAL	0		570		570	

Stockton, CA Potatoes

Weekly Shipments (1,000 cwt)



MARKETING THE 2003 COLORADO POTATO CROP

SHIPMENTS: Colorado fresh potato shipments were 16.4 million cwt, a significant decrease from 2002s crop of 21.4 million cwt. Of the 16.4 million cwt, 795,000 cwt were shipped out of the Northern Colorado region. 2003 was the first year these shipments were tracked separately from the rest of the other Colorado shipments. The shipping period was from August 2003 to August 2004.

ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION:

According to USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Colorado fall acreage was 66,300 acres, down from 2002s 71,600. Yields for 2003 were 360 cwt per acre, a decrease from 2002s record breaking 390 cwt per acre. Production was 23,652,000 cwt in 2003, a significant decrease from 2002s 27,885,000 cwt.

Colorado had an additional 6,500 acres of summer potatoes with a production of 2,304,000 cwt in Northern Colorado.

HARVESTING: Water was a big issue with the 2003 crop which was the main reason for the decrease in acreage. This coupled with a hot summer was probably the main cause for the small tuber size in the Nuggets. Tuber size of the Norkotah was fairly normal. Harvest conditions were practically ideal with very few delays.

MARKETING: No prices were issued from Northern Colorado as there are too few packers in the area to quote. The

majority of the table crop is shipped to other areas, including the San Luis Valley to be marketed.

Prices from the San Luis Valley for Russet Norkotahs baled 10-lb film bags (on a per bale basis) opened in early September at \$4.00-4.25. Nuggets were added to the report in mid-April and the last report on the Norkotah/Nuggets was issued during the third of July at \$2.25-2.50.

The first report on 70 count cartons was also issued in early September at \$9.00-10.00. The season low was reported the first week in October at \$6.50-7.50. The market rebounded to \$11.00 the first week of November and then bounced around the \$7.00-8.00 range for several months. During the second week of May it rose to \$10.00 and then ended the season at \$11.00 the third week of July. Round Red prices for baled 10-lb film bags, U.S. No. 1 Size A opened \$4.00-5.00 the first week of September and finished the end of May at \$2.00-3.00. The first report of Yellow flesh type potatoes in baled 5-lb film bags was issued mid-September at \$9.00-10.00. The last report was issued the end of May at \$7.00.

About 1/3 of Colorado's fresh volume from the San Luis Valley moved in bulk to out-of-state repackers. According to NASS, Russets accounted for 83% of the crop acreage in Colorado. Reds were 5% and Whites were 12%. Any Blue type potatoes were counted under the Reds and the Yellow flesh were included with the Whites.

SAN LUIS COLORADO
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
POTATOES - 2003 CROP

Week Ending	bld 5 10-lb filmbags Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. One non sz A	bld 10 5-lb filmbags Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. One non sz A	100 lb sks Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. Two	bulk Per cwt Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. Coml. sz A	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. One 10 oz min	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. One 40s
2004						
17-Apr	2.50-2.75	3.00-4.00	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.50	7.50
24-Apr	2.50-2.75	3.00-4.00	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.50	7.50
1-May	2.50-2.75	3.00-4.00	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.50	7.50
8-May	2.50	3.00-3.75	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.50	7.50
15-May	2.50	3.00-3.75	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.25	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50
22-May	2.50	3.50	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.25	9.50-10.00	9.50-10.00
29-May	2.25-2.50	3.00-3.50	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.75	10.00	10.00
5-Jun	2.25-2.50	3.00-3.25	3.00-4.00	3.50-4.50	10.00	10.00
12-Jun	2.25-2.50	3.00-3.25	3.00-4.00	3.50-4.50	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
19-Jun	2.25-2.50	3.00-3.50	3.00-4.00	3.50-4.50	10.00	10.00
26-Jun	2.25-2.50	3.00-3.50	3.00-4.00	3.50-4.50	10.00	10.00
3-Jul	2.25-2.50	3.00-3.50	3.00-4.00	3.50-4.50	10.00	10.00
10-Jul	2.25-2.50	3.00-3.50	3.00-4.00	3.50-4.50	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
17-Jul	2.25-2.50	3.00-3.50	3.00-4.00	3.50-4.50	11.00	11.00
24-Jul	2.25-2.50	3.00-3.50	3.00-4.00	3.50-4.50	11.00	11.00
31-Jul						
7-Aug						
14-Aug						
21-Aug						
28-Aug						
4-Sep						
11-Sep						

SAN LUIS COLORADO
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
POTATOES - 2003 CROP

Week Ending	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. One 50s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. One 60s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. One 70s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. One 80s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. One 90s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. One 100s
2004						
17-Apr	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50
24-Apr	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50
1-May	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.50
8-May	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.00
15-May	8.00-8.50	8.50	8.50	7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00
22-May	9.50-10.00	10.00	10.00	7.00-8.00	5.50	5.00
29-May	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.00-8.00	5.25-6.00	5.00-5.50
5-Jun	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.00-8.00	5.25-6.00	5.00-5.50
12-Jun	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-8.00	5.25-6.00	5.00-5.50
19-Jun	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.00-8.00	5.50-6.00	5.00
26-Jun	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.00-8.00	5.50-6.00	5.00
3-Jul	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.00-8.00	5.50-6.00	5.00
10-Jul	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-9.00	5.50-6.00	5.00
17-Jul	11.00	11.00	11.00	7.50-9.00	5.50-6.00	5.00
24-Jul	11.00	11.00	11.00	7.00-8.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
31-Jul						
7-Aug						
14-Aug						
21-Aug						
28-Aug						
4-Sep						
11-Sep						

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POTATOES - 2003 CROP

Week Ending	bld 5 10-lb filmbags Russet Norkotah U.S. One non sz A	bld 10 5-lb filmbags Russet Norkotah U.S. One non sz A	100 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. Two	bulk Per cwt Russet Norkotah U.S. Coml. sz A	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 10 oz min	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 40s
2003						
6-Sep	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	4.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-11.00
13-Sep	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	4.00-7.00	4.50-4.75	8.50-10.00	8.50-10.00
20-Sep	3.25-4.00	4.25-5.00	4.00-7.00	4.50-4.75	8.00-9.50	8.00-9.50
27-Sep	3.25-4.00	4.25-5.00	4.50-6.50	4.50	7.00-8.25	7.00-8.25
4-Oct	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	4.00-6.00	4.50	6.50-7.50	6.50-7.50
11-Oct	3.25-3.50	4.25-4.50	4.50-6.00	4.50	8.00	8.00
18-Oct	3.25-3.50	4.25-4.50	4.00-6.00	4.50	8.00	8.00
25-Oct	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50	4.00-5.00	4.25-4.50	10.00	10.00
1-Nov	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.00-5.00	4.25-4.50	11.00	11.00
8-Nov	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.50	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
15-Nov	3.00	4.00	4.00-4.50	4.25	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00
22-Nov	3.00	4.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.25	9.00	9.00
29-Nov	3.00	4.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.25	9.00	9.00
6-Dec	3.25	4.25	4.00	4.00-4.25	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
13-Dec	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.00	4.00-4.25	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00
20-Dec	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.00	4.00-4.25	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50
27-Dec	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.00	4.00-4.25	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50
2004						
3-Jan	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.00	4.00-4.25	6.00-7.50	6.00-7.50
10-Jan	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.00	4.00-4.25	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50
17-Jan	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.00	4.00-4.25	7.00-8.00	7.50-8.00
24-Jan	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.00	4.00-4.25	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
31-Jan	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.00	4.00-4.25	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50
7-Feb	2.75-3.25	3.75-4.25	3.50-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
14-Feb	2.75-3.00	3.75-4.00	3.50-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
21-Feb	3.00	4.00	3.50-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.00-8.00	7.00-7.50
28-Feb	3.00	4.00	3.50-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.00-8.00	7.00-7.50
6-Mar	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.00-8.00	7.00-7.50
13-Mar	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
20-Mar	2.50-3.00	3.25-4.00	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
27-Mar	2.50-3.00	3.25-4.00	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
3-Apr	2.25-3.00	3.00-4.00	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00
10-Apr	2.50-2.75	3.00-4.00	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.50	7.50
17-Apr	2.50-2.75	3.00-4.00	3.00-4.00	3.75-4.25	7.50	7.50

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Week Ending	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 50s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 60s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 70s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 80s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 90s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 100s
2003						
6-Sep	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	7.00	6.50-7.00
13-Sep	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	7.50-8.00	7.00	6.00-7.00
20-Sep	8.00-9.00	8.50-9.00	8.00-9.00	7.50-8.00	7.00	6.50
27-Sep	7.00-8.25	7.00-8.25	7.00-8.25	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.50
4-Oct	6.50-7.50	6.50-7.50	6.50-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-6.00	5.50
11-Oct	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00-7.00	6.00	5.00-6.00
18-Oct	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00-6.50	6.00	5.00-6.00
25-Oct	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-9.00	5.00-7.00	4.50-6.00
1-Nov	11.00	11.00	11.00	7.50-8.00	5.00-7.00	5.00-5.50
8-Nov	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-8.00	5.50-6.50	5.00-5.50
15-Nov	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	6.50-8.00	5.50-7.00	5.00-5.50
22-Nov	9.00	9.00-9.50	9.00-9.50	6.50-7.00	5.50-7.00	5.00-5.50
29-Nov	9.00	9.00	9.00	6.50	5.50	5.00-5.50
6-Dec	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	6.00-6.50	5.50	5.00
13-Dec	7.00-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.50	5.00
20-Dec	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00	5.00	5.00
27-Dec	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00	5.00	5.00
2004						
3-Jan	6.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	5.00
10-Jan	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50
17-Jan	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	5.00
24-Jan	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	5.00
31-Jan	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	5.00
7-Feb	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00
14-Feb	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00
21-Feb	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00
28-Feb	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00
6-Mar	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00
13-Mar	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00
20-Mar	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00
27-Mar	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00
3-Apr	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50
10-Apr	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50
17-Apr	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50

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Week Ending	bld 5 10-lb fltbags Round Red U.S. One sz A	bld 10 5-lb fltbags Round Red U.S. One sz A	50 lb ctns Round Red U.S. One 2 1/2-3 1/2"	50 lb paper sks Round Red U.S. One sz B
<u>2003</u>				
6-Sep	4.00-5.00	5.00-6.00	--	--
13-Sep	4.50-6.00	5.50-7.00	--	--
20-Sep	4.50-6.00	5.50-7.00	7.00-9.50	9.00-11.00
27-Sep	4.50-5.50	5.50-6.00	7.00-9.50	9.00-10.00
4-Oct	4.50-5.50	5.50-6.00	6.50-8.00	9.00-10.00
11-Oct	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	6.00-8.00	9.00-10.00
18-Oct	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	6.00-8.00	9.00
25-Oct	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	6.00-8.00	9.00
1-Nov	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	7.00-8.00	9.00
8-Nov	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	7.00-8.00	9.00
15-Nov	4.00	5.00	7.00-9.00	9.00
22-Nov	4.00	5.00	7.00-9.00	9.00
29-Nov	4.00	5.00	7.00-8.00	9.00
6-Dec	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	7.00-8.00	9.00
13-Dec	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	7.00-8.00	9.00
20-Dec	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	7.00-8.00	9.00
27-Dec	3.25-4.00	4.25-5.00	7.00-7.50	9.00
<u>2004</u>				
3-Jan	3.25-4.00	4.25-5.00	7.00-7.50	9.00
10-Jan	3.25-4.00	4.25-5.00	7.00-7.50	9.00
17-Jan	3.25-4.00	4.25-5.00	7.00-7.50	9.00
24-Jan	3.25-4.00	4.25-5.00	7.00-7.50	9.00
31-Jan	3.25-4.00	4.25-5.00	7.00-7.50	9.00
7-Feb	3.25-4.00	4.25-5.00	7.00-7.50	9.00
14-Feb	3.25-4.00	4.25-5.00	7.00-7.50	9.00
21-Feb	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	7.50-8.00	8.00-10.00
28-Feb	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	7.50-8.00	8.00-10.00
6-Mar	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-10.00
13-Mar	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	7.50-8.00	8.00-10.00
20-Mar	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	7.50-8.00	8.00-10.00
27-Mar	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-10.00
3-Apr	2.75-4.00	3.75-5.00	6.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
10-Apr	2.75-4.00	3.75-5.00	7.00-9.00	9.00
17-Apr	2.75-4.00	3.75-5.00	7.00-9.00	9.00
24-Apr	2.75-4.00	3.75-5.00	7.00-9.00	9.00
1-May	2.50-4.00	3.50-5.00	7.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
8-May	2.50-4.00	3.50-5.00	7.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
15-May	2.50-4.00	3.50-5.00	7.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
22-May	2.00-3.50	3.00-4.50	7.00-8.00	7.00-9.00
29-May	2.00-3.00	3.00-4.00	7.00	7.00-9.00

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Week Ending	bld 5 10-lb filmbags Yellow Type U.S. One sz A	bld 10 5-lb filmbags Yellow Type U.S. One sz A	50 lb ctns Yellow Type U.S. One sz A	50 lb ctns Yellow Type U.S. One sz B	50 lb ctns Yellow Type U.S. One 2 1/2-3 1/2"
2003					
6-Sep	--	--	--	--	--
13-Sep	--	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	--	--
20-Sep	6.50-8.00	7.50-9.00	9.00	8.00	10.00
27-Sep	6.50-8.00	7.50-9.00	9.00	8.00-10.00	9.00-10.00
4-Oct	6.50-8.00	7.50-9.00	9.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
11-Oct	6.00-8.00	7.00-9.00	7.50-9.00	7.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
18-Oct	6.00-8.00	7.00-9.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-9.00	8.00-10.00
25-Oct	6.00-8.00	7.00-9.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-9.00	8.00-10.00
1-Nov	--	7.50-8.00	--	--	9.00-10.00
8-Nov	--	7.50-9.00	--	--	9.00-10.00
15-Nov	--	7.50-9.00	--	--	8.00-10.00
22-Nov	--	7.50-8.00	--	--	--
29-Nov	--	7.50	--	--	--
6-Dec	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--
13-Dec	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--
20-Dec	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--
27-Dec	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--
2004					
3-Jan	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--
10-Jan	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--
17-Jan	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--
24-Jan	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--
31-Jan	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--
7-Feb	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--
14-Feb	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--
21-Feb	--	6.00-8.00	--	--	--
28-Feb	--	6.00-8.00	--	--	--
6-Mar	--	6.50-8.50	--	--	--
13-Mar	--	6.50-8.50	--	--	--
20-Mar	--	7.00-9.00	--	--	--
27-Mar	--	7.00-9.00	--	--	--
3-Apr	--	7.00-9.00	--	--	--
10-Apr	--	7.00	--	--	--
17-Apr	--	7.00	--	--	--
24-Apr	--	7.00	--	--	--
1-May	--	7.00	--	--	--
8-May	--	7.00	--	--	--
15-May	--	7.00	--	--	--
22-May	--	7.00	--	--	--

COLORADO POTATO WEEKLY SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP
1,000 CWT

Week Ending DATE	San Luis Valley			Northern Colorado	TRUCK TO DATE	WEEKLY TOTAL	SEASON TO DATE
	RL&PB	RL&PB TO DATE	TRUCK	TRUCK			
2003							
2-Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9-Aug	-	-	-	8	8	8	8
16-Aug	-	-	-	32	32	32	40
23-Aug	-	-	-	5	5	5	45
30-Aug	-	-	3	56	59	59	104
6-Sep	19	19	89	171	260	279	383
13-Sep	34	53	177	54	231	265	648
20-Sep	24	77	209	51	260	284	932
27-Sep	19	96	296	27	323	342	1,274
4-Oct	-	96	259	24	283	283	1,557
11-Oct	-	96	272	21	293	293	1,850
18-Oct	-	96	281	35	316	316	2,166
25-Oct	1	97	288	20	308	309	2,475
1-Nov	31	128	345	20	365	396	2,871
8-Nov	34	162	316	49	365	399	3,270
15-Nov	30	192	381	37	418	448	3,718
22-Nov	15	207	449	37	486	501	4,219
29-Nov	9	216	279	27	306	315	4,534
6-Dec	39	255	344	23	367	406	4,940
13-Dec	4	259	367	19	386	390	5,330
20-Dec	15	274	415	26	441	456	5,786
27-Dec	30	304	253	26	279	309	6,095
2004							
4-Jan	22	326	296	11	307	329	6,424
10-Jan	25	351	418	16	434	459	6,883
17-Jan	5	356	433	-	433	438	7,321
24-Jan	4	360	374	-	374	378	7,699
31-Jan	6	366	342	-	342	348	8,047
7-Feb	26	392	262	-	262	288	8,335
14-Feb	8	400	338	-	338	346	8,681
21-Feb	-	400	383	-	383	383	9,064
28-Feb	5	405	379	-	379	384	9,448
6-Mar	7	412	365	-	365	372	9,820
13-Mar	16	428	375	-	375	391	10,211

COLORADO POTATO WEEKLY SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP
1,000 CWT (Cont.)

Week Ending DATE	San Luis Valley			Northern Colorado	TRUCK TO DATE	WEEKLY TOTAL	SEASON TO DATE
	RL&PB	RL&PB TO DATE	TRUCK	TRUCK			
2004							
20-Mar	30	458	346	-	346	376	10,587
27-Mar	35	493	361	-	361	396	10,983
3-Apr	37	530	400	-	400	437	11,420
10-Apr	30	560	333	-	333	363	11,783
17-Apr	36	596	378	-	378	414	12,197
24-Apr	38	634	299	-	299	337	12,534
1-May	22	656	347	-	347	369	12,903
8-May	35	691	334	-	334	369	13,272
15-May	35	726	354	-	354	389	13,661
22-May	28	754	315	-	315	343	14,004
29-May	28	782	274	-	274	302	14,306
5-Jun	24	806	195	-	195	219	14,525
12-Jun	23	829	270	-	270	293	14,818
19-Jun	20	849	260	-	260	280	15,098
26-Jun	22	871	244	-	244	266	15,364
3-Jul	4	875	235	-	235	239	15,603
10-Jul	7	882	234	-	234	241	15,844
17-Jul	8	890	236	-	236	244	16,088
24-Jul	8	898	180	-	180	188	16,276
31-Jul	-	898	100	-	100	100	16,376
7-Aug	-	898	22	-	22	22	16,398
14-Aug	-	898	6	-	6	6	16,404
21-Aug	-	898	-	-	-	-	16,404
28-Aug	-	898	-	-	-	-	16,404
TOTAL	898		14,711	795		16,404	

COLORADO POTATO MONTHLY SHIPMENTS - 2003 CROP
1,000 CWT

MONTH	San Luis Valley			Northern Colorado	TRUCK TO DATE	MONTHLY TOTAL	SEASON TO DATE
	RL&PB	RL&PB TO DATE	TRUCK	TRUCK			
2003							
AUG	-	-	3	101	104	104	104
SEP	96	96	796	303	1,099	1,195	1,299
OCT	33	129	1,313	100	1,413	1,446	2,745
NOV	88	217	1,432	170	1,602	1,690	4,435
DEC	110	327	1,588	94	1,682	1,792	6,227
2004							
JAN	40	367	1,654	27	1,681	1,721	7,948
FEB	39	406	1,432	-	1,432	1,471	9,419
MAR	116	522	1,662	-	1,662	1,778	11,197
APR	139	661	1,653	-	1,653	1,792	12,989
MAY	126	787	1,332	-	1,332	1,458	14,447
JUN	93	880	1,151	-	1,151	1,244	15,691
JUL	23	903	859	-	859	882	16,573
AUG	-	903	28	-	28	28	16,601
TOTAL	903		14,903	795		16,601	

Marketing Delaware Potatoes

2003 Crop

Production

The National Agricultural Statistics Service has estimated Delaware's 2003 potato crop at 864,000 cwt on 3700 acres. In 2002, Delaware produced 1,000,000 cwt from 4,100 acres. Per acre yields were at 240 cwt, down from 250 cwt in 2002.

Weather and Crop

Planting of the round white potato crop was delayed due to late snow storms in February and March. Severe cold and snow prevented growers from getting in the fields on time. Planting did not get started until April. Planting was approximately 30 days behind schedule. Planting was completed by May of 2003. The growing season continued to be hampered by wet weather. First FOB was not until July 31, 2003.

Marketing

The Federal State Market News office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania began reporting shipments of Round White potatoes on July 15, 2003. The first fob was reported on July 31, 2003. At that time, 50 lb sacks of U.S. One size A round white potatoes were quoted at \$5.00. The market remained steady until August 15th when the price dipped to \$4.50-5.00. On August 18th the market opened at \$4.50 where it remained until August 26th when the potato market dropped to \$4.00. From September 2-5 the market was mostly \$3.50. The potato market dropped to \$3.25-3.50 on September 8th. The potato market remained steady at \$3.25 from September 9th until the last FOB price was reported on November 10th.

The first large Round White potato price was reported on August 12, 2003. The market opened at \$8.00. Supplies were light for large potatoes at the beginning of the season. The next price was recorded on August 22nd at \$8.00. The market dipped to \$7.00 on August 26th and remained at that level until September 5th. The market dropped to \$6.00-7.00 on September 8th and settled at \$6.00 on September 9th. The large potato market remained steady until October 28th. The market opened at \$5.50-6.00 on November 3rd. The market remained steady until the last price was reported on November 5th.

VARIETIES

The Superior and Reba were the principle varieties Grown in Delaware in 2003.

TRANSPORTATION

Delaware potato growers and shippers moved their entire crop to market by truck. A total of 1932 truck lot equivalents (42,500 lbs) were shipped during the season compared with 1883 in 2002.

DELAWARE POTATOES - 2003 SEASON
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

Week Ending	ROUND WHITES U.S. ONE				
	Baled Sacks		50 lb Sacks		10 lb sks
	5 10-lb Size A	10 5-lb Size A	Size A	Large	loose Size A
5-Jul	--	--	--	--	--
12-Jul	--	--	--	--	--
19-Jul	--	--	--	--	--
26-Jul	6.50	7.50	5.00	--	--
2-Aug	6.50	7.50	5.00	--	1.25
9-Aug	6.50	7.50	4.50-5.00	--	1.25
16-Aug	5.50-6.00	6.50-7.00	4.50	8.00	--
23-Aug	5.50-5.75	6.50	4.00	8.00	--
30-Aug	4.75-5.75	5.50-6.00	3.50	7.00	1.05
6-Sep	4.50-5.00	5.25-6.00	3.25-3.50	7.00	.90-.95
13-Sep	4.25-5.00	5.25-6.00	3.25	6.00-7.00	.80-.95
20-Sep	4.50-5.00	5.25-6.00	3.25	6.00	.80-.90
27-Sep	4.50-5.00	5.25-6.00	3.25	6.00	0.85
4-Oct	4.50-4.75	5.25-6.00	3.25	6.00	.80-.85
11-Oct	4.50-4.75	5.25-5.75	3.25	6.00	.80-.85
18-Oct	4.50-4.75	5.25-5.75	3.25	6.00	.80-.85
25-Oct	4.50-4.75	5.25-5.75	3.25	6.00	.80-.85
1-Nov	4.50-4.75	5.25-5.75	3.25	6.00	.80-.85
8-Nov	--	--	3.25	5.50-6.00	--
15-Nov	--	--	3.25	--	--

DELAWARE POTATO SHIPMENTS
2003 Crop - 1,000 CWT

Week Ending	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE
2003		
5-Jul	0	0
12-Jul	0	0
19-Jul	8	8
26-Jul	12	20
2-Aug	29	49
9-Aug	30	79
16-Aug	50	129
23-Aug	51	180
30-Aug	50	230
6-Sep	57	287
13-Sep	60	347
20-Sep	65	412
27-Sep	43	455
4-Oct	65	520
11-Oct	48	568
18-Oct	39	607
25-Oct	46	653
1-Nov	42	695
8-Nov	26	721
15-Nov	25	746
22-Nov	20	766
29-Nov	9	775
6-Dec	13	788
13-Dec	12	800
20-Dec	6	806
TOTAL	806	

	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE
2003		
JUL	44	44
AUG	196	240
SEP	244	484
OCT	218	702
NOV	83	785
DEC	31	816
TOTAL	816	

POTATOES, FLORIDA

Prices F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
2004 Season

U.S. One					
Week Ending	50 lb sacks Round Red Size A	50 lb sacks Round Red Size B	50 lb sacks Round White Size A	50 lb sacks Round White Size B	50 lb cartons Round Red Creamers 3/4-5/8"
Feb 14	6.30	12.30	-	-	30.30
21	6.30	12.30	-	-	30.30
28	6.30	12.30-14.30	-	-	30.30
Mar 6	6.30	14.30	20.30	-	30.30
13	6.30-7.30	14.30	20.30	15.30	30.30
20	7.30-8.30	10.30-12.30	20.30	-	30.30
27	8.30-9.30	10.30-12.30	20.30	-	25.30-30.30
Apr 3	9.30	10.30-12.30	16.30	-	25.30
10	9.30	10.30-12.30	12.30-16.30	-	25.30
17	9.30-10.30	10.30-12.30	12.30	-	25.30
24	10.30-12.30	10.30-12.30	8.30-12.30	-	25.30
May 1	8.30-12.30	12.30	6.30-8.30	6.30-8.30	25.30
8	8.30	12.30	6.30	5.30	20.30
15	8.30	10.30-12.30	6.30	5.30	20.30
22	8.30	10.30-12.30	5.30-6.30	4.30-5.30	20.30
29	8.30	10.30	5.30	4.30	20.30
Jun 5	7.30	10.30	5.30	4.30	20.30
12	6.30	9.30-10.30	4.30-5.30	4.30	20.30
19	5.30-6.30	9.30-10.30	5.30	4.30	15.30-20.30

POTATOES - TABLE

Shipments for 2003-2004 Season
100,000 lb units or 1,000 lb packages

Week Ending	Florida	Arizona	Colorado	Idaho	Subtotal
Jan 3	-	-	340	396	736
10	-	-	470	744	1214
17	-	-	451	889	1340
24	4	-	390	679	1073
31	5	-	364	636	1005
Feb 7	35	-	372	624	1031
14	68	-	362	594	1024
21	89	-	394	616	1099
28	103	-	397	678	1178
Mar 6	148	-	388	620	1156
13	171	-	405	626	1202
20	192	-	392	612	1196
27	146	-	411	684	1241
Apr 3	154	-	456	646	1256
10	144	-	434	691	1269
17	172	-	428	628	1228
24	185	-	409	602	1196
May 1	172	12	381	580	1145
8	187	26	377	577	1167
15	224	13	396	615	1248
22	162	24	349	639	1174
29	156	28	356	625	1165
Jun 5	178	16	276	512	982
12	169	25	293	567	1054
19	113	10	280	641	1044
26	40	5	265	677	987
Total	3017	159*	9836*	16398*	29410*

* Shipments do not represent entire season

Marketing the 2003 Idaho Potato Crop

Shipments: Fresh potato shipments for the 2003 crop totaled 32.7 million cwt. This was 2.3 million cwt below the 2002 crop. Shipments started August 7th, 2003 and overlapped the end of the previous crop. Storage shipments continued to September 7th, 2004 and overlapped the start of the 2004 new crop.

Acreage and Production: The acreage planted at 360,000 acres was 15,000 acres less than the 2002 crop (NASS, USDA). The impact of the Heyburn fry plant was partly responsible for the acreage cut. The average yield statewide was 344 cwt per acre, with yield 465 cwt in the Southwest and 335 cwt per acre in the other areas of the state. Production was 123,180,000 cwt, down over 10 million cwt from the previous year.

The planting of the 2003 crop, according to a limited objective yield survey by NASS, was 69% Burbank,

13% Rangers, 10% Norkotahs, 1% Shebody and Russet Alturas, and 5% other. 40,000 acres of the total were planted for seed.

Growing Condition: The crop was planted timely, but a hot summer limited tuber size potential and caused many tubers to be misshapen.

Harvest: Harvest weather was very good and harvest generally wound-up by October 10th, one of the earliest finishes in many years. First harvest in Western Idaho of table-stock Russet Norkotahs began the first week of August. Processors generally opened their storages around September 15th or 22nd.

Marketing: With the second year of reduced plantings, growers were optimistic about the marketing prospects early in the marketing year. However, a

number of new issues influenced both fresh and processed consumption. In the table-stock sector, prices suffered from changing dietary trends as low carbohydrate diets became popular.

Early marketings of large-sized cartons were light. Prices (per carton) for U.S. Number One, 70-count Russet Burbanks in November peaked at \$14.00-\$15.00, spiking up from the \$9.00 initial Norkotah prices in August. 70-count cartons traded between \$8.00-\$12.00 much of the season, with another bump in April up to \$14.00. July prices were around \$11.00 per carton for 70-count.

With abundant supplies of small potatoes, the U.S. Number One non-size A prices were low all season. Prices were in the \$2.00-\$3.00 per bale range much of the season for 10 lb mesh sacks.

Contracts between shippers and foodservice firms continued to be more prevalent. Several retail chains conducted reverse bid auctions with select shippers. These contracts and auctions, which take many forms, may

be for weekly, quarterly, or annual supplies. These contract and auction prices rarely are divulged and are not reflected in the Market News reports.

Processing: The low carbohydrate diets, along with the acrylimide scare and obesity issues targeting fast foods, also slowed processing usage. Processing usage of Idaho potatoes (only) through June 1st was 57.4 million cwt, down almost 7 million cwt from the previous year (IASS). Nationally, dehydration use was 39 million cwt of the total 173.4 million cwt processed to June 1st.

Transportation Trends: Trucks hauled 75% of the total shipments and rail 25%. Total shipments are collected from the district Federal-State Inspection Service offices. From this total, rail shipments (as reported by the Supply Reports section of the Market News Service) are subtracted to yield the truck shipment portion. Rail cars are converted on the basis of 120,000 lbs per car. As the railroad introduces larger rail cars (4 truck equivalents) to their fleet, the rail conversion will need to be raised.

**IDAHO SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS &
DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS
POTATOES - 2003 CROP
TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT & WESTERN IDAHO**

Week Ending	Bld 5 10-lb mshsks Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min
2003		
9-Aug	5.00	4.50
16-Aug	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.75
23-Aug	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.75
30-Aug	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00

Week Ending	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 40s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 50s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 60s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 70s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 80s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 90s
2003						
9-Aug	10.00	10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50
16-Aug	9.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.50	9.00-10.50	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00
23-Aug	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.25-11.00	10.25-11.00	8.75-9.00	7.50-9.00
30-Aug	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00

Week Ending	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 100s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 10/12 oz min	50 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. Two 6 oz min.	50 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. Two 10 oz min.
2003				
9-Aug	6.00-7.00	--	--	--
16-Aug	6.00-7.00	--	6.00-7.00	6.00-9.00
23-Aug	6.50-7.50	10.50-11.00	6.50-7.00	8.00-9.00
30-Aug	6.00-7.00	9.00-11.00	6.50-7.00	8.00-9.00

**IDAHO SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS &
DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS
POTATOES - 2003 CROP (Continued)
UPPER VALLEY, TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT IDAHO**

Week Ending	Bld 5 10-lb mshsks Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb mshsks Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	50 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. Two 6 oz min	50 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. Two 10 oz min
2003						
6-Sep	3.50-5.00	3.00-4.50	4.50-6.00	3.75-5.25	5.50-7.00	7.00-8.00
13-Sep	3.50-3.75	3.00-3.25	4.50-4.75	3.75-4.00	5.00-6.50	7.00-7.50
20-Sep	3.50	2.75-3.00	4.50	3.50-3.75	4.50-5.00	7.00
27-Sep	3.00-3.50	2.25-3.00	4.00-4.50	3.00-3.75	4.00-4.50	7.00

Week Ending	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 40s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 50s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 60s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 70s
2003				
6-Sep	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.50-9.00
13-Sep	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50
20-Sep	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
27-Sep	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-8.50

Week Ending	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 80s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 90s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 100s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 10/12 oz min
2003				
6-Sep	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	8.00-9.00
13-Sep	7.00-7.50	6.00	5.00-5.50	8.00-8.50
20-Sep	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00	8.00
27-Sep	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50	8.00

**IDAHO SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS &
DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS
POTATOES - 2003 CROP (Continued)
UPPER VALLEY, TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT IDAHO**

Week Ending	Bld 5 10-lb mshsks Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb mshsks Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	50 lb sks Russet Burbanks U.S. Two 6 oz min	50 lb sks Russet Burbanks U.S. Two 10 oz min	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 10/12 oz min.
2003							
4-Oct	3.00-3.50	2.00-3.00	4.00-4.50	2.75-3.75	3.75-4.50	7.00	8.00-9.50
11-Oct	3.00-3.50	2.00-3.00	4.00-4.50	2.75-3.75	3.50-4.00	7.00	10.00-11.00
18-Oct	3.00-3.50	2.50-2.75	4.00-4.50	3.25-3.50	3.50-4.00	7.00	12.00-13.00
25-Oct	2.75-3.50	2.00-2.75	3.75-4.50	2.75-3.50	3.50-4.00	7.00-7.50	13.00-14.00
1-Nov	3.00-3.25	2.25-2.50	4.00-4.25	3.00-3.25	3.75-4.00	7.00-7.50	14.00-15.00
8-Nov	3.00	2.25-2.50	4.00	3.00-3.25	3.50-4.00	7.00-7.50	14.00-14.50
15-Nov	3.00	2.25-2.50	4.00	3.00-3.25	3.50-4.00	7.00-7.50	11.50-14.00
22-Nov	3.00-3.25	2.50-2.75	4.00	3.25-3.50	3.50-4.00	7.00-7.50	11.00-12.00
29-Nov	3.00-3.25	2.50-2.75	4.00	3.25-3.50	3.50	7.00	11.00
6-Dec	3.00-3.25	2.50-2.75	4.00	3.25-3.50	3.50	7.00	10.00-11.00
13-Dec	3.00	2.25-2.50	4.00	3.00-3.25	3.50	6.50-7.00	10.00-11.00
20-Dec	3.00	2.25-2.50	4.00	3.00-3.25	3.25-3.50	6.50-7.00	9.50-10.50
27-Dec	3.00	2.25-2.50	4.00	3.00-3.25	3.25-3.50	6.50	9.50-10.00
2004							
3-Jan	3.00	2.25-2.50	4.00	3.00-3.25	3.25-3.50	6.50	9.50-10.00
10-Jan	3.00	2.25-2.50	4.00	3.00-3.25	3.50	6.50	9.50-10.50
17-Jan	2.75-3.00	2.25	3.75-4.00	3.00	3.50	6.50	10.50-11.00
24-Jan	2.50-3.00	2.00-2.25	3.50-4.00	2.75-3.00	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50	11.00
31-Jan	2.50-2.75	2.00-2.25	3.50-3.75	2.75-3.00	2.50-3.25	6.00-6.50	11.00
7-Feb	2.50	2.00-2.15	3.50	2.75-2.90	2.50-3.00	5.00-6.00	10.50-11.00
14-Feb	2.50	2.00	3.50	2.75	2.00-2.75	4.00-5.50	10.50-11.00
21-Feb	2.50	2.00	3.50	2.75	2.00-2.25	4.00-4.50	11.00
28-Feb	2.50-2.75	2.00-2.25	3.50-3.75	2.75-3.00	2.00-2.25	3.50-4.50	11.00-11.50
6-Mar	2.50-2.75	2.00-2.25	3.50-3.75	2.75-3.00	2.00-2.25	3.50-4.00	11.50-12.00
13-Mar	2.50	2.00	3.50	2.75	2.00-2.25	3.50-4.50	12.50-13.00
20-Mar	2.50	2.00	3.50	2.75	2.00-2.25	4.00	13.00-13.50
27-Mar	2.50	2.00	3.50	2.75	2.00-2.25	4.00	13.50

**IDAHO SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS &
DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS
POTATOES - 2003 CROP (Continued)
UPPER VALLEY, TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT IDAHO**

Week Ending	Bld 5 10-lb mshsks Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb mshsks Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	50 lb sks Russet Burbanks U.S. Two 6 oz min	50 lb sks Russet Burbanks U.S. Two 10 oz min	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 10/12 oz min.
3-Apr	2.50	2.00	3.50	2.75	2.00	4.00	13.50-14.00
10-Apr	2.50	2.00	3.50	2.75	2.00	3.50-4.00	13.50-13.75
17-Apr	2.50	2.00	3.50	2.75	2.00	3.50-3.75	13.50-13.75
24-Apr	2.50	2.00	3.50	2.75	1.75-2.00	3.50-3.75	12.00-13.50
1-May	2.50	1.75-2.00	3.50	2.50-2.75	1.75-2.00	3.50	11.50-12.50
8-May	2.35-2.50	1.75-2.00	3.50	2.50-2.75	1.75	3.50	10.00-12.00
15-May	2.35-2.50	1.75-2.00	3.50	2.50-2.75	1.75	3.50	9.00-11.00
22-May	2.25-2.50	1.75-2.00	3.50	2.50-2.75	1.75	3.50	10.00-10.50
29-May	2.25-2.50	1.75-2.00	3.50	2.50-2.75	1.75	3.50	10.00-10.50
5-Jun	2.50	1.75-2.00	3.50	2.50-2.75	1.75	3.00-3.50	10.00-10.50
12-Jun	2.10-2.50	1.75	3.10-3.50	2.50	1.75-2.00	3.25-3.50	10.00-10.50
19-Jun	2.10-2.50	1.75	3.10-3.50	2.50	2.00	3.50	10.00-10.50
26-Jun	2.10-2.50	1.75-2.00	3.10-3.50	2.50-2.75	2.00-2.25	3.50	10.00
3-Jul	2.25-2.50	1.75-2.00	3.25-3.50	2.50-2.75	2.00-2.25	3.50	10.00
10-Jul	2.25-2.50	1.75-2.00	3.25-3.50	2.50-2.75	2.25-2.50	3.50-4.00	10.00-10.50
17-Jul	2.25-2.50	1.75-2.00	3.25-3.50	2.50-2.75	2.50	3.50-4.00	10.00-11.00
24-Jul	2.25-2.50	1.75-2.00	3.25-3.50	2.50-2.75	2.50-3.00	3.75-4.00	10.50-11.00
31-Jul	2.50-3.50	2.00-3.00	3.50-4.50	2.75-4.00	2.75-3.50	4.00-4.50	11.00-11.50
7-Aug	3.50-4.00	3.00-3.50	4.50-5.00	3.75-4.25	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	11.50-12.00
14-Aug	4.00	3.50	5.00	4.25	4.00-4.50	5.00-6.00	11.00-12.00

**IDAHO SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS &
DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS
POTATOES - 2003 CROP (Continued)
UPPER VALLEY, TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT IDAHO**

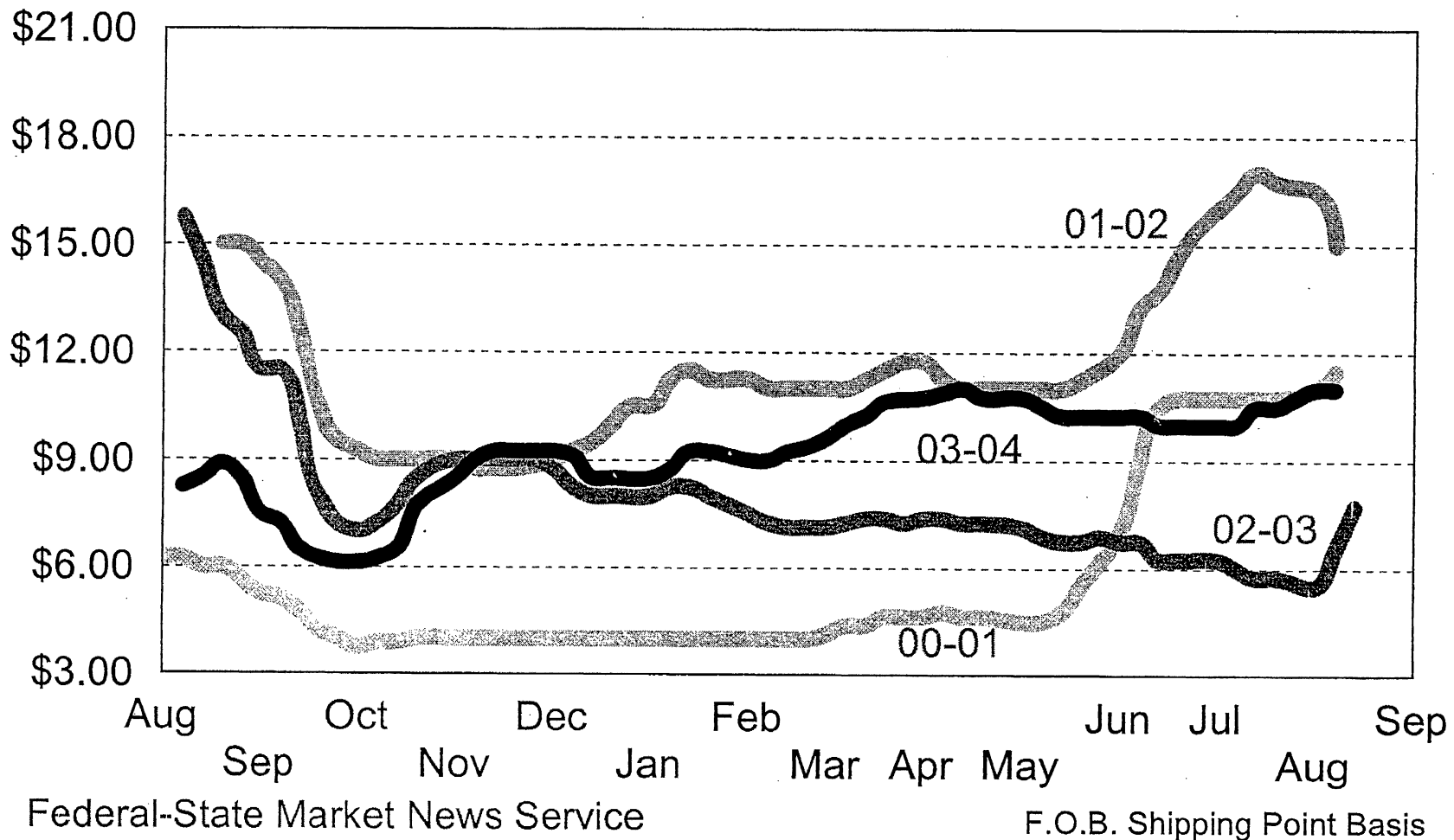
Week Ending	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 40s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 50s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 60s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 70s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 80s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 90s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 100s
2003							
4-Oct	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-9.50	8.50-9.50	6.00-6.25	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
11-Oct	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	9.50-11.00	6.00-6.50	5.00	4.00
18-Oct	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	12.00	6.50	5.00	4.00
25-Oct	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	7.00-8.50	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00
1-Nov	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	8.00-9.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-5.25
8-Nov	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	9.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50
15-Nov	11.50-14.00	11.50-14.00	11.50-14.00	11.50-14.00	9.00-9.50	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50
22-Nov	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-9.50	6.50-7.00	5.00
29-Nov	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	9.00-9.50	6.50	5.00
6-Dec	11.00	11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-9.50	6.00-6.50	5.00
13-Dec	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-9.25	6.00-6.50	4.00-5.00
20-Dec	9.50-10.50	9.50-10.50	9.50-10.50	8.00-9.50	8.00-9.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
27-Dec	9.50-10.00	9.50-10.00	8.50-10.00	8.00-9.50	8.00-9.00	5.50	4.50
2004							
3-Jan	9.50-10.00	9.50-10.00	8.50-10.00	8.50-9.50	8.50	5.50	4.50
10-Jan	9.50-10.50	9.50-10.50	9.00-10.50	9.00-10.50	8.50-9.00	5.50-6.00	4.50-4.75
17-Jan	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-9.50	6.00	4.50-5.00
24-Jan	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.50-11.00	9.00-9.50	6.00	4.50
31-Jan	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-9.25	5.50-6.00	4.50
7-Feb	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.50	10.00-11.00	9.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-4.50
14-Feb	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.50	9.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
21-Feb	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	9.00-9.50	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
28-Feb	11.00-11.50	11.00-11.50	11.00-11.50	11.00-11.50	9.25-9.50	5.25-5.50	4.25-4.50
6-Mar	11.50-12.00	11.50-12.00	11.50-12.00	11.50-12.00	9.25-10.00	5.50-6.00	4.25-5.00
13-Mar	12.50-13.00	12.50-13.00	12.50-13.00	12.50-13.00	10.00	6.00	4.50-5.00
20-Mar	13.00-13.50	13.00-13.50	13.00-13.50	13.00-13.50	10.00-10.50	6.00-6.50	5.00
27-Mar	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	10.25-11.00	6.25-7.00	5.25-5.50

**IDAHO SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS &
DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS
POTATOES - 2003 CROP (Continued)
UPPER VALLEY, TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT IDAHO**

Week Ending	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 40s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 50s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 60s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 70s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 80s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 90s	50 lb ctns Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 100s
3-Apr	13.50-14.00	13.50-14.00	13.50-14.00	13.50-14.00	10.50-11.00	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00
10-Apr	13.50-13.75	13.50-13.75	13.50-13.75	13.50-13.75	10.75-11.00	6.75-7.00	5.50-6.00
17-Apr	13.50	13.50	13.50-13.75	13.50-13.75	11.00	6.75-7.00	5.50-6.00
24-Apr	12.00-13.50	12.00-13.50	13.00-13.50	13.00-13.50	10.50-11.00	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00
1-May	11.50-12.50	11.50-12.50	12.00-13.00	12.50-13.00	10.50-11.00	6.50-7.00	5.50
8-May	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	11.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00
15-May	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	10.50-11.50	11.00-12.00	10.00-10.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50
22-May	10.00-10.50	10.00-10.50	10.50-11.50	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50
29-May	10.00-10.50	10.00-10.50	10.50-11.00	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50
5-Jun	10.00-10.50	10.00-10.50	10.50-11.00	11.00-11.50	10.0-10.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50
12-Jun	10.00-10.50	10.00-10.50	10.50-11.00	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50
19-Jun	10.00-10.50	10.00-10.50	10.00-11.00	10.50-11.50	10.00	6.00	5.00
26-Jun	10.00-10.25	10.00-10.25	10.00-10.50	10.50-11.50	10.00	6.00	5.00
3-Jul	10.00-10.25	10.00-10.25	10.00-10.50	11.00	10.00	6.00	5.00
10-Jul	10.00-10.50	10.00-10.50	10.00-10.50	11.00	10.00	6.00	5.00
17-Jul	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.50-11.00	11.00	10.50	6.00	5.00
24-Jul	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.50	6.00	5.00
31-Jul	11.00-11.50	11.00-11.50	11.00-11.50	11.00-11.50	10.50-11.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25
7-Aug	11.50-12.00	11.50-12.00	11.50-12.00	11.50-12.00	10.50-11.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50
14-Aug	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.50-11.50	6.00-7.00	5.00-5.50

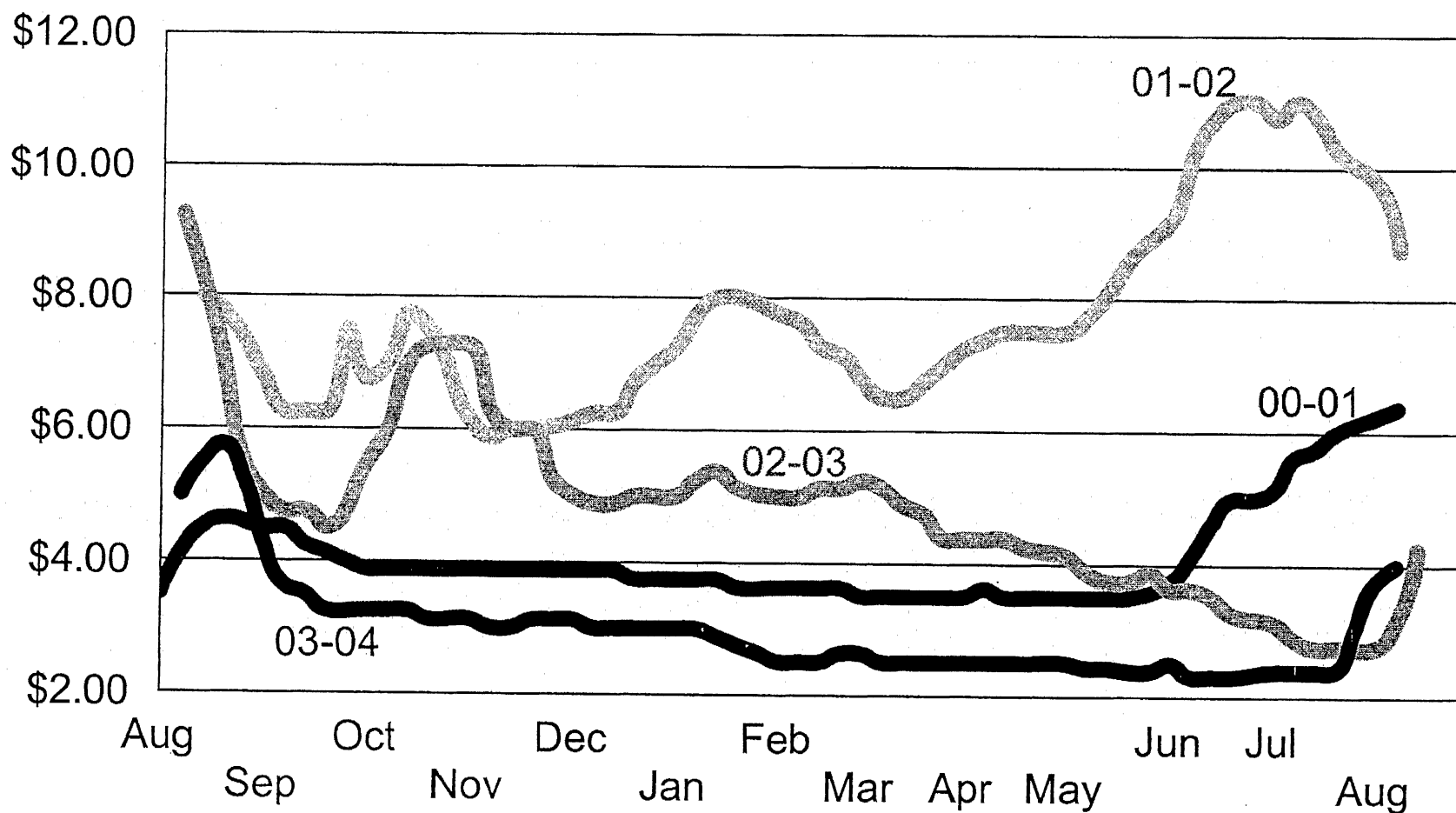
Prices Idaho Russet Potatoes

50 lb cartons, 80 count, U.S. #1 per unit



Prices Idaho Russet Potatoes

10 lb Mesh Bags, Non Size A, U.S. #1, per unit



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WEEKLY PRICE RANGE IDAHO POTATOES PAID BY PROCESSORS – 2003-2004

*Mostly Russet Burbanks, bulk, per cwt, F.O.B. Growers Storage or Shippers Warehouse,
less various tares Unwashed storage-run potatoes, unless otherwise stated.
Mostly price used if available.*

OPEN MARKET PRICES PAID BY PROCESSORS:

STEAK MARKET PRICES TAB D1 PROCESSORS:							
PERIOD ENDING	TRADING	FRESH PACK QUALITY	FRENCH FRY QUALITY	TO GROWERS			TO SHIPPERS WASHED PROCESSING (DEHY) QUALITY*
				DIRECT TO DEHYDRATION QUALITY			
				FIELD/ STORAGE RUN	DRY ELIMINATORS		
	Dehy Quality	Fry Quality					
<u>2003</u>							
Aug 18	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	.75 1/
Aug 25	Moderate	--	--	--	3.00 1/	--	.75-1.50 1/
Sep 2	Moderate	--	4.25-4.50 2/	--	--	--	.75-1.50 1/
Sep 8	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	.75-1.50 1/
Sep 15	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	.75 1/
Sep 22	Fairly Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	.75 1/
	Very Active	--	3.50-4.00 4/2	--	--	--	.75 1/
Sep 29	Very Active	--	4.00 2/	--	--	--	.75-1.50 1/2/3/
Oct 6	Very Active	--	--	1.50	--	--	.75-1.50 1/2/3/
Oct 14	Inactive	--	--	1.50	1.00	--	.75-1.50 1/2/3/
Oct 20	Very Slow	--	--	--	--	--	.75-1.50 1/2/3/
Oct 27	Slow	--	3.00 3/	--	--	--	.75-1.50 1/2/3/
Nov 3	Fairly Active	--	--	--	--	--	.75-2.00 1/2/3/
Nov 10	Inactive	--	5.00 5/	--	--	--	.75-2.00 1/2/3/
Nov 17	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	.75-2.00 1/2/3/
Nov 24	Fairly Slow	--	--	--	--	--	.75-2.00 1/2/3/
Dec 8	Slow	--	--	--	--	--	.75-2.00 1/3/
Dec 15	Very Slow	--	3.00 3/	--	--	--	.75-2.00 1/3/
Dec 22	Very Slow	--	--	1.00 3/	--	--	.75-2.00 1/3/
Dec 29		--	--	1.75 3/	--	--	.75-1.50 1/3/
<u>2004</u>							
Jan 5	Fairly Slow	--	--	--	--	5.00 3/	1.00 1/3/
Jan 12	Very Slow	--	--	--	--	3.50 3/	1.00 1/3/
Jan 20	Fairly Slow	--	--	--	--	4.50 3/	1.00 1/3/
Jan 26	Moderate	--	--	--	--	5.00 3/	1.00 1/3/
Feb 2	Moderate	--	--	--	--	4.50 3/	3.50 3/
Feb 9	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	--
Feb 17	Moderate	--	--	--	--	3.50-5.00 3/	--
Feb 23	Fairly Active	--	--	--	--	4.25-4.75 3/	--
Mar 1	Moderate	--	--	--	--	4.25-5.00 3/5	--
Mar 8	Active	--	--	--	--	3.50-4.75 3/	--
Mar 15	Active	--	--	--	--	3.25-6.00 3/	--
Mar 22	Fairly Active	--	--	--	--	4.75-5.00 3/	--
Mar 29	Slow	--	--	--	--	4.50 6/	--
Apr 5	Slow	--	--	--	--	3.00 3/	--
Apr 12	Fairly Slow	--	--	--	1.75 3/	3.00 3/	--
Apr 19	Fairly Slow	--	--	--	--	5.50 3/	--
Apr 26	Fairly Slow	--	--	--	--	2.50-3.50 3/	--
May 3	Fairly Active	--	--	--	--	4.00-6.00 3/	--
May 10	Fairly Active	--	--	--	--	4.75-5.15 3/	--
May 17	Slow	--	--	--	--	5.00-5.15 3/	--
May 24	Moderate	--	--	--	--	5.00-5.50 3/	--
Jun 1	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jun 7	Very Slow	--	--	--	--	5.00 3/	--
Jun 14	Very Slow	--	--	--	--	2.00 3/	--
Jun 21	Slow	--	--	--	--	3.50 3/	--
Jun 28	Fairly Slow	--	--	--	--	4.50-5.00 3/	--
Jul 6	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jul 10	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jul 19	Slow	--	--	--	--	2.00 3/	--
Jul 26	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	--
Aug 2	Fairly Slow	--	--	--	--	2.25 3/	--
Aug 9	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	--
Aug 16	Inactive	--	--	--	--	2.50 3/	--
Aug 23	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Russet Norkotah; 2/ Russet Rangers; 3/ Russet Burbanks; 4/ Shepody; 5/ Alturas; 6/ Russet Gems.

NOTE: Open-market purchases may represent a small portion of processors weekly usage with the balance contracted or formula priced.

WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES OF IDAHO RUSSET POTATOES 2003-04 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	BOSTON		CHICAGO		NEW YORK	
	50 lb Cartons		50 lb Cartons		50 lb Cartons	
	70s	80s	80s	90s	70s	80s
<u>2003</u>						
23-Aug	15.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	9.00	8.50-9.00	9.00-14.00	12.00-14.00
30-Aug	15.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	12.50-14.00	11.00-13.00	14.00-14.50	12.00-14.00
6-Sep	--	--	12.50-13.00	11.50	13.00-16.00	12.00-16.00
13-Sep	--	--	11.50-12.00	10.50-11.50	12.00-14.00	11.00-13.00
20-Sep	--	--	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	12.00-13.00	10.00-13.00
27-Sep	--	--	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	12.00-13.00	11.00
4-Oct	--	--	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	11.00-12.00	9.00-11.00
11-Oct	15.00	13.50	11.00-11.50	10.0-10.50	10.00-12.00	8.00-11.00
18-Oct	15.00-16.00	12.50-13.00	12.0-13.00	10.00-10.50	12.00-14.00	10.00-11.00
25-Oct	17.00	13.50-14.00	12.00-15.00	10.00-15.00	15.00-18.00	11.00-14.00
1-Nov	19.00-20.00	13.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	16.00-18.00	11.00-14.00
8-Nov	18.00-20.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-10.50	15.00-22.00	10.00-12.00
15-Nov	18.00-19.00	13.50-15.00	13.00	11.00-11.50	16.00-20.00	11.0-16.00
22-Nov	17.00-17.50	13.50-14.00	13.00	10.50-11.00	15.00-20.00	10.00-15.00
29-Nov	16.00-17.00	13.00-14.00	12.50-13.00	10.50	15.00-20.00	10.00-15.00
6-Dec	15.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	12.00-13.00	10.50	14.00-18.00	10.00-14.00
13-Dec	16.00-16.50	13.50-14.00	12.00-12.50	10.00-10.50	13.00-17.00	10.00-14.00
20-Dec	16.00	14.00	12.00-12.50	10.00-10.50	13.00-16.00	10.00-14.50
27-Dec	16.00	13.50-14.00	12.00-12.50	10.00-10.50	13.00-16.00	10.00-14.00

WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES OF IDAHO RUSSET POTATOES 2003-04 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	BOSTON		CHICAGO		NEW YORK	
	50 lb Cartons		50 lb Cartons		50 lb Cartons	
	70s	80s	80s	90s	70s	80s
<u>2004</u>						
3-Jan	15.00-15.50	13.50-14.00	12.50-13.00	12.50-13.00	13.00-14.00	12.00-14.00
10-Jan	15.00-16.00	13.00-14.00	12.50-13.00	12.50-13.00	13.00-15.00	10.00-14.00
17-Jan	15.00-16.00	13.00-14.00	12.50-13.00	12.50-13.00	13.0-15.00	11.00-14.00
24-Jan	15.50-16.00	13.50-14.00	12.50-13.00	12.50-13.00	13.00-15.00	11.00-14.00
31-Jan	16.00-17.00	14.00-15.00	12.50-13.00	12.50-13.00	13.00-15.00	11.00-15.00
7-Feb	16.00	14.00	12.50-13.00	12.50-13.00	13.00-16.00	11.00-14.00
14-Feb	15.00-16.00	13.50-14.00	12.50-13.00	12.50-13.00	13.00-15.00	11.00-15.00
21-Feb	15.00	13.50	11.50-12.50	11.00-11.50	13.00-16.00	11.00-14.00
28-Feb	15.00-16.00	13.50-14.00	11.50-12.50	11.00-11.50	13.00-16.00	10.00-14.00
6-Mar	16.00-16.50	13.50-14.50	11.50-12.50	11.00-11.50	12.00-16.00	10.00-15.00
13-Mar	17.00	14.00-14.50	11.00-11.50	-11.00	13.00-17.00	12.00-15.00
20-Mar	17.00	15.00	11.00-11.50	-11.00	13.00-18.00	11.00-14.00
27-Mar	17.00	15.00	11.00-11.50	-11.00	14.00-17.00	12.00-16.00
3-Apr	17.00-18.00	14.00-15.00	11.00-11.50	-11.00	14.00-20.00	12.00-16.00
10-Apr	19.00	16.00	11.00-11.50	-11.00	14.00-20.00	14.00-18.00
17-Apr	19.00	16.00	11.00-11.50	-11.00	15.00-20.00	13.00-18.00
24-Apr	18.00-18.50	15.50	11.00-11.50	-11.00	15.00-20.00	14.00-18.00
1-May	18.00	15.50	10.50-11.50	-11.00	14.00-19.00	14.00-18.00
8-May	17.00-18.00	15.00-15.50	10.50-11.50	-11.00	14.00-17.00	14.00-17.00
15-May	17.00-18.50	15.00-15.50	10.50-11.50	-11.00	14.00-20.00	14.00-17.00
22-May	17.00	14.00-15.00	10.50-11.50	-11.00	14.00-18.00	14.00-17.00
29-May	16.00-16.50	14.50-15.00	10.50-11.50	10.50-11.00	14.00-18.00	13.00-16.00
5-Jun	16.50-17.00	14.50	-11.00	10.50-11.00	12.00-18.00	12.00-16.00
12-Jun	16.50-17.00	15.00	-11.00	-10.50	12.00-18.00	12.00-16.00
19-Jun	16.00-17.00	14.00-14.50	-11.00	-10.50	12.00-17.00	12.00-16.00
26-Jun	15.00-16.00	14.00-15.00	-11.00	-10.50	12.00-18.00	12.00-16.00
3-Jul	16.00	13.50-15.00	-11.00	-10.50	13.00-18.00	12.00-16.00
10-Jul	16.00	13.00-14.50	-11.00	-10.50	13.00-17.00	13.00-16.00
17-Jul	16.00	13.50-14.00	-11.00	-10.50	13.00-17.00	12.00-16.00
24-Jul	16.00	13.50-14.00	9.50-10.00	9.50-10.00	13.00-17.00	12.00-16.00
31-Jul	16.00	13.50-14.50	8.50-9.50	8.50-9.50	13.00-17.00	12.50-16.50
7-Aug	16.00	13.50-14.00	8.50-9.50	8.50-9.00	13.00-17.00	13.00-18.00
14-Aug	16.00-16.50	14.00-15.00	8.50-9.50	8.50-9.00	13.00-18.00	13.00-17.00

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS – IDAHO POTATOES – 2003 CROP

1,000 CWT

Week Ending	Rail	Truck	Weekly Total	Season Total To Date
<u>2003</u>				
Aug 9	0	22	22	22
16	6	148	154	176
23	16	335	351	527
30	90	537	627	1,154
Sep 6	113	365	478	1,632
13	137	568	705	2,337
20	149	479	628	2,965
27	107	535	642	3,607
Oct 4	125	442	597	4,174
11	121	550	671	4,845
18	134	448	582	5,427
25	162	661	823	6,250
Nov 1	203	517	720	6,970
8	238	532	770	7,740
15	216	475	691	8,431
22	196	648	844	9,275
29	142	362	504	9,779
Dec 6	256	461	717	10,496
13	253	483	736	11,232
20	199	601	800	12,032
27	116	274	390	12,422
<u>2004</u>				
Jan 3	112	285	397	12,819
10	184	558	742	13,561
17	271	618	889	14,450
24	195	483	678	15,128
31	172	464	636	15,764
Feb 7	158	467	625	16,389
14	127	468	595	16,984
21	168	448	616	17,600
28	163	517	680	18,280

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS – IDAHO POTATOES – 2003 CROP
1,000 CWT
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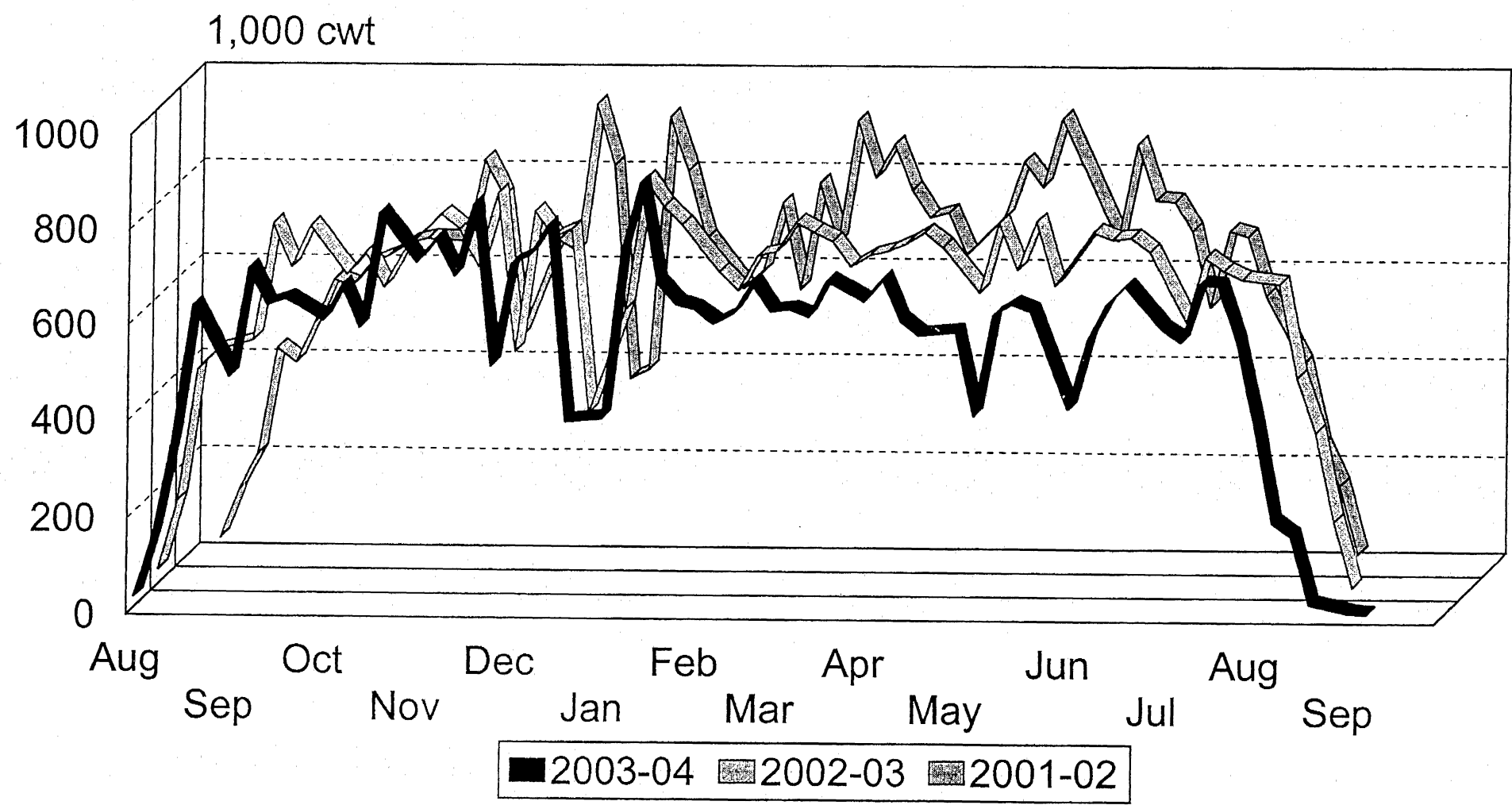
Week Ending	Rail	Truck	Weekly Total	Season Total To Date
Mar 6	156	465	621	18,901
13	144	482	626	19,527
20	191	420	611	20,138
27	164	522	686	20,824
Apr 3	172	472	644	21,468
10	158	533	691	22,159
17	147	456	603	22,762
24	120	454	574	23,336
May 1	143	438	581	23,917
8	148	259	407	24,324
15	157	459	616	24,940
22	143	497	640	25,580
29	138	487	625	26,205
Jun 5	121	301	422	26,627
12	162	403	565	27,192
19	174	466	640	27,832
26	147	531	678	28,510
Jul 3	168	421	589	29,099
10	139	424	563	29,662
17	177	506	683	30,345
24	168	512	680	31,025
31	123	445	568	31,593
Aug 7	77	318	395	31,988
14	46	146	192	32,180
21	14	150	164	32,344
28	5	19	24	32,368
Sep 4	2	4	6	32,374
11	1	2	3	32,377
TOTAL	8,034	24,343	32,377	

Note: August Rail and Truck Shipments are preliminary.

IDAHO POTATOES

Weekly Shipments

2001, 2002, 2003

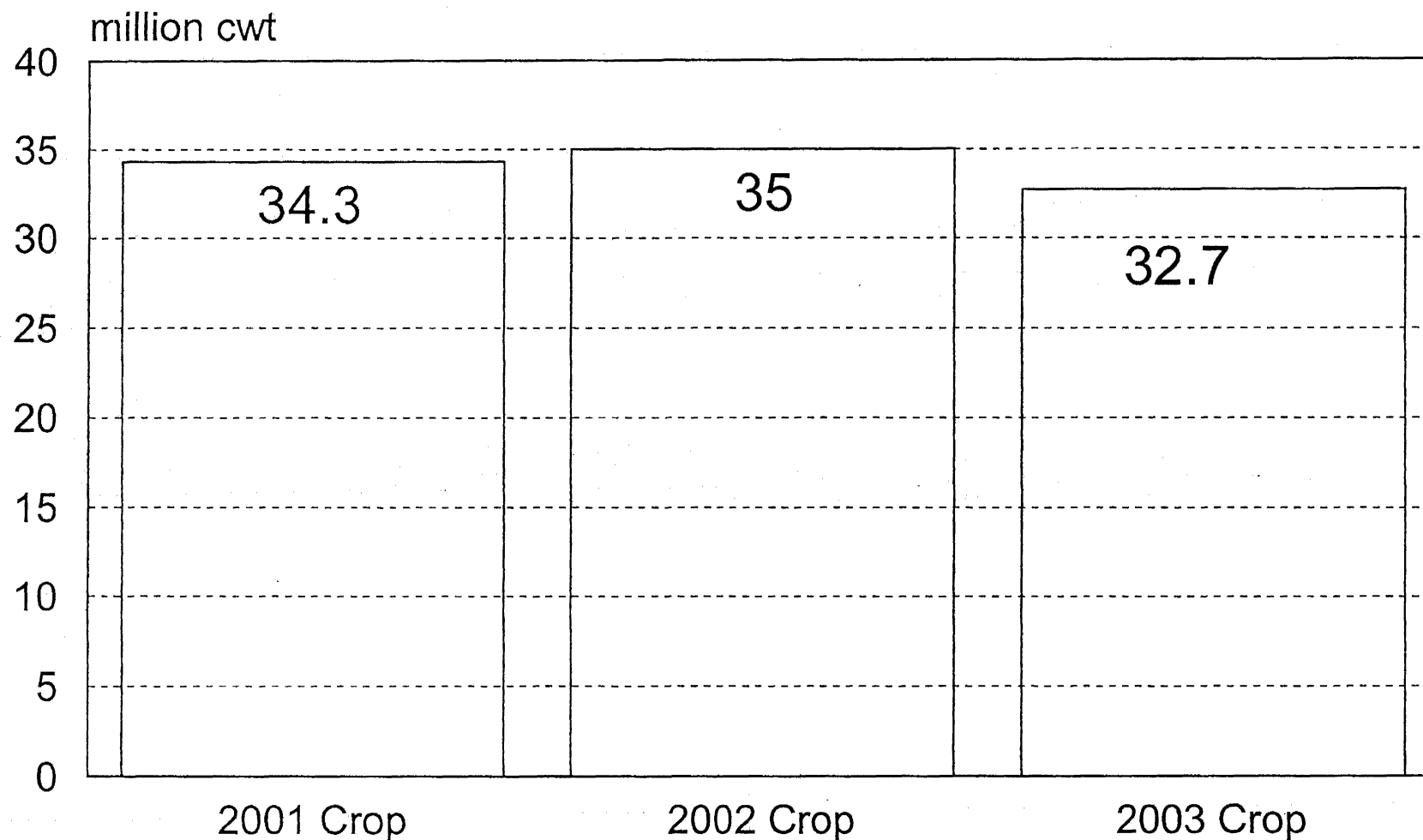


MONTHLY IDAHO POTATO SHIPMENTS – 2003 CROP				
	1,000 CWT			
	PIGGYBACK & RAIL	TRUCK	MONTHLY TOTAL	TOTAL TO DATE
2003				
AUGUST	112	1,042	1,154	1,154
SEPTEMBER	527	2,153	2,680	3,834
OCTOBER	690	2,397	3,087	6,921
NOVEMBER	826	2,031	2,857	9,778
DECEMBER	895	2,043	2,938	12,716
2004				
JANUARY	863	2,184	3,047	15,763
FEBRUARY	616	1,900	2,516	18,279
MARCH	730	2,186	2,916	21,195
APRIL	693	2,042	2,735	23,930
MAY	609	1,886	2,495	26,425
JUNE	672	2,120	2,792	29,217
JULY	707	1,979	2,686	31,903
AUGUST	643	142	785	32,688
SEPTEMBER	2	6	8	32,696
TOTAL	8,585	24,111	32,696	

MONTHLY IDAHO POTATO SHIPMENTS – 2002 CROP				
	1,000 CWT			
	RAIL & PIGGYBACK	TRUCK	MONTHLY TOTAL	TOTAL TO DATE
2002				
AUGUST	173	954	1,128	1,127
SEPTEMBER	653	2,158	2,811	3,938
OCTOBER	792	2,303	3,095	7,033
NOVEMBER	1,053	1,823	2,876	9,909
DECEMBER	885	1,953	2,838	12,747
2003				
JANUARY	1,038	2,311	3,349	16,096
FEBRUARY	743	2,016	2,759	18,855
MARCH	806	2,180	2,986	21,841
APRIL	885	2,250	3,135	24,976
MAY	844	2,186	3,030	28,006
JUNE	802	2,270	3,072	31,078
JULY	768	2,120	2,888	33,966
AUGUST	214	829	1,043	35,009
TOTAL	9,656	25,353	35,009	

IDAHO FRESH POTATO SHIPMENTS

Crop Season Totals



IDAHO CHIPPER POTATO SHIPMENTS – 2003 CROP					
1,000 cwt					
2003			2004		
WEEK ENDING	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE	WEEK ENDING	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE
Jul 26	15	15	Jan 3	60	716
			10	29	745
			17	50	795
			24	49	844
			31	35	879
Aug 2	21	36	Feb 7	32	911
9	18	54	14	36	947
16	20	74	21	26	973
23	19	93	28	36	1,009
30	26	119			
Sep 6	12	131	Mar 6	42	1,051
13	18	149	13	84	1,135
20	26	175	20	59	1,194
27	15	190	27	69	1,263
Oct 4	22	212	Apr 3	129	1,392
11	25	237	10	101	1,493
18	33	270	17	81	1,574
25	50	320	24	100	1,674
Nov 1	47	367	May *		
8	37	404			
15	27	431			
22	41	472			
29	29	501			
Dec 6	36	537			
13	36	550			
20	43	593			
27	63	656			
			TOTAL	1,674 **	

* Started reporting Idaho Chipper shipments as part of the Rocky Mountain Region.

** Shipments do not represent entire season.

Shipments of Chipper Potatoes – (Idaho & U.S.) – By Months											
1,000 cwt											
	2003						2004				
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
IDAHO	15	104	71	130	181	178	223	130	254	411	*
U.S.	3,799	2,554	2,366	2,517	3,154	3,107	3,356	2,452	2,894	3,292	6,355

* Started reporting Idaho Chipper shipments as part of the Rocky Mountain Region.

FALL POTATOES – ACRES, YIELD & PRODUCTION IDAHO & UNITED STATES

1993-2003

Crop Year	IDAHO, ALL				UNITED STATES – Fall Crop			
	Area		Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Area		Yield per Harvested Acre	Production
	Planted	Harvested			Planted	Harvested		
	1,000 Acres		CWT	1,000 cwt	1,000 Acres		CWT	1,000 cwt
1993	390	388	325	126,192	1,195.4	1,136.4	341	387,885
1994	410	408	340	138,801	1,223.1	1,192.2	354	422,345
1995	400	398	333	132,657	1,228.1	1,210.7	334	404,852
1996	415	413	346	142,800	1,270.4	1,248.2	364	454,388
1997	400	398	353	140,314	1,210.1	1,185.1	357	423,190
1998	410	408	338	138,000	1,235.1	1,214.0	343	432,737
1999	395	393	339	133,330	1,203.0	1,116.1	369	429,847
2000	415	413	369	152,320	1,223.0	1,192.2	392	467,504
2001 <u>1/</u>	350	348	345	120,200	1,091.3	1,072.5	367	393,631
2002 <u>1/</u>	375	373	358	133,385	1,134.1	1,105.2	374	413,518
2003 <u>2/</u>	360	358	344	123,180	1,106.0	1,090.9	376	410,588
<u>1/ Revised 2/ Preliminary</u>								
2002 - Crop Production 2002 Summary – January 2003 – NASS, USDA								
2003 – Crop Production – September 2004 – USDA, NASS								

FALL POTATOES: ACRES PLANTED FOR CERTIFIED SEED POTATOES, BY STATE 1/

STATE	2003 CROP			2004	STATE	2003 CROP			2004
	Entered for Certification	Certified	Percent Certified	Entered for Certification		Entered for Certification	Certified	Percent Certified	Entered for Certification
	Acres		Percent	Acres		Acres		Percent	Acres
Alaska	170	171	101	170	New York	994	950	96	750
California	500	558	112	550	N. Dakota	20,200	18,825	93	16,746
Colorado	15,700	13,197	84	14,884	Oregon	3,061	3,058	100	2,914
IDAHO	40,032	40,271	101	36,924	Pennsylvania	235	216	92	284
Maine	15,146	14,869	98	13,000	S. Dakota	972	<u>2/</u>		
Michigan	2,600	2,570	99	2,500	Washington	2,630	2,709	103	2,200
Minnesota	12,732	11,568	91	10,000	Wisconsin	9,300	8,958	96	8,515
Montana	9,638	9,716	101	9,682					
Nebraska	6,560	4,873	74	6,592	TOTAL	140,470	132,509	94	125,711

1/ Data supplied by State seed certification officials. 2/ Acres certified not available for the 2003 crop. Estimates discontinued in 2004.

Source: Crop Production - July 2004– USDA, NASS

AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICES RECEIVED BY IDAHO FARMERS FOR POTATOES \$ Per cwt.			
2003 Crop			
	Fresh	Processing	All Uses 1/
<u>2003</u>			
July	2.40	4.60	3.70
August	5.00	4.70	4.80
September	4.20	4.30	4.30
October	4.00	4.30	4.20
November	4.50	4.20	4.30
December	3.70	4.30	4.10
<u>2004 2/</u>			
January	3.70	4.30	4.05
February	3.40	4.40	4.00
March	3.80	4.00	4.25
April	3.70	4.40	4.95
May	3.60	4.50	5.00
June	3.50	4.30	4.05

1/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed.

2/ 2004 Preliminary. Final Monthly Prices will be published in "Agricultural Prices", February, 2005

Source: Monthly issues of Agriculture in Idaho, Idaho Statistics Service, USDA

MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICES IDAHO POTATOES Prices Received by Farmers \$ Per cwt.			
	All	Fresh	Processing
1994	\$4.90	\$4.70	\$5.00
1995	6.20	7.05	5.65
1996	3.85	2.70	4.70
1997	4.50	3.80	4.80
1998	4.55	4.35	4.55
1999	4.95	4.45	4.85
2000	4.00	2.25	4.55
2001	6.15	8.35	4.95
2002	5.00	5.10	4.60
2003 <u>1/</u>	4.40	4.20	4.30

1/ Preliminary. Final Fresh & Processing data will be published in "Agricultural Prices" February, 2004

Source: "Agricultural Prices" 2003 Summary – July 2004

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1997-03 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES

1,000 cwt

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
IDAHO								
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500	
1998	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000	21,000
2000	152,320	111,000	101,000	87,500	76,500	61,500	47,000	26,500
2001	120,200	87,500	78,000	68,000	58,000	45,000	32,500	18,500
2002 1/, 2/	133,385	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000	34,500	210,000
2003 2/	123,180	86,000	76,500	67,000	58,000	46,000	33,000	19,500
15 STATES								
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001	387,179	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002 1/, 2/	410,912	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003 1/, 2/	410,588	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020

1/ Missing stocks combined into "Other" to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 2/ Revised

Source: Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA - "Idaho Potatoes" September 23, 2004

CALENDAR YEARS POTATOES, TABLE SHIPMENTS (1,000 CWT)			
CALENDAR YEAR	IDAHO	U.S.	IDAHO'S % OF U.S.
1981	18,095	100,357	18.0%
1991	31,109	112,293	27.7%
1997	36,579	115,501	31.7%
1998	39,230	117,245	33.5%
1999	34,303	113,087	30.3%
2000	35,726	115,441	30.9%
2001	35,631	112,980	31.5%
2002	35,302	106,323	33.2%
2003	34,979	109,793	31.9%

Prepared by the Federal-State Market News Service,
Data based on USDA, AMS, *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Shipments FVAS-4*
Calendar years. U.S. does not include imports.

MONTHLY IDAHO POTATO, TABLE SHIPMENTS

Crop Season Basis
1,000 cwt
All modes combined

Crop	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
2003	0	1,154	2,680	3,087	2,857	2,938	3,047	2,516	2,916	2,735	2,495	2,792	2,686	785	8	32,696
2002	0	1,128	2,811	3,095	2,876	2,838	3,349	2,759	2,986	3,135	3,030	3,072	2,888	1,043	0	35,009
2001	0	816	2,090	2,972	2,960	2,938	3,236	2,629	3,433	3,131	3,634	3,144	2,741	609	0	34,333
2000	0	1,336	2,675	3,080	3,306	3,272	3,399	3,007	3,558	3,206	3,246	3,396	2,867	1,196	0	37,544
1999	0	556	2,367	2,976	3,087	2,939	2,866	2,849	3,052	3,010	3,064	3,194	3,115	936	2	34,013
1998	5	463	2,188	3,149	2,968	2,945	3,210	2,701	3,497	3,062	2,928	3,300	2,943	747	0	34,106
1997	0	866	2,450	3,483	3,149	3,227	3,360	2,914	3,329	3,396	3,281	3,798	3,799	1,848	124	39,024
1996	0	782	2,418	3,236	3,047	3,037	3,560	2,744	3,244	3,144	3,258	3,700	3,306	446	0	35,923

Bold with *Italic* numbers are preliminary.

IDAHO POTATO DISAPPEARANCE

million cwt

Crop	Thru Nov	During Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	May/Jun thru end of season	Total
2003	37.2	9.5	9.5	9.0	12.0	13.0	13.5	19.5	123.2
2002	41.4	9.5	10.0	10.5	13.0	14.5	13.5	21.0	133.4

(Disappearance is total production minus Stocks-on-Hand Dec 1 through Jun respectively)

Source: Derived from Potatoes 2003 Summary, September, 2004, USDA, to nearest .1 million cwt.

U.S. POTATO DISAPPEARANCE – FALL – 15 STATES

million cwt

Crop	Thru Nov	During Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	May/Jun thru end of season	Total
2003	137.3	34.3	33.4	34.0	40.2	41.1	39.0	46.0	405.3
2002 ^{1/}	143.3	33.0	32.5	33.8	39.4	42.7	37.2	45.9	407.8

(Disappearance is total production minus Stocks-on-Hand Dec 1 through Jun respectively)

^{1/} Revised.

Source: Derived from Potatoes 2003 Summary, September, 2004, USDA, to nearest .1 million cwt.

IDAHO PROCESSING

(Idaho Potatoes Only)

Processed in Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon

1,000 cwt

Crop	Thru Sept	During Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun thru end of season	Total
2003	7,870	7,160	5,610	6,310	5,280	6,080	5,670	6,250	7,150	12,760	70,140
2002	8,630	7,540	7,630	6,220	6,080	6,930	7,080	7,200	7,040	13,850	78,200
2001	5,670	5,300	6,060	5,720	5,720	6,840	6,330	5,840	6,380	11,860	65,720
2000	7,790	8,240	6,810	5,900	7,260	6,530	7,720	7,140	8,080	17,140	82,610
1999	7,210	7,290	7,320	6,080	5,740	7,950	8,260	7,600	7,540	13,400	78,390
1998	6,990	7,670	8,070	6,660	7,700	8,020	8,040	7,830	6,990	15,420	83,390
1997	6,830	7,180	7,470	6,470	6,540	8,150	7,980	7,350	8,180	16,470	82,620
1996	7,890	8,210	7,710	6,250	6,040	8,320	7,570	7,280	7,860	16,720	83,850
1995	7,450	7,810	6,770	7,410	7,620	7,400	7,290	6,780	8,080	13,360	79,970

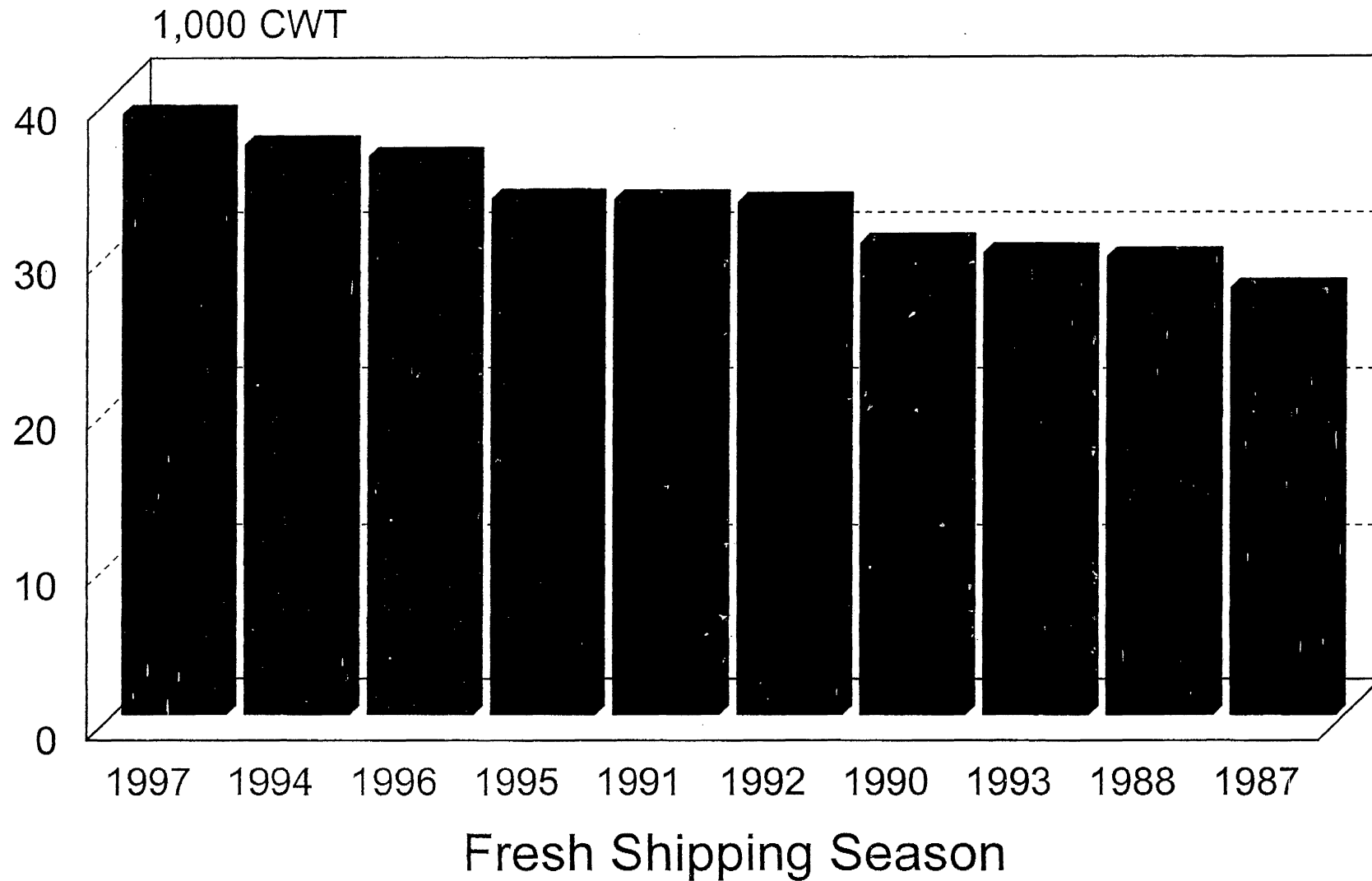
Source: Derived from Idaho Potatoes 2003 Summary, September, 2004, IASS

THE TOP TEN IDAHO POTATOES

Fresh Shipping Seasons		
		1,000 cwt
1.	1997 Crop	39,024
2.	2000 Crop	37,544
3.	1994 Crop	36,670
4.	1996 Crop	35,923
5	2002 Crop	35,019
6.	2001 Crop	34,333
7.	1998 Crop	34,106
8.	1999 Crop	34,011
9.	1995 Crop	33,169
10.	1991 Crop	33,101
(Federal-State Market News Service)		

THE TOP TEN

IDAHO POTATOES



Maine Potatoes *2003 season*

Production: According to the New England Agricultural Statistics Service, Maine's 2003 **potato production** was estimated at **17 million hundredweight**, just slightly above the 2002 season. The December 1 production forecast placed harvested **acreage at 65,500** compared to 64,000 acres for the 2002 season. **Yields of 260 cwt per acre were off by 5 cwt** from the prior season, and below the 5-year average of 275 cwt. per acre, the lowest average yield since 1995.

Objective Yield Survey: Results from the annual Potato Objective Yield Survey conducted by NASS placed the **Russet Burbank** (for processing) as the leading variety planted in the state, **comprising 33 percent of the total acreage**, a decrease from the 2002 season's 36 per cent. Next were the numbered **Frito-Lay chipping varieties** at nearly **12%** followed by **Shepody**, a long white variety also used primarily for processing, at nearly **10%** (up from 9%) and **Superior** at **6%**, (down from 7%) and **Russet Norkotah** at nearly **4.5%**, off just slightly from the previous season. Acreage by potato type was **white (56%) up from 53%** over the 2002 season, **Russets at 40% (from 43%)** and **red varieties (4%)** the same as the previous crop.

Shipments: Maine fresh potato **shipments totaled 2.7 million cwt.** (through June) for the 2003 season, **down 21 percent** when compared to 3.4 million cwt. for the same period for the 2002 crop year, and off by 30% from the 1999 crop, according to the Market News Service. A later harvest and sluggish demand early in the season (September and October) slowed movement. At the end of October, shipments were behind sharply by 43% from the previous season. The gap narrowed slightly by the end of December as shipments lagged by 34% from 2002 and 41% behind the 2001 crop. By the end of March, movement still **lagged behind the 2002 season by 23 percent**. Major destinations for the 2003 crop (through May) were **Massachusetts** with approximately 2,023 loads, **New York** 1,449 loads, **Pennsylvania** 804 loads, **North Carolina** 480 loads and **New Jersey** with 474 loads. Peak shipping periods included the holiday months of November, December and January, although most dealers and growers were disappointed with the movement.

Easements: According to the Maine Department of Agriculture's Inspection Service, **loads sent to Canada for processing totaled 300,707 cwt. or 650 loads** through July 2004, a **healthy increase of 198 loads**.

Potato Stocks: Stocks on hand **December 1 totaled 13.5 million cwt.**, 7 percent above the 2002 crops December 1 holdings. Disappearance to date totaled 3.53 million cwt., compared with 4.36 million cwt the previous year. Storage accounted for 79% of the state's total production, compared with the previous five-year average of 80 percent. Of the stocks on hand December 1, 46% were round white varieties, 48% were russets, 2% long whites and 4% red varieties. **Nationwide**, the December 1 potato stocks in the 15 storage States, at 267 million cwt., was **up 1%** from last season, and **3% above 2001**. The **May 1 stocks** on hand showed Maine's **holdings at 4.1 million cwt.**, **5% above** (3.8 million cwt) the 2002 season.

Growing Season: Cool, wet conditions prevailed during May and June. By the end of May, 50% of planting had been finished, compared with 70% normally planted by this time. For the most part, planting was concluded by the middle of June. **Emergence** was seriously **slowed due to the cool soil temperatures** and NASS reported only 25% emergence compared to the 5-year average of 65% by mid-month. Warmer and drier conditions in July helped growth progress. Two weeks of heavy rains in early August left standing water in the rows and resulted in **some acreage unharvested** as well as diminished tuber quality and size in some locations. A few late blight fields were reported in the northern part of Aroostook County and were eradicated immediately. Potatoes were 100% dug by the third week in October, on a normal schedule.

Harvest: The initial vine-killing applications on some early varieties were applied late August. Cooler weather persisted through the beginning of September with a few showers. Some growers harvested for early processing, although most were reluctant to dessicate late-variety vines as the tubers needed additional size. Early potatoes for the fresh market were packed and sent direct to the customer. By the end of September, harvest was in full swing and 45% completed as warmer, drier days prevailed. Harvesting in early October was hampered by heavy rainfall. Warm, dry conditions followed which allowed growers to accelerate harvest with little frost threat and digging was completed in a normal time frame the third week of October 21. Tuber size on later varieties in some instances did not gain the bulk the growers were hoping for.

Marketing Season: The first fob pricing report was issued by the Market News Service in late-October when **Round white** U.S. One 2-inch minimum 10-pound open window sacks loose sold at a high of **mostly .75-.80** and baled 10 5-pound filmbags at mostly \$5.00. Demand for Round whites was sluggish all year. The biggest demand came at Thanksgiving and again in mid-January and a flurry in mid-March. Prices ended at a low during late February and March with 10s mostly .50-.55. The glut of potatoes yet in storage prompted the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service to assist with the disposal of unmarketable potatoes in the state. Approximately 738,000 cwt of potatoes were disposed of in late March under USDA guidance and another 1 million cwt was passed and paid from the state's coffer in July 2004. **Over 1.8 million dollars in aid** was prorated to growers who qualified for the program. With supplies limited in May, prices inched up to end the reporting season at mostly .65-.70 the first week of June. Pressure from Canadian Round whites, namely from Prince Edward Island, continued to be a thorn in the Maine marketplace again this season.

The first report for Russet Norkotah was issued the last week of October as U.S. One 2-inch or 4 ounce minimum baled 10 5-pound filmbags sold from mostly **\$5.25-5.50**. Weak pricing from the Western growing regions left little room for advancement in market pricing the entire season. Stripper sizes were more prevalent and competed strongly in the consumer bag market this season. By the first of the New Year, 5s had slipped to mostly \$4.75-5.00 and continued downward to the final resting place of mostly **\$4.00-4.50** by the middle of February. Low prices on Number 2 grade russets also hurt the large market for Round whites in many Eastern markets. These prices remained flat until the end of the seasons reporting in early June.

Packaging: Major consumer packages for Maine Round whites were 2-inch minimum loose 10-lb. sacks and baled 10 5-lb film bags. Some growers with premium chain-store accounts packed 2 ¼" minimum size during the season and were rewarded with higher returns that averaged \$1.00 above the 2 inch pack. The chief pack for Russets was baled 5-pound film bags, although some chain store accounts were interested in 8-pound, 10-pound or 15 pound packages.

Transportation: Truck shortages were quite a problem during the second half of the season. Rising fuel costs and competition with seed deliveries posed some problems on a day-by-day basis for many destinations, especially in February and March. With demand sluggish on table stock, most shippers did not encounter too many truck shortages in the fall and early winter months. Late in the season, in competition with seed deliveries, nationwide truck shortages, and rising fuel prices, transportation was an additional burden to growers and dealers.

Maine Chipping Potatoes - 2003 season

Statistics: Maine chipping potato shipments totaled 2,021,173 cwt. for the 2003 season, a slight decrease from the previous season record movement in recent years of 2,197,805 cwt. Contracts were similar to the previous season, with the slightly reduced yield the primary reason for the slight decrease in shipments. The first shipments of the season began mid-August and finished mid-June. Approximately 8,000 of the 66,000 total acres in the state were devoted to chip production for the 2003 season. Most of the production is located in Central and Southern Aroostook County with one major grower in the northern part of the county.

Marketing: Out-of-the-field supplies were initially harvested in mid-August and finished with supplies out-of-storage mid-June. Contracts stayed behind schedule for most of the year as demand was less and other growing areas had big yields. **Peak shipping occurred in December, January and May**, ahead of the Holiday season and the Super Bowl. Volume has remained fairly stable for the last several years, as most supplies are contracted ahead of the season and the Maine market has attracted less regular buyers. There was no open market chip stock buying this season. The major buyer/contractor in the state was Frito-Lay, with smaller quantities sent to Cape Cod and Wachusettes Potato Chip Companies in Massachusetts, as well Wise Foods in Pennsylvania and an occasional smaller buyer/broker.

BENTON HARBOR - AROOSTOOK COUNTY MAINE							
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis							
POTATOES - 2003 Season							
Prices represent the "mostly" price range							
Week Ending	U.S. One						
	Baled 10 5-lb film bags			50 lb Sacks		10 lb open-window	
	Norkotah	Round White		Round White		Round White	
	2" or 4 oz min	2 1/4" min	2" min	2" min	Large	2 1/4" min	2" min
18-Oct	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
25-Oct	5.25-5.50	--	--	--	--	--	.75-.80
1-Nov	5.25-5.50	--	--	--	--	--	.75-.80
8-Nov	4.75-5.50	--	5.00	--	--	--	.75-.80
15-Nov	4.75-5.00	--	4.25-5.00	2.75-3.25	--	--	.65-.80
22-Nov	4.75-5.00	--	4.25-4.75	2.75-3.25	--	--	.65-.75
29-Nov	4.75-5.00	5.50-5.75	4.25-4.75	2.75-3.25	--	.90-.95	.65-.75
6-Dec	4.75-5.00	5.00-5.75	4.00-4.75	2.50-3.25	--	.90-.95	.65-.75
13-Dec	4.75-5.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50	2.50-3.00	--	0.90	.65-.75
20-Dec	4.75-5.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50	2.50-2.75	--	0.90	.65-.75
27-Dec	4.75-5.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50	2.50-2.75	--	0.90	.65-.75
3-Jan	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50	2.50-2.75	--	0.90	.65-.75
10-Jan	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50	2.25-2.75	4.50-4.75	.80-.90	.55-.75
17-Jan	4.25-4.75	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50	2.25-2.75	4.50-4.75	.80-.90	.55-.65
24-Jan	4.25-4.75	5.00-5.25	3.75-4.25	2.25-2.50	4.50-4.75	.75-.85	.55-.60
31-Jan	4.25-4.75	5.00-5.25	3.75-4.00	2.25-2.50	4.50-4.75	.75-.85	.55-.60
7-Feb	4.25-4.75	5.00-5.25	3.75-4.00	2.25-2.50	4.50-4.75	.75-.85	.55-.60
14-Feb	4.00-4.75	5.00-5.25	3.75-4.00	--	4.50-4.75	.75-.85	.55-.60
21-Feb	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.25	3.75-4.00	--	--	.65-.85	.50-.60
28-Feb	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.00	3.75-4.00	--	--	.65-.85	.50-.55
6-Mar	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.00	3.75-4.00	--	--	.65-.85	.50-.55
13-Mar	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00	--	--	.60-.85	.50-.55
20-Mar	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00	--	--	.60-.70	.50-.55
27-Mar	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00	--	--	.60-.70	.50-.55
3-Apr	4.00-4.50	4.75-5.00	4.00-4.50	--	--	.60-.70	.50-.55
10-Apr	4.00-4.50	5.00-6.50	4.00-4.75	--	--	.90-1.00	.50-.55
17-Apr	4.00-4.50	5.00-6.00	4.25-4.75	--	--	.90-1.00	.50-.70
24-Apr	4.00-4.50	5.00-6.00	4.25-4.75	--	--	.90-1.00	.60-.70
1-May	4.00-4.50	5.00-6.00	4.25-4.75	--	--	.90-1.00	.60-.70
8-May	4.00-4.50	5.25-5.75	4.25-4.75	--	--	.90-1.00	.65-.70
15-May	4.00-4.50	5.25-5.75	4.25-4.75	--	--	--	.65-.70
22-May	4.00-4.50	5.25-5.75	4.25-4.75	--	--	--	.65-.70
29-May	4.00-4.50	--	4.25-4.75	--	--	--	.65-.70

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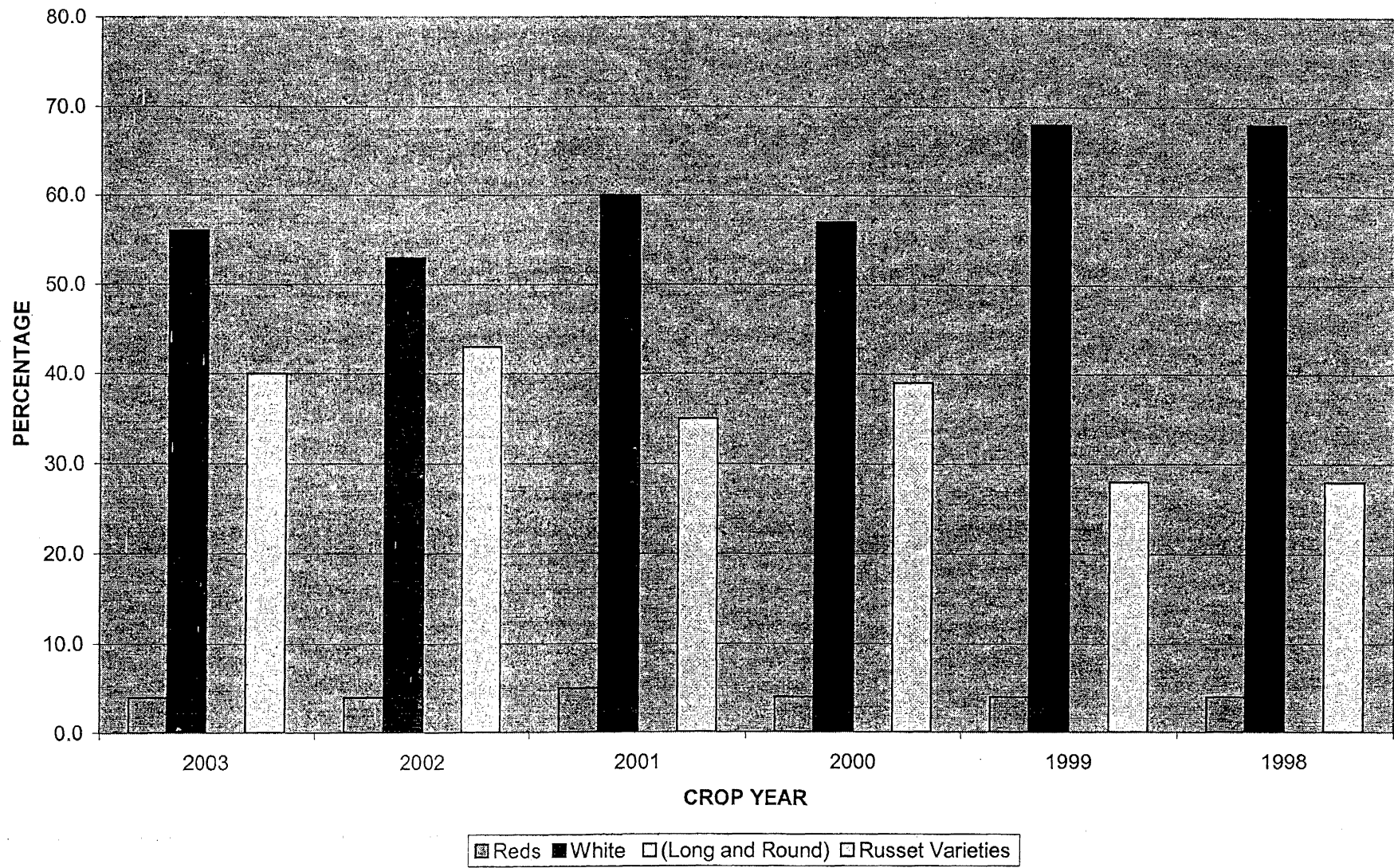
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MAINE TABLESTOCK POTATOES 2003 SEASON								
	WEEKLY SHIPMENTS							
W/Ending	03 SN	03 TTD	02 SN	02 TTD	01 SN	01 TTD	00 SN	00 TTD
30-Aug	0	0	0	0	8,478	8,478	9,727	9,727
6-Sep	22,009	22,009	22,144	22,144	19,817	28,295	29,469	39,196
13-Sep	14,573	36,582	23,701	45,845	38,365	66,660	20,020	59,216
20-Sep	10,024	46,606	25,581	71,426	38,403	105,063	18,575	77,791
27-Sep	10,015	56,621	21,632	93,058	37,142	142,205	37,355	115,146
4-Oct	13,306	69,927	24,205	117,263	40,647	182,852	34,596	149,742
11-Oct	16,015	85,942	30,494	147,757	58,652	241,504	29,932	179,674
18-Oct	20,456	106,398	32,702	180,459	53,045	294,549	48,081	227,755
25-Oct	22,894	129,292	56,245	236,704	86,240	380,789	52,133	279,888
1-Nov	41,007	170,299	74,723	311,427	69,950	450,739	63,661	343,549
8-Nov	51,979	222,278	106,240	417,667	126,312	577,051	58,070	401,619
15-Nov	73,923	296,201	108,568	526,235	145,571	722,622	131,429	533,048
22-Nov	114,276	410,477	152,867	679,102	81,861	804,483	87,738	620,786
29-Nov	58,783	469,260	103,867	782,969	98,350	902,833	94,952	715,738
6-Dec	64,338	533,598	88,925	871,894	106,525	1,009,358	97,251	812,989
13-Dec	82,647	616,245	113,938	985,832	128,907	1,138,265	132,552	945,541
20-Dec	99,557	715,802	150,225	1,136,057	151,415	1,289,680	145,145	1,090,686
27-Dec	89,219	805,021	105,687	1,241,744	129,666	1,419,346	154,998	1,245,684
3-Jan	90,425	895,446	126,899	1,368,643	130,190	1,549,536	129,742	1,375,426
10-Jan	110,530	1,005,976	108,918	1,477,561	165,430	1,714,966	135,465	1,510,891
17-Jan	97,875	1,103,851	106,985	1,584,546	156,210	1,871,176	115,532	1,626,423
24-Jan	99,208	1,203,059	106,616	1,691,162	118,456	1,989,632	130,149	1,756,572
31-Jan	106,915	1,309,974	109,121	1,800,283	109,260	2,098,892	126,677	1,883,249
7-Feb	92,896	1,402,870	91,907	1,892,190	132,875	2,231,767	138,016	2,021,265
14-Feb	73,571	1,476,441	110,352	2,002,542	129,863	2,361,630	125,395	2,146,660
21-Feb	95,306	1,571,747	128,725	2,131,267	136,875	2,498,505	148,826	2,295,486
28-Feb	94,791	1,666,538	127,618	2,258,885	128,669	2,627,174	160,887	2,456,373
6-Mar	92,861	1,759,399	148,498	2,407,383	126,228	2,753,402	199,290	2,655,663
13-Mar	107,482	1,866,881	111,668	2,519,051	129,781	2,883,183	151,858	2,807,521
20-Mar	105,988	1,972,869	87,108	2,606,159	99,969	2,983,152	106,986	2,914,507
27-Mar	99,250	2,072,119	87,882	2,694,041	122,284	3,105,436	125,791	3,040,298
3-Apr	80,092	2,152,211	102,617	2,796,658	79,729	3,185,165	121,697	3,161,995
10-Apr	79,664	2,231,875	108,559	2,905,217	77,326	3,262,491	125,567	3,287,562
17-Apr	84,475	2,316,350	108,923	3,014,140	52,998	3,315,489	108,402	3,395,964
24-Apr	76,212	2,392,562	93,018	3,107,158	45,313	3,360,802	93,111	3,489,075
1-May	69,185	2,461,747	70,178	3,177,336	48,572	3,409,374	70,709	3,559,784
8-May	52,660	2,514,407	81,117	3,258,453	39,281	3,448,655	55,354	3,615,138
15-May	59,006	2,573,413	52,606	3,311,059	26,677	3,475,332	59,084	3,674,222
22-May	53,121	2,626,534	45,918	3,356,977	23,242	3,498,574	65,814	3,740,036
29-May	36,931	2,663,465	38,543	3,395,520	13,503	3,512,077	31,287	3,771,323
5-Jun	6,809	2,670,274	16,997	3,412,517	12,221	3,524,298	21,615	3,792,938
12-Jun	9,893	2,680,167	12,166	3,424,683	7,222	3,531,520	26,043	3,818,981
19-Jun	15,627	2,695,794	7,626	3,432,309	3,612	3,535,132	21,782	3,840,763
26-Jun	15,700	2,711,494	7,923	3,440,232			16,622	3,857,385
3-Jul	6,615	2,718,109	4,585	3,444,817			6,966	3,864,351
TOTAL	2,718,109	2,718,109	3,444,817	3,444,817	3,535,132	3,535,132	3,864,351	3,864,351

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MAINE POTATOES - PERCENT OF ACRES PLANTED BY VARIETY						
				1998 - 2003		
<i>Variety and Type</i>	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<i>by Variety:</i>						
Russet Burbank	33.2	36.4	29.1	33.7	26.1	23.0
Frito-Lay, All	11.9	10.9	12.6	11.1	9.5	10.2
Ontario	8.3	9.7	7.3	9.2	17.5	12.8
Shepody	9.7	9.2	11.4	11.1	15.0	14.1
Superior	6.1	7.2	8.9	5.7	7.8	9.0
Russet Norkotah	4.4	4.7	3.5	4.0	1.0	3.5
Atlantic	3.5	3.4	3.6	2.8	4.7	4.6
Norwis	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.6	1.7	1.7
Chieftan	1.4	1.8	2.2	2.2	1.7	1.7
Katahdin	2.5	1.6	3.9	1.7	3.3	2.9
Snowden	2.2	1.4	1.5	2.2	3.3	4.0
Yukon Gold	2.0	1.4	2.2	2.2	1.8	1/
Goldrush	1.6	1.1	1.7	1/	1/	2.6
Other Varieties	7.2	9.0	9.7	11.5	6.0	10.5
TOTAL VARIETIES	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>by Type:</i>						
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Reds	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
White	56.0	53.0	60.0	57.0	68.0	68.0
(Long and Round)						
Russet Varieties	40.0	43.0	35.0	39.0	28.0	28.0
TOTAL VARIETIES	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1/ included with other varieties						

Maine Variety Trends



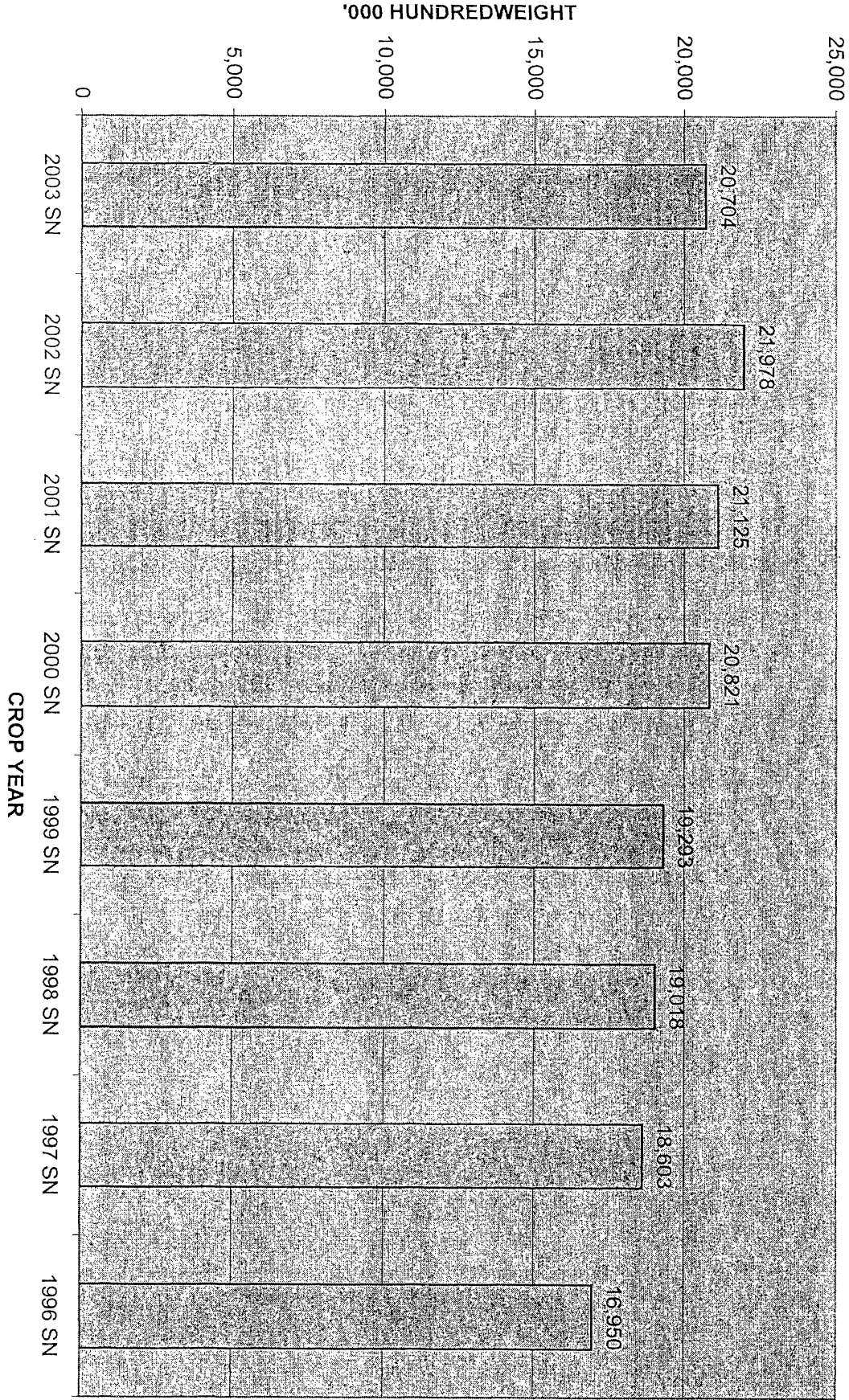
PRICES RECEIVED ON MAINE POTATOES												
1992 - 2003 Crop Years												
Prices received by Farmers for all potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average												
1992 - 2003 Crop Years												
Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed and feed												
CROP YEAR	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Yr. Avg.
2003	\$6.15	\$5.25	\$5.45	\$5.90	\$5.75	\$5.85	\$5.70	\$6.10	\$6.30	\$6.70	\$6.90	\$6.70
2002	\$5.75	\$5.45	\$5.60	\$6.65	\$6.95	\$7.10	\$7.10	\$7.45	\$8.10	\$8.15	\$7.40	\$7.05
2001	\$6.20	\$5.70	\$6.05	\$6.65	\$7.50	\$7.75	\$8.30	\$8.65	\$9.45	\$8.05	\$7.00	\$7.65
2000	\$5.80	\$5.45	\$5.50	\$5.55	\$5.60	\$5.50	\$5.90	\$6.20	\$6.80	\$7.30	\$6.75	\$6.15
1999	\$5.80	\$5.30	\$5.45	\$6.35	\$6.45	\$6.30	\$6.35	\$6.40	\$6.80	\$6.60	\$6.75	\$6.35
1998	\$6.25	\$5.40	\$5.70	\$5.85	\$5.90	\$6.15	\$6.45	\$6.90	\$7.45	\$7.05		\$6.45
1997	\$8.10	\$5.65	\$5.70	\$6.10	\$6.30	\$6.10	\$6.35	\$6.55	\$6.95	\$6.75		\$6.40
1996	\$5.20	\$4.70	\$4.90	\$4.35	\$4.35	\$4.65	\$4.50	\$4.75	\$5.05	\$4.55		\$4.60
1995	\$5.55	\$5.25	\$5.85	\$6.25	\$6.25	\$6.30	\$6.30	\$6.60	\$6.85	\$7.05		\$6.40
1994	\$5.65	\$4.85	\$5.25	\$5.70	\$6.00	\$6.20	\$6.25	\$6.60	\$6.70	\$6.15		\$6.10
1993	\$6.20	\$5.10	\$5.15	\$6.20	\$7.00	\$7.35	\$7.70	\$8.05	\$7.95	\$6.50		\$6.95
1992	\$6.10	\$5.35	\$5.15	\$4.80	\$5.15	\$5.15	\$5.25	\$5.45	\$5.45	\$4.15		\$5.10
Stocks/Price Survey conducted by the New England Agricultural Statistics Service.												

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MAINE POTATOES										
POTATO PRODUCTION AND STOCKS HELD BY GROWERS, LOCAL DEALERS AND PROCESSORS, BY MONTH, 1992-2003 CROP YEARS										
Stocks Held by Growers, Local Dealers and Processors in 000 Cwt.										
	ACREAGE PLT'D/HARV 1,000 acres	PRODUCTION 1,000 CWT.	YIELD PER ACRE	DECEMBER 1	JANUARY 1	FEBRUARY 1	MARCH 1	APRIL 1	MAY 1	JUNE 1
2003	66.0 / 65.5	17,030	260	13,500	12,100	10,500	8,900	6,500	4,100	2,300
2002	64.0 / 64.0	16,960	265	12,600	11,200	9,500	8,000	6,300	3,900	2,100
2001	62.0 / 62.0	16,430	265	12,200	10,800	8,900	7,100	5,300	3,300	1,800
2000	64.0 / 64.0	17,920	280	14,100	12,500	10,900	8,700	6,600	4,000	1,900
1999	65.0 / 62.5	17,813	285	14,500	13,000	11,300	9,400	7,200	4,400	2,300
1998	65.5 / 64.5	18,060	280	14,100	12,500	10,500	8,450	6,000	3,800	1,900
1997	72.0 / 72.0	19,080	265	15,600	14,100	12,100	10,300	7,400	4,500	
1996	78.0 / 77.0	21,175	275	16,900	15,300	13,100	11,200	8,400	5,300	
1995	78.0 / 78.0	17,160	270	13,800	12,400	10,400	8,500	5,700	2,800	
1994	78.0 / 75.0	18,375	245	13,400	11,400	9,400	7,700	5,200	2,800	
1993	80.0 / 78.0	19,890	255	14,700	12,700	10,300	8,200	5,800	3,500	
1992	82.0 / 81.0	24,300	300	17,900	15,600	13,100	10,700	7,700	4,400	
1991	81.0 / 79.0	18,170	230	12,400	10,500	8,300	6,400	4,100	2,000	

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MAINE CHIPSTOCK



MAINE CHIPPING POTATOES - 2003 SEASON									
WEEK	CWT.	TTD-CWT.	CWT.	TTD-CWT.	CWT.	TTD-CWT.	TTD-CWT.	TTD	TTD
ENDING	2003 SN	2003 SN	2002 SN	2002 SN	2001 SN	2001 SN	2000 SN	99 SSN	98 SSN
2-Aug			0	0	0	0	0	0	16701
9-Aug			0	0	0	0	0	36,311	42,900
16-Aug	4,046	4,046	34,153	34,153	9,327	9,327	35,020	71,288	75,362
23-Aug	41,745	45,791	65,471	99,624	46,980	56,307	77,759	127,860	108,973
30-Aug	47,295	93,086	60,797	160,421	29,168	85,475	114,096	163,819	133,928
6-Sep	38,437	131,523	31,107	191,528	32,395	117,870	142,973	196,299	158,611
13-Sep	37,904	169,427	47,193	238,721	40,452	158,322	179,697	236,299	186,449
20-Sep	40,933	210,360	41,225	279,946	47,613	205,935	212,521	272,299	212,372
27-Sep	34,098	244,458	37,277	317,223	33,717	239,652	240,515	300,799	253,993
4-Oct	22,080	266,538	30,824	348,047	23,791	263,443	256,588	315,299	290,808
11-Oct	7,919	274,457	21,123	369,170	24,888	288,331	265,588	332,758	302,794
18-Oct	31,485	305,942	19,173	388,343	13,159	301,490	280,556	363,866	348,879
25-Oct	24,619	330,561	27,115	415,458	23,042	324,532	315,819	405,798	402,681
1-Nov	44,451	375,012	44,500	459,958	44,462	368,994	363,038	461,395	436,102
8-Nov	45,289	420,301	30,207	490,165	41,562	410,556	412,605	514,261	477,393
15-Nov	53,144	473,445	41,238	531,403	58,850	469,406	464,337	570,815	528,532
22-Nov	55,713	529,158	48,890	580,293	40,487	509,893	503,958	620,776	575,501
29-Nov	44,540	573,698	36,688	616,981	50,695	560,588	555,775	676,790	623,101
6-Dec	53,997	627,695	52,906	669,887	65,089	625,677	607,364	732,388	679,250
13-Dec	64,634	692,329	58,475	728,362	59,926	685,603	685,755	793,797	742,962
20-Dec	76,070	768,399	71,941	800,303	71,671	757,274	751,661	848,121	789,882
27-Dec	52,315	820,714	61,739	862,042	39,022	796,296	793,202	918,256	831,028
3-Jan	54,305	875,019	53,077	915,119	37,257	833,553	826,839	978,965	875,194
10-Jan	46,475	921,494	51,554	966,673	39,624	873,177	874,316	1,039,461	931,699
17-Jan	64,320	985,814	61,692	1,028,365	69,996	943,173	905,458	1,080,380	970,762
24-Jan	54,910	1,040,724	25,371	1,053,736	49,527	992,700	943,357	1,123,485	1,017,283
31-Jan	53,165	1,093,889	41,086	1,094,822	56,479	1,049,179	973,421	1,162,556	1,058,122
7-Feb	42,964	1,136,853	36,264	1,131,086	52,266	1,101,445	1,008,157	1,204,405	1,104,337
14-Feb	28,723	1,165,576	39,799	1,170,885	51,094	1,152,539	1,051,102	1,250,584	1,146,309
21-Feb	23,960	1,189,536	44,150	1,215,035	72,527	1,225,066	1,105,765	1,295,419	1,184,783
28-Feb	38,757	1,228,293	37,305	1,252,340	83,511	1,308,577	1,172,401	1,331,384	1,228,040
6-Mar	43,493	1,271,786	43,273	1,295,613	72,743	1,381,320	1,228,167	1,374,249	1,279,297
13-Mar	47,214	1,319,000	42,919	1,338,532	79,556	1,460,876	1,284,138	1,411,707	1,342,471
20-Mar	44,308	1,363,308	58,590	1,397,122	46,900	1,507,776	1,340,679	1,450,684	1,412,774
27-Mar	48,296	1,411,604	55,491	1,452,613	47,614	1,555,390	1,396,149	1,496,225	1,458,159
3-Apr	41,387	1,452,991	54,987	1,507,600	42,446	1,597,836	1,469,458	1,541,611	1,540,576
10-Apr	47,124	1,500,115	65,342	1,572,942	35,981	1,633,817	1,544,111	1,584,611	1,603,859
17-Apr	45,613	1,545,728	70,809	1,643,751	52,091	1,685,908	1,619,397	1,629,828	1,663,859
24-Apr	55,654	1,601,382	98,618	1,742,369	62,414	1,748,322	1,686,670	1,666,925	1,748,799
1-May	58,314	1,659,696	93,207	1,835,576	57,045	1,805,367	1,760,371	1,704,022	1,846,122
8-May	66,556	1,726,252	82,192	1,917,768	58,572	1,863,939	1,836,677	1,759,805	1,901,811
15-May	57,787	1,784,039	57,132	1,974,900	91,120	1,955,059	1,913,794	1,820,293	
22-May	65,866	1,849,905	54,643	2,029,543	57,727	2,012,786	1,982,422	1,878,753	
29-May	69,139	1,919,044	44,678	2,074,221	28,216	2,041,002	2,042,802	1,916,393	
5-Jun	44,925	1,963,969	45,088	2,119,309	53,811	2,094,813	2,082,090	1,944,975	
12-Jun	57,204	2,021,173	58,185	2,177,494	17,725	2,112,538			
19-Jun	49,243	2,070,416	20,311	2,197,805					
TOTAL	2,070,416	2,070,416	2,197,805	2,197,805	2,112,538	2,112,538	2,082,090	1,944,975	1,901,811

Maine Seed Potatoes *2003 season*

Acreage: The Maine Seed Inspection Department was responsible for inspection and certification of seed shipments by variety and destination for the industry. Florida-tested acreage for the 2003-2004 season totaled **14,584 acres, up slightly** (14,431) from last season; however, **a sharp decline** from the early 1990s. These figures did not include growers own seed plots. Certification tags were issued by state Seed Potato Specialists for lots that met official grades for Maine Certified Seed, and after Florida testing, recorded 5 per cent or less virus diseased plants. Maine Certified Seed Potato acreage for the 2003 season totaled 14,869 acres. Major varieties were Superior, Atlantic, Russet Burbank, Shepody, Reba, Yukon Gold, Snowden and Norwis. **Measurable increases** were noted in the following key varieties: **Red LaSoda** (up 41%), **LaChipper** (up 34%), **Russet Norkotah** (up 32%), **Ontario** (up 31%), **Pike** (up 26%), **Dark Red Norland** (up 19%) and **Yukon Gold** (up 17%). **Decreases** were reported in **Eva**, (down 28%) **Russet Burbank** (down 14%), **Andover** (down 7%), and **Shepody** (down 4%),

Shipments: Shipments began in early November to Florida and finished mid-June for the 2003 shipping season, **down 10%** from the previous season **and 14%** from two years ago. A total of **1,254,446 cwt.** was recorded for the season, below the previous year's final of 1,392,096 cwt and the 2001 total of 1,453,784 cwt. Major destinations for Maine seed were **Florida** with **289,041 cwt., down 10%** from the previous season's figure of 319,731 cwt; **New York decreased 13%** to 227,717 cwt; **North Carolina** received 207,161 cwt, **down sharply at 14%** from last year. Other major states with shipments of seed were Pennsylvania, Delaware and Canada. **Peak volume** was reported in **March and April**, when North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and several other Mid-Atlantic States received the bulk of their shipments. Destinations included 28 states and/or countries this season.. The **major variety** shipped by Maine seed growers was the Round White **Atlantic** chipping variety at 292,089 cwt., followed by FL numbered chipping varieties, Superior (for the table market), Snowden (chipping), Reba and Norwis (table market). Atlantic movement decreased by 7% and the **FL numbered varieties** 4% from last season. A dramatic decline was noted in **Norwis** (down 26% and **Reba** (down 17%) while **Snowden** dropped 9%. A reduction in chipping contracts coupled with wet planting weather reduced acreage along the Atlantic Seaboard. Superior plantings were nearly equal to the 2002 season. Other noteworthy changes included a **sharp increase for Kennebec** seed (up 33%) and a slight bump in **Yukon Gold** (up 5%). However, **Russet Norkotah** movement declined by a big 45% and **LaChipper** was down by 10% from the past season. Fifty-five varieties of seed were shipped this season, six less than the past season.

Marketing: The Market News Service issued the first weekly Seed Potato report on January 30, 2004, with trading slow. The weekly price range of Maine Generation 1 or better Certified Seed USOne size A bulk per cwt unless otherwise stated on open market **Atlantic sales** were initially reported at **mostly \$4.50-5.00** bulk cwt range for prompt delivery, while Dark Red Norland seed brought \$4.50-4.75 in 50 pound bags. By early March, **Atlantics** were as low as **\$3.50 cwt** with few takers-a far cry from \$9.00-9.50 cwt last season. Seed was more abundant throughout the season as many pre-season contracted loads were cancelled due to poor demand and weak pricing. **Inclement weather** (cold and wet) **postponed buying and delayed deliveries** from North Carolina up the coast. Truck shortages were reported during stormy periods through the mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states. The last pricing report was issued April 9 with **Superior** seed at **\$3.50-4.00** cwt, **Norwis** **mostly \$4.50-5.00** and **Reba** **mostly \$5.50-6.00** cwt for prompt delivery. Dealers complained of getting returned seed lots than were being shipped out for much of the season.

MAINE SEED POTATO SHIPMENTS - 2003 SEASON												
	2003	2003	2002	2002	2001	2001	2000	2000	1999	1999	1998	1998
WEEK	WEEKLY	TOTAL	WEEKLY	TOTAL	WEEKLY	TOTAL	WEEKLY	TOTAL	WEEKLY	TOTAL	WEEKLY	TOTAL
ENDING	TOTAL	TO DATE	TOTAL	TO DATE	TOTAL	TO DATE	TOTAL	TO DATE	TOTAL	TO DATE	TOTAL	TO DATE
	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT
18-Oct	7,160	7,160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-Oct	2,590	9,750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-Nov	1,330	11,080	0	0	15,330	15,330	4,500	4,500	0	0	0	0
8-Nov	3,981	15,061	13,525	13,525	5,800	21,130	4,050	8,550	23,770	23,770	29,420	29,420
15-Nov	7,300	22,361	8,010	21,535	1,860	22,990	4,525	13,075	5,740	29,510	4,910	34,330
22-Nov	7,700	30,061	3,100	24,635	430	23,420	4,100	17,175	1,320	30,830	9,340	43,670
29-Nov	11,810	41,871	5,810	30,445	18,605	42,025	15,170	32,345	5,310	36,140	19,355	63,025
6-Dec	11,300	53,171	36,482	66,927	11,520	53,545	9,370	41,715	22,645	58,785	14,000	77,025
13-Dec	7,470	60,641	17,580	84,507	17,210	70,755	15,825	57,540	15,085	73,870	15,710	92,735
20-Dec	11,230	71,871	10,690	95,197	7,580	78,335	8,950	66,490	12,290	86,160	9,644	102,379
27-Dec	8,370	80,241	21,930	117,127	24,270	102,605	25,490	91,980	28,435	114,595	39,617	141,996
3-Jan	26,213	106,454	48,295	165,422	40,260	142,865	38,830	130,810	27,480	142,075	41,727	183,723
10-Jan	26,870	133,324	46,975	212,397	44,421	187,286	32,305	163,115	52,385	194,460	67,361	251,084
17-Jan	37,425	170,749	27,145	239,542	33,640	220,926	40,160	203,275	26,051	220,511	43,031	294,115
24-Jan	35,920	206,669	28,260	267,802	41,728	262,654	36,910	240,185	34,467	254,978	51,926	346,041
31-Jan	33,360	240,029	34,566	302,368	55,844	318,498	63,915	304,100	56,101	311,079	49,072	395,113
7-Feb	33,438	273,467	46,610	348,978	56,544	375,042	69,362	373,462	61,046	372,125	78,256	473,369
14-Feb	63,842	337,309	38,825	387,803	68,914	443,956	64,859	438,321	61,852	433,977	74,046	547,415
21-Feb	48,143	385,452	52,060	439,863	62,965	506,921	80,987	519,308	78,977	512,954	53,643	601,058
28-Feb	63,879	449,331	42,590	482,453	59,600	566,521	44,790	564,098	92,302	605,256	76,992	678,050
6-Mar	70,051	519,382	24,083	506,536	75,769	642,290	57,907	622,005	86,673	691,929	71,888	749,938
13-Mar	70,762	590,144	59,953	566,489	76,989	719,279	84,241	706,246	108,866	800,795	81,264	831,202
20-Mar	54,758	644,902	91,833	658,322	98,957	818,236	70,540	776,786	71,215	872,010	120,359	951,561
27-Mar	62,177	707,079	113,052	771,374	123,296	941,532	80,430	857,216	87,555	959,565	141,244	1,092,805
3-Apr	81,567	788,646	123,280	894,654	122,292	1,063,824	108,617	965,833	115,897	1,075,462	126,628	1,219,433
10-Apr	88,260	876,906	100,041	994,695	110,140	1,173,964	78,607	1,044,440	112,886	1,188,348	123,692	1,343,125
17-Apr	89,002	965,908	115,169	1,109,864	95,815	1,269,779	106,936	1,151,376	63,797	1,252,145	86,084	1,429,209
24-Apr	85,131	1,051,039	126,769	1,236,633	74,928	1,344,707	109,259	1,260,635	54,445	1,306,590	66,143	1,495,352
1-May	69,889	1,120,928	76,710	1,313,343	42,693	1,387,400	71,676	1,332,311	48,737	1,355,327	50,595	1,545,947
8-May	47,186	1,168,114	24,447	1,337,790	28,550	1,415,950	36,442	1,368,753	18,960	1,374,287	24,663	1,570,610
15-May	28,013	1,196,127	31,703	1,369,493	16,033	1,431,983	14,686	1,383,439	36,218	1,410,505	13,962	1,584,572
22-May	18,826	1,214,953	6,215	1,375,708	8,384	1,440,367	7,015	1,390,454	9,712	1,420,217	11,819	1,595,391
29-May	12,260	1,227,213	5,218	1,380,926	13,417	1,453,784	9,167	1,399,621	7,296	1,427,513	7,037	1,603,428
5-Jun	9,191	1,236,404	10,037	1,390,963			7,538	1,407,159	5,401	1,432,914	0	0
12-Jun	3,008	1,239,412	1,133	1,392,096					7,397	1,440,311	0	0
19-Jun	15,034	1,254,446							1,440,311	1,440,311		
TOTAL	1,254,446	1,254,446	1,392,096	1,392,096	1,453,784	1,453,784	1,407,159	1,407,159	1,440,311	1,440,311	1,603,428	1,603,428

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MAINE SEED POTATOES
2003-2004 SEASONSEASON
FINAL

STATE	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TTD
ALABAMA		0	0	0	0	1,870	3	0	0	1,873
ARKANSAS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CALIFORNIA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COLORADO		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONNECTICUT		0	0	0	0	93	469	39	151	752
DELAWARE		0	0	0	1,980	40,557	27,355	450	0	70,342
FLORIDA	11,080	30,791	38,370	153,498	53,025	2,250	0	0	0	289,014
GEORGIA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	417	417
IDAHO		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDIANA		0	0	0	0	788	530	8	61	1,387
IOWA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KENTUCKY		0	0	0	2,600	1,053	500	0	1,276	5,429
MAINE		0	0	0	329	1,762	27,977	6,423	1,931	38,422
MARYLAND		0	0	0	15,040	12,672	15,741	110	665	44,228
MASSACHUSETTS		0	0	0	50	4,074	26,495	10,707	1,711	43,037
MICHIGAN		0	0	0	0	0	21,571	1,420	900	23,891
MINNESOTA		0	0	0	0	0	0	130	0	130
MISSOURI		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MONTANA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEBRASKA		0	0	0	0	0	0	900	0	900
NEW HAMPSHIRE		0	0	0	0	0	170	451	1,204	1,825
NEW JERSEY		0	0	0	0	13,003	10,659	232	0	23,894
NEW YORK		0	0	0	450	41,935	141,443	40,174	3,715	227,717
NORTH CAROLINA		0	0	5,840	115,640	82,589	1,892	689	511	207,161
NORTH DAKOTA		0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	70
OHIO		0	0	0	425	2,678	17,207	691	1,147	22,148
OKLAHOMA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OREGON		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENNSYLVANIA		0	0	0	1,276	14,111	73,279	14,573	4,193	107,432
RHODE ISLAND		0	0	0	0	376	6,567	4,840	107	11,890
SOUTH CAROLINA		0	0	0	500	600	180	0	500	1,780
SOUTH DAKOTA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TENNESSEE		0	0	0	2,763	2,988	2,436	5	846	9,038
TEXAS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VERMONT		0	0	0	0	0	450	507	71	1,028
VIRGINIA		0	0	450	15,224	22,547	5,351	1,076	3,684	48,332
WASHINGTON		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEST VIRGINIA		0	0	0	0	2,202	2,044	550	2,193	6,989
WISCONSIN		0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	500
WYOMING		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BAHAMAS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BERMUDA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CANADA		0	0	0	0	9,600	31,030	22,240	1,950	64,820
COSTA RICA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DOM. REPUBLIC		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUERTO RICO		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RUSSIA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
URUGUAY		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VENEZUELA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	11,080	30,791	38,370	159,788	209,302	257,748	413,849	106,285	27,233	1,254,446

MAINE SEED POTATOES - 2003-2004 SEASON BY VARIETY - FINAL FOR THE SEASON										
VARIETIES	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TTD
A90586-11										0
ACADIA RUSSET										0
ADORA										0
ADORA										0
AF1615-1										0
AF875-15										0
ALL BLUE					35	61	42	101	24	263
ALL RED					25	64	18	31	32	170
ALLEGANY										0
AMEY										0
ANDOVER				1	5,270	17,250	28,115	5,075	500	56,211
ARGO										0
ATLANTIC		3,010	13,290	79,675	77,960	54,805	53,969	8,508	872	292,089
AUSTRIAN CRESCENT										0
B0178-34										0
B0564-8										0
B0564-9										0
B0766-3										0
B1240-1										0
BANANA										0
BELRUS								100		100
BINTJE										0
BUTTE										0
CO86218-2										0
CAMPBELL 13										0
CARIBE						26	10	5	14	55
CAROLA						95				95
CHERRY RED						2,550				2,550
CHIEFTAIN						8	273	54	32	367
CHIPPEWA					150	400	650	876		2,076
COBBLER					404	980	512	80	703	2,679
DAKOTA PEARL							3,870			3,870
DARK RED NORLAND		450		3,750	7,751	16,713	4,896	2,482	1,558	37,600
EARLY BLUE										0
ELBA										0
EVA					1,950	125	6,090	2,050	295	10,510
FL1533							2,640	3,050	630	6,320
FL1625							240			240
FL1833							1,500			1,500
FL1867			5,500	21,655	54,350	17,810	13,000	9,850		122,165
FL1879							2,850		1,100	3,950
FL1900										0
FL1930										0
FONTENOT										0
FRENCH FINGERLING										0
FRONTIER RUSSET										0
GEM RUSSET (A8495-1)										0
GERMAN BUTTERBALL										0
GOLDRUSH						530				530
GREEN MOUNTAIN					15	139	199	377	785	1,515
HARLEY BLACKWELL						2,300	270			2,570
IDA ROSE						40				40
INNOVATOR										0
ISLAND SUNSHINE										0
ITASCA										0
KANONA						20	10,250			10,270
KATAHDIN					152	1,344	8,544	1,603	2,706	14,349
KENNEBEC				750	12,694	16,938	10,822	2,264	8,505	51,973
KERR'S PINK										0
KESTREL										0
KEUKA GOLD (NY101)					500		2,950			3,450
KING EDWARD										0

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KRANTZ										0
LACHIPPER		6,870	9,690	27,890	3,200	1,950				49,600
LARATTE										0
LA ROUGE	870	7,668	1,970	6,620			900			18,028
LEGEND (C0083008-1)										0
MAINESTAY		1,313						970		2,283
MARCY (NY112)						1,160	7,750	1,500		10,410
MERLIN										0
MONDIAL										0
MONONA							11,880	6,530	220	18,630
MONTICELLO (NY102)							450	900		1,350
ND2224-5R						62	427	26	255	770
NL SUPERIOR 5										0
NORCHIP					315					315
NORDONNA					450	450		800		1,700
NORVALLEY						1,250	700	300		2,250
NORWIS						13,845	52,236	11,117	511	77,709
NY115										0
NYL235-4										0
ONAWAY										0
ONTARIO										0
ONTARIO 32-R										0
ONTARIO G										0
ONTARIO T										0
OZETTE										0
PEANUT										0
PIKE						780	26,460	1,100		28,340
PURPLE PERUVIAN										0
PURPLE VIKING										0
QUAGGY JOE										0
RANGER RUSSET										0
REBA					1,900	28,300	53,500	9,445		93,145
RED CLOUD										0
RED GOLD						175	40			215
RED LA SODA	9,760	9,900	5,360	12,900	410			1		38,331
RED PONTIAC				100	2,218	3,908	827	82	1,647	8,782
REDDALE										0
ROSE FINN APPLE						8				8
ROSEGOLD										0
RUSSET BURBANK				1		30	68	500	133	732
RUSSET NORKOTAH						6,000	3,760			9,760
RUSSET NORKOTAH 0003										0
RUSSET NORKOTAH 112						475		500		975
RUSSET NORKOTAH C03										0
SAGINAW GOLD										0
SANTE								330		330
SEBAGO				900						900
SHEPODY							338	35	28	401
SNOWDEN				451	6,730	13,660	58,121	18,070	3,179	100,211
SUNRISE					50	75	200			325
SUPERIOR				1,790	27,864	44,772	37,052	9,278	1,122	121,878
VALOR										0
W1005R										0
WINSTON										0
UEC							1,050	150		1,200
YUKON GOLD	450	1,580	2,560	3,305	4,909	8,650	6,380	8,146	2,381	38,361
TOTALS	11,080	30,791	38,370	159,788	209,302	257,748	413,849	106,286	27,232	1,254,446

MAINE CERTIFIED SEED POTATO ACREAGE					
	excluding growers' own seed plots				
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Atlantic	1709.8100	1,647.1600	1768.3300	1583.9700	2516.3560
Superior	1871.1300	1,756.0600	1899.0900	1809.3600	1844.4050
Frito varieties	1649.4000	1,726.6500	1731.9300	1600.4600	1347.8500
Ontario	451.9300	345.3200	206.3600	166.0000	100.0000
Ontario G	10.0000	148.6000	193.0000	352.7000	434.3000
Ontario 32-R	30.0000	85.0000	46.0000	118.2800	54.9000
Russet Burbank	1471.0400	1,703.3500	1416.6800	1557.9400	1029.5310
Shepody	762.3300	795.0700	1047.8600	877.0000	965.9730
Snowden	691.0300	631.5200	554.4000	446.4100	873.7550
Katahdin	397.0900	402.4300	481.7600	706.2800	895.4600
NorWis	641.7000	651.3900	806.1300	837.7900	691.8200
Monona	464.4200	443.9700	324.6300	541.6700	567.2400
Kennebec	350.5700	334.7100	425.5100	543.7600	435.5000
Russet Norkotah	162.3000	123.0000	190.7000	255.1500	302.5410
Russet Norkotah #112	38.0500	151.2100	164.7000	155.6000	21.0250
Yukon Gold	716.4186	663.5013	616.7800	656.5300	386.7600
Reba	729.5700	621.3900	605.0100	545.4000	358.8000
Andover	362.8800	391.8500	397.7720	403.5600	320.4300
Kanona	187.2000	189.7000	155.1500	419.0800	287.2000
Dark Red Norland	401.8900	337.3010	311.2300	262.4000	258.4400
Mainstay	65.2000	51.3000	38.5000	157.7000	221.1500
La Chipper	310.2400	231.6200	216.1700	193.5700	213.0700
Red LaSoda	195.9500	138.6700	201.0350	180.2700	193.5900
LaRouge	109.0800	102.7100	51.1000	92.7700	74.7000
Goldrush	58.3400	59.4600	53.0600	108.6000	103.3000
Chieftain	112.6000	129.2900	169.1000	146.9800	102.1600
BelRus	56.7000	70.9000	65.2500	104.3000	71.0000
Pike	218.1200	172.8200	201.0350	107.0000	63.7100
NorValley	15.4000	20.0400	36.2000	49.3000	63.5700
Sante	45.3000	41.4000	62.6500	68.2000	61.4000
Red Pontiac	67.4000	62.7500	64.4700	62.8900	56.7300
Gem Russet	11.9000	39.2900	35.9000	17.6500	1.5480
Carola	2.3900	11.8700	5.1600	23.9000	33.6800
Sunrise	19.6500	18.0000	22.3000	15.6500	25.8100
Eva (NY 103)	71.7000	100.0000	130.4100	95.5200	19.5000
Cobbler	16.6500	21.9400	20.0400	18.4200	16.1000
Monticello (NY102)	8.8100	40.4800	23.8410	12.9000	1.4000
Green Mountain	17.2620	17.1110	22.9500	12.6900	13.8000
Cherry Red	25.0000	26.5000	7.0000	0.0000	0.0000
All Blue	18.7270	25.4910	20.3100	7.7900	9.6000
All Red	5.8700	12.1400	8.9650	14.6700	3.3100
Penta	16.6600	13.9000	15.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Ranger Russet	72.8000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Marcy (NY112)	45.8400	7.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Nordonna	9.2900	37.3300	27.7340	0.1500	0.0000
B0564-8	33.5600	11.0500	4.3300	1.6500	0.0000
ND2224-5R	10.0000	7.3400	5.4800	6.0000	5.2500
A90586-11	10.3400	8.0400	7.8300	2.5000	0.1050
Dakota Pearl	27.2000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Keuka Gold (NY101)	17.5800	1.0700	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Others	74.5710	133.4350	138.3660	472.4400	1379.0720
TOTAL	14868.8886	14,762.1293	14997.2080	15812.8500	16425.8410

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Michigan Potatoes *2003 season*

Production: According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Michigan growers **harvested 45,500 acres** in 2003, the same as the previous season. However, potato **yields increased to 330 hundred weight per acre**, up from 305 cwt reported in 2002. The revised figures released in January placed **production at 15,015,000 cwt.**, an **increase of 8 percent** (13.8 million cwt) over the prior season. Round whites composed 86 percent of the potatoes planted, with Russets at 13% and Reds only 1 percent. Approximately 30% of the state's acreage was planted with table varieties.

Growing Season: Planting of the summer round white Onaway crop (approximately 2,000-2,500 acres) in east central Bay County was underway the second week of April and was finished by the May 1st. For the most part, April and May were plagued by cool and wet conditions, which stalled planting progress in some areas. However, the majority of the crop was planted by the first week of June statewide. Warmer temperatures finally arrived in mid-June, which benefited tuber development, and forced growers to irrigate by the end of the month. Much of August and early September was warm and dry, with many areas wishing for some rain. Much needed rainfall arrived in late September, although good conditions prevailed into late October.

Harvest: Harvest of the early Onaway crop was underway in Bay County mid-July under mild weather conditions. Initial movement to storage of the fall crop began after Labor Day, although the Onaway crop was still being marketed. Harvest was interrupted by showers off and on during October, although most growers finished in a timely fashion by the end of the month.

Summer Marketing Season: According to the Market News Service, f.o.b. shipping point prices for the summer Round White Onaway variety **began at the highest level** of the season in late-July as U.S. One Size A 10 lb. open window paper sacks sold at mostly **\$1.20**. By mid-August, prices had dropped to mostly .90 with increased competition from the East Coast. Shipments peaked at 113 loads with Labor Day promotions. By the end of the marketing season for the larger Onaway crop in early November, prices had slipped to a **low of mostly .65-.70**, compared to the previous crop year of mostly **\$1.10-1.15 per 10-pound sack**.

Storage Season: Prices for both Round White and Russet storage supplies were flat the entire season with whites and Russets at nearly the same level. Demand for Round whites was slow with Russet demand only slightly better. Depressed western Russet prices allowed little opportunity for Michigan growers. The **first price report** for storage spuds was issued by the Market News Service in mid November with **Russet Norkotah** (and Goldrush) U.S. One size A 10-pound film bags loose **mostly 70-.80**, while **Round white** size A 10-pound open window sacks loose brought **mostly .70-.75**. These prices remained steady the entire season.

Movement: The Market News Service reported fresh movement of approximately **1.64 million cwt.**, or **3,652 loads**, up 209 loads over the 2002 season with 3,443 loads. This was the biggest shipping season since the 1999 large crop, when Michigan shipped approximately 3,843 loads. Movement was slow the first half of the season though. At the end of December, shipments were behind the previous year by nearly 167 loads. Peak shipping periods did not arrive until the first of the New Year. Lackluster Thanksgiving and Christmas sales disappointed growers. January and March shipments stepped up with over 400 loads, followed by Easter promotions in April which accounted for an additional 360 loads. December and February each recorded 350 loads. The reporting season extended into mid-June, with only a few growers left to finish in late July.

Stocks: Michigan's potato **stocks** on hand **December 1, 2003** totaled **8.4 million cwt.**, up by 6% over the 2002 December 1 holdings. Storage accounted for 56% of Michigan's total production, with 86% Round white, Russet 13% and Red only 1%. The **April 1** potato holdings were **3.1 million cwt.**, a gain of 7% from the previous season and the highest holdings in the last eleven years. The May 1 stocks painted a worse picture as holdings totaled **1.6 million cwt.**, **60% above** the 2002 season.

Packaging: Major packaging remained the loose 10 lb. open window paper sack for Round Whites and 10 lb. film bags loose for Russet varieties (predominantly Norkotah and Goldrush). Special promotions were geared early in the season around the 15-lb. film bag Russet and an 8-lb. film bag of premium Round whites and Russets for a major chain store buyer in the state throughout the season.

Transportation: Trucks are rarely a problem for the Michigan potato grower. Much of what is raised stays within the state or neighboring states; hence, trucks were generally adequate.

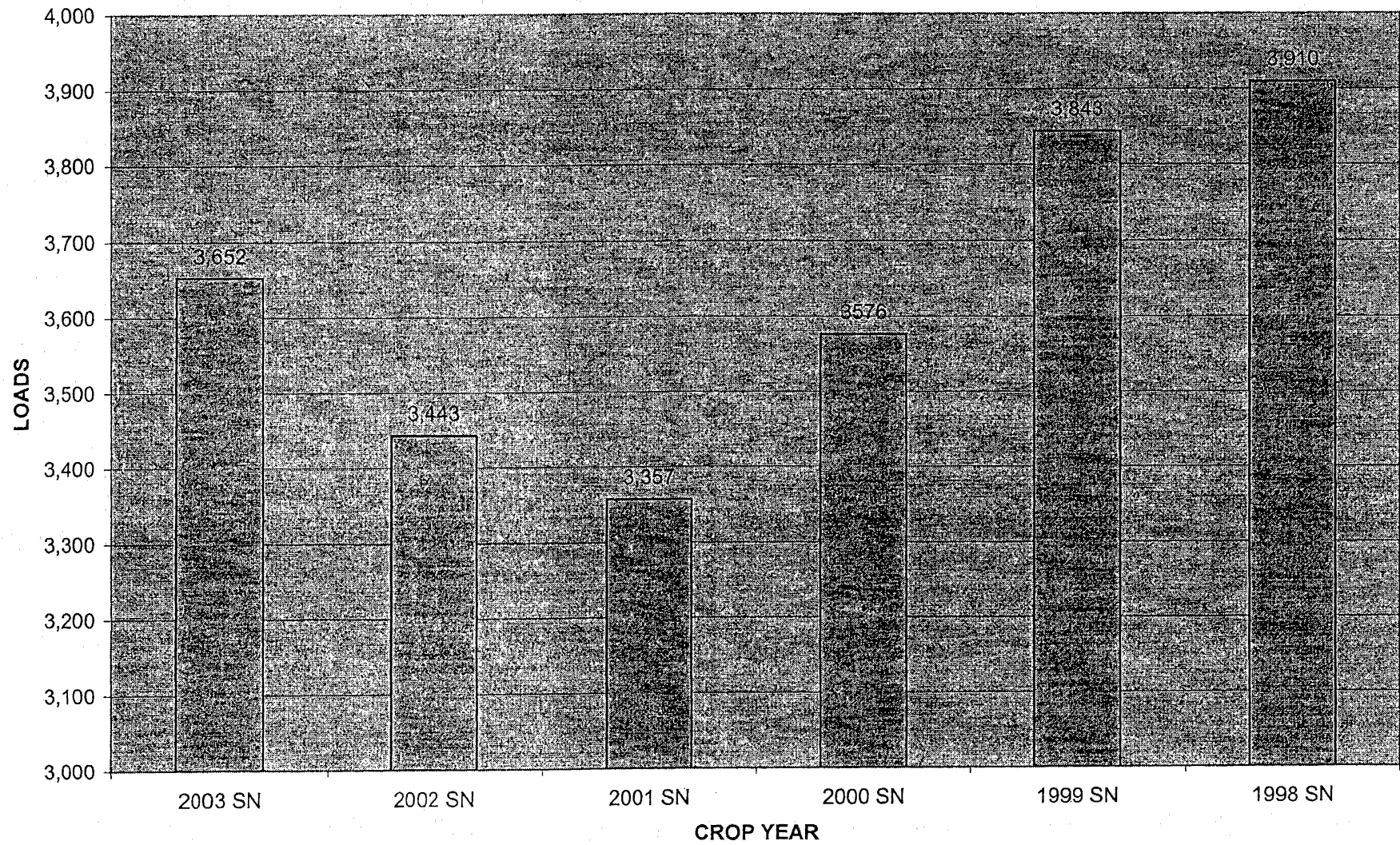
BENTON HARBOR - MICHIGAN

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
POTATOES - 2003 Season

Prices represent the "mostly" price range

	10 lb open-window sacks loose ROUND WHITE U.S. One sz A	10 lb film bags loose RUSSET NORKOTAH U.S. One sz A	10 lb. open-window sacks loose ROUND WHITE ONAWAY U.S. One 1 7/8" min
26-JUL-2003	-	-	-1.20
02-AUG-2003	-	-	1.05-1.10
09-AUG-2003	-	-	1.00-1.05
16-AUG-2003	-	-	.90-1.00
23-AUG-2003	-	-	-.90
30-AUG-2003	-	-	.85-.90
06-SEP-2003	-	-	.80-.85
13-SEP-2003	-	-	-.80
20-SEP-2003	-	-	.75-.80
27-SEP-2003	-	-	.70-.75
04-OCT-2003	-	-	.70-.75
11-OCT-2003	-	-	.70-.75
18-OCT-2003	-	-	.70-.75
25-OCT-2003	-	-	.70-.75
01-NOV-2003	-	-	.65-.70
08-NOV-2003	-	-	.65-.70
15-NOV-2003	-	.70-.80	.65-.70
22-NOV-2003	.70-.75	.70-.80	.65-.70
29-NOV-2003	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
06-DEC-2003	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
13-DEC-2003	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
20-DEC-2003	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
27-DEC-2003	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
03-JAN-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
10-JAN-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
17-JAN-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
24-JAN-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
31-JAN-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
07-FEB-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
14-FEB-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
21-FEB-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
28-FEB-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
06-MAR-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
13-MAR-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
20-MAR-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
27-MAR-2004	.70-.75	.70-.80	-
03-APR-2004	.70-.80	.70-.80	-
10-APR-2004	.75-.80	.70-.80	-
17-APR-2004	.75-.80	.70-.80	-
24-APR-2004	.75-.80	.70-.80	-
01-MAY-2004	.75-.80	.70-.80	-
08-MAY-2004	.75-.80	.70-.80	-
15-MAY-2004	-	.70-.80	-
22-MAY-2004	-	.70-.80	-
29-MAY-2004	-	.70-.80	-

MICHIGAN TABLESTOCK POTATOES



Prices Received on Michigan Potatoes 1997 - 2003 Crop Years**Prices received by Farmers for all potatoes, monthly and marketing year Average***Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed and feed in Dollars per hundredweight*

CROP YEAR	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Year Average
2003	\$8.70	\$6.20	\$5.40	\$5.30	\$6.70	\$7.00	\$7.10	\$7.40	\$7.90	\$8.35	\$8.25		\$7.05
2002	\$9.70	\$7.20	\$6.50	\$6.40	\$7.05	\$7.40	\$7.80	\$8.10	\$8.70	\$9.10	\$9.30		\$7.80
2001	\$6.50	\$6.90	\$6.35	\$6.45	\$7.10	\$7.20	\$7.65	\$8.00	\$9.20	\$9.25	\$9.40	\$10.00	\$7.65
2000	\$6.50	\$5.85	\$5.40	\$5.85	\$6.45	\$6.55	\$6.85	\$7.15	\$7.60	\$8.35	\$7.30	\$8.05	\$6.70
1999	\$6.60	\$5.75	\$5.60	\$5.95	\$6.20	\$6.75	\$6.90	\$7.20	\$7.35	\$7.80	\$8.35	\$8.50	\$6.80
1998	\$6.25	\$5.70	\$5.25	\$5.60	\$6.40	\$6.55	\$6.80	\$7.10	\$7.50	\$7.95	\$8.15		\$6.70
1997	\$7.65	\$6.20	\$5.80	\$6.05	\$6.15	\$6.10	\$6.30	\$6.55	\$6.65	\$7.25	\$8.05		\$6.45

Michigan Potato Stocks 1991- 2003 Crop Years**HELD BY GROWERS AND LOCAL DEALERS IN 000 CWT.**

Crop Year	Planted acres	Harvested acres	Production 1,000	Yield Per ACRE	December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1	April 1	May 1	Value of Production	Price Per Cwt.
2003	46,000	45,500	15,015	330	8,400	6,500	5,600	4,700	3,100	1,600	105,856,000	\$7.05
2002	46,500	45,500	13,878	305	7,900	6,500	5,600	4,500	2,900	1,000	108,248,000	\$7.80
2001	46,000	45,000	13,950	310	8,200	6,200	4,800	3,200	1,500	400	106,718,000	\$7.65
2000	49,000	47,500	14,963	315	8,700	6,900	5,200	3,400	1,500	700	100,252,000	\$6.70
1999	48,000	47,500	14,963	315	8,800	7,100	5,800	4,200	2,700	1,300	101,748,000	\$6.80
1998	47,000	46,500	14,648	315	9,100	7,500	5,400	4,100	2,200	800	98,172,000	\$6.40
1997	48,000	47,500	14,250	300	8,500	7,000	5,500	4,200	2,600	1,200	91,913,000	\$6.45
1996	52,000	46,000	13,800	300	8,000	6,600	4,600	3,300	1,900	1,000	80,040,000	\$5.80
1995	55,000	54,500	16,500	300	9,600	8,300	6,500	4,800	2,700	1,200	112,815,000	\$6.90
1994	54,000	52,000	14,910	270	8,000	6,500	5,000	4,000	2,500	1,200	93,893,000	\$6.70
1993	53,000	50,500	15,280	303	7,300	5,800	4,400	3,100	1,800	700	113,725,000	\$7.45
1992	49,500	48,000	13,920	290	7,000	5,500	4,200	2,900	1,700	600	88,776,000	\$6.40

Michigan Chipping Potatoes *2003 season*

Statistics: Round white chipping varieties dominate potato production in Michigan and Michigan leads the nation in chipping production. Predominant varieties included Atlantic, Snowden, Pike and FL numbered selections. According to Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service, **total acreage planted** for the state was **46,000** (down 500 acres from last season) with **45,500 acres harvested**. **Yields** were higher than 2002 crop at **330 hundredweight/acre** with **production** set at **15 million cwt**, compared to 13.878 million cwt. the previous season. Approximately 86% of plantings were Round white varieties, largely for chipping potatoes and a smaller percentage for the table markets. **Movement** for the 2003 season totaled **9.1 million cwt.**, up from last seasons' total of nearly 8.9 million cwt.

Growing Season: Planting of out-of-field supplies (mostly Atlantic and Pike) began the second week of April in south central St. Joseph County, followed shortly by the Bay County growers. Due to a cool, wet spring, planting was subject to a series of delays before the majority of the crop was planted by June 1st. Hot and dry conditions by the end of June forced many fields to be irrigated at regular intervals much of the summer months. Movement to storages began in September by most growers.

Harvest: Out-of-the-field supplies of Atlantic were harvested beginning the last week in July from St. Joseph County, followed by the Bay and Montcalm and surrounding counties acreage. Harvesting continued through October with several interruptions due to rain and cool morning temperatures.

Marketing: Open market sales were weak for much of the crop year due to **higher yields** in Michigan and competing areas coupled with **slower demand** for chip products at the retail level. Many attribute the lighter demand with **protein-rich diets** such as the Atkins and South Beach Diet that **cut out carbohydrates** from the daily diet. Open market chip prices in early August for out of the field supplies brought only **\$3.00** per hundredweight. Most chip companies remained behind schedule on their contracts most of the season. By late April, open market prices had dropped to **\$2.00-2.50** cwt. with few sales. Most companies had switched to new crop supplies in Florida by the end of April. A few open market sales continued through May at the \$2.00-2.50 range. The bulk of shipments were sent by late June, although a few growers provided additional supplies well into late July. Some supplies were left at the end of the season without a home.

Stocks: According to NASS, Michigan's potato **stocks on hand December 1, 2003** totaled **8.4 million cwt**, compared to 8.2 million cwt. the previous season, **6 per cent above** the December 2002 holdings. Storage accounted for 56 per cent of Michigan's total production, with a large percentage being chip stock (**Round whites represented approximately 90% of the holdings**). The May 1 potato stocks showed **holdings of 1.6 million cwt, 60% above** the previous season.

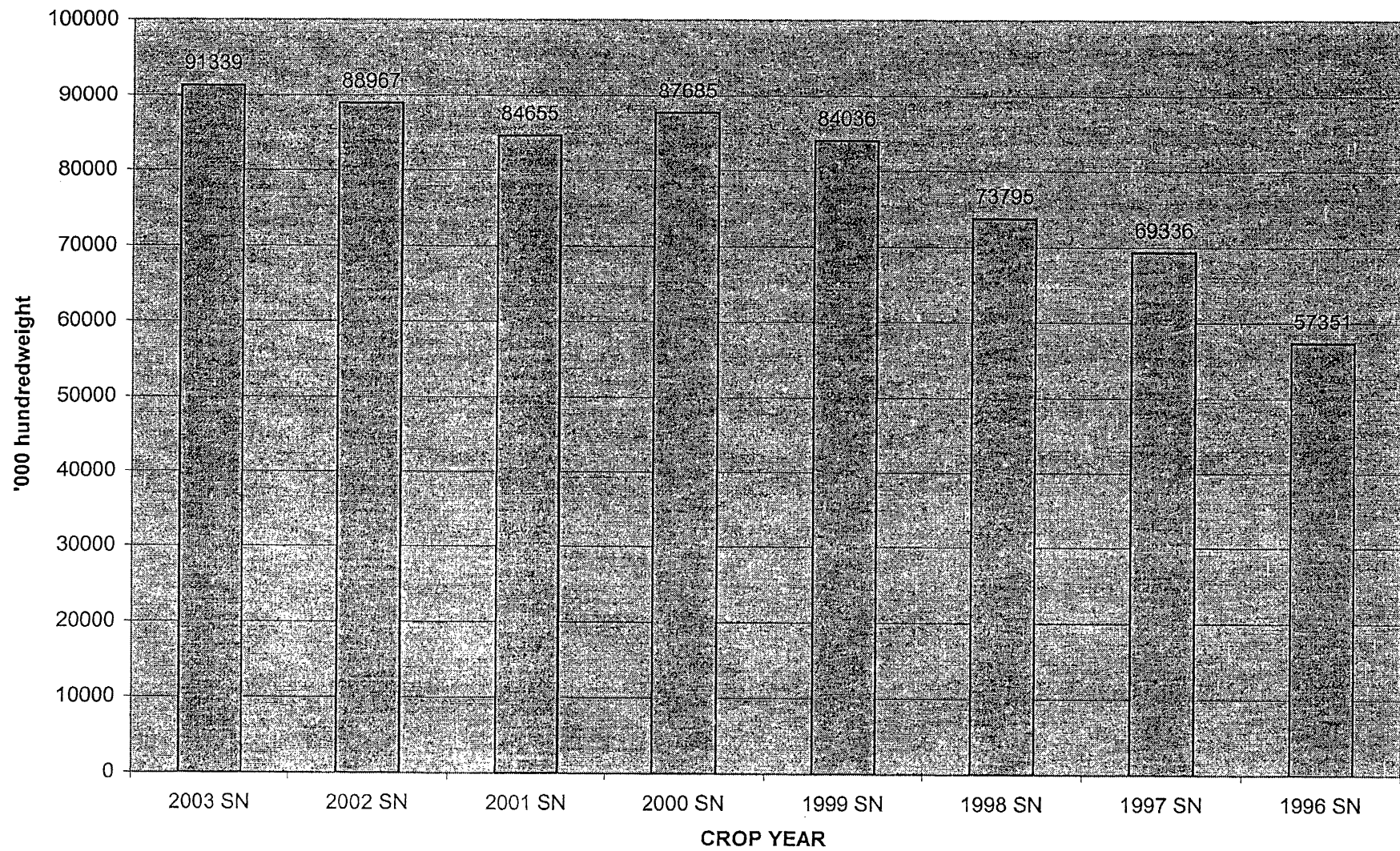
MICHIGAN CHIPPING POTATOES 2003 SEASON										
WEEK	2003 CWT	TOTAL	2002 CWT	TOTAL	2001 CWT	TOTAL	2000 CWT	TOTAL	1999 CWT	TOTAL
ENDING	TOTAL	2003 SN	TOTAL	2002 SN	TOTAL	2001 SN	WK TOT	2000 SN	WK TOT	1999 SN
12-Jul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,721	4,721
19-Jul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49,167	53,888
26-Jul	0	0	36,518	36,518	51,118	51,118	108,251	108,251	119,945	173,833
2-Aug	35,339	35,339	124,581	161,099	106,971	158,089	69,104	177,355	139,474	313,307
9-Aug	158,901	194,240	232,763	393,862	168,041	326,130	163,291	340,646	173,475	486,782
16-Aug	190,697	384,937	245,838	639,700	263,457	589,587	210,397	551,043	146,100	632,882
23-Aug	213,295	598,232	308,362	948,062	219,197	808,784	228,859	779,902	199,001	831,883
30-Aug	201,622	799,854	267,798	1,215,860	206,244	1,015,028	216,822	996,724	197,141	1,029,024
6-Sep	220,920	1,020,774	229,078	1,444,938	183,023	1,198,051	200,243	1,196,967	169,527	1,198,551
13-Sep	186,303	1,207,077	245,131	1,690,069	235,739	1,433,790	191,690	1,388,657	193,869	1,392,420
20-Sep	193,379	1,400,456	245,050	1,935,119	248,532	1,682,322	204,482	1,593,139	214,714	1,607,134
27-Sep	220,495	1,620,951	274,049	2,209,168	274,879	1,957,201	214,138	1,807,277	193,580	1,800,714
4-Oct	231,754	1,852,705	233,222	2,442,390	256,638	2,213,839	235,628	2,042,905	291,998	2,092,712
11-Oct	243,092	2,095,797	232,455	2,674,845	251,387	2,465,226	245,062	2,287,967	213,276	2,305,988
18-Oct	268,285	2,364,082	289,596	2,964,441	233,178	2,698,404	257,766	2,545,733	206,591	2,512,579
25-Oct	281,988	2,646,070	213,331	3,177,772	203,302	2,901,706	217,685	2,763,418	176,006	2,688,585
1-Nov	264,731	2,910,801	220,969	3,398,741	206,719	3,108,425	212,019	2,975,437	186,120	2,874,705
8-Nov	226,678	3,137,479	217,546	3,616,287	236,782	3,345,207	243,862	3,219,299	204,777	3,079,482
15-Nov	223,262	3,360,741	222,345	3,838,632	260,057	3,605,264	261,077	3,480,376	218,552	3,298,034
22-Nov	247,785	3,608,526	225,437	4,064,069	190,441	3,795,705	197,030	3,677,406	160,694	3,458,728
29-Nov	198,199	3,806,725	173,622	4,237,691	255,097	4,050,802	254,662	3,932,068	196,353	3,655,081
6-Dec	210,381	4,017,106	222,976	4,460,667	252,246	4,303,048	270,979	4,203,047	217,405	3,872,486
13-Dec	231,252	4,248,358	228,298	4,688,965	268,929	4,571,977	289,103	4,492,150	221,572	4,094,058
20-Dec	267,345	4,515,703	269,660	4,958,625	304,486	4,876,463	293,726	4,785,876	177,233	4,271,291
27-Dec	191,746	4,707,449	196,100	5,154,725	206,440	5,082,903	236,045	5,021,921	208,455	4,479,746
3-Jan	201,904	4,909,353	192,741	5,347,466	193,808	5,276,711	247,129	5,269,050	165,915	4,645,661
10-Jan	185,679	5,095,032	213,511	5,560,977	212,471	5,489,182	268,949	5,537,999	168,537	4,814,198
17-Jan	221,352	5,316,384	215,969	5,776,946	243,239	5,732,421	197,734	5,735,733	153,809	4,968,007
24-Jan	212,917	5,529,301	213,125	5,990,071	203,106	5,935,527	215,282	5,951,015	158,939	5,126,946
31-Jan	162,846	5,692,147	183,607	6,173,678	222,824	6,158,351	210,072	6,161,087	177,567	5,304,513
7-Feb	176,209	5,868,356	163,165	6,336,843	202,071	6,360,422	211,611	6,372,698	186,259	5,490,772
14-Feb	170,155	6,038,511	182,539	6,519,382	191,132	6,551,554	226,095	6,598,793	155,474	5,646,246
21-Feb	183,186	6,221,697	201,254	6,720,636	201,227	6,752,781	235,483	6,834,276	173,344	5,819,590
28-Feb	180,008	6,401,705	207,302	6,927,938	199,391	6,952,172	209,861	7,044,137	207,095	6,026,685
6-Mar	221,685	6,623,390	238,808	7,166,746	198,846	7,151,018	218,180	7,262,317	194,672	6,221,357
13-Mar	240,793	6,864,183	235,303	7,402,049	263,178	7,414,196	217,587	7,479,904	196,746	6,418,103
20-Mar	239,417	7,103,600	221,252	7,623,301	225,635	7,639,831	204,245	7,684,149	245,862	6,663,965
27-Mar	252,405	7,356,005	198,136	7,821,437	208,497	7,848,328	203,483	7,887,632	233,383	6,897,348
3-Apr	246,618	7,602,623	189,662	8,011,099	148,661	7,996,989	116,604	8,004,236	209,516	7,106,864
10-Apr	210,946	7,813,569	167,201	8,178,300	143,970	8,140,959	110,421	8,114,657	231,641	7,338,505
17-Apr	235,241	8,048,810	122,307	8,300,607	97,289	8,238,248	120,111	8,234,768	237,231	7,575,736
24-Apr	202,181	8,250,991	117,590	8,418,197	111,164	8,349,412	122,480	8,357,248	185,441	7,761,177
1-May	200,662	8,451,653	88,133	8,506,330	77,674	8,427,086	88,425	8,445,673	153,928	7,915,105
8-May	140,661	8,592,314	78,687	8,585,017	38,442	8,465,528	80,567	8,526,240	101,942	8,017,047
15-May	120,853	8,713,167	76,555	8,661,572			98,155	8,624,395	98,135	8,115,182
22-May	100,112	8,813,279	84,058	8,745,630			87,800	8,712,195	108,816	8,223,998
29-May	89,250	8,902,529	56,775	8,802,405			56,338	8,768,533	89,473	8,313,471
5-Jun	57,390	8,959,919	52,950	8,855,355					79,642	8,393,113
12-Jun	83,110	9,043,029	40,375	8,895,730					5,250	8,398,363
19-Jun	90,849	9,133,878	946	8,896,676						
TOTAL	9,133,878	9,133,878	8,896,676	8,896,676	8,465,528	8,465,528	8,768,533	8,768,533	8,398,363	8,398,363

BENTON HARBOR - MICHIGAN

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis
 POTATOES-CHIPPER - 2003 Season
 Prices represent the "mostly" price range

	bulk PER CWT ROUND WHITE ATLANTIC 85% or Better U.S. One 1 7/8" min field run	bulk PER CWT ROUND WHITE 85% or Better U.S. One 1 7/8" min storage
23-AUG-2003	-	
30-AUG-2003	-3.00	
06-SEP-2003	-	
13-SEP-2003	-	
20-SEP-2003	2.90-3.00	
27-SEP-2003	2.90-3.00	
04-OCT-2003	-	
11-OCT-2003	3.00-3.25	
18-OCT-2003	3.00-3.25	
25-OCT-2003	-3.00	
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15-NOV-2003	-	
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10-JAN-2004	-	
17-JAN-2004	-	
24-JAN-2004	-	
31-JAN-2004	-	
07-FEB-2004	-	-3.00
14-FEB-2004	-	
21-FEB-2004	-	
28-FEB-2004	-	2.75-3.00
06-MAR-2004	-	2.75-3.00
13-MAR-2004	-	2.50-2.75
20-MAR-2004	-	2.00-2.50
27-MAR-2004	-	2.25-2.50
03-APR-2004	-	2.25-2.50
10-APR-2004	-	-
17-APR-2004	-	2.50-3.00
24-APR-2004	-	2.50-3.00
01-MAY-2004	-	2.00-2.25
08-MAY-2004	-	-
15-MAY-2004	-	2.00-2.50
22-MAY-2004	-	2.25-2.50

MICHIGAN CHIPSTOCK



Marketing the 2003 Big Lake & Central Minnesota Crop

Growing Conditions & Harvest:

The Big Lake & Central Minnesota District stretches from Big Lake area in southwestern Minnesota to include Long Prairie and Red Lake areas of Central Minnesota. The summer was hot. Harvest started in late July. The bulk of the Round Red harvest was done by early September and Russet digging continued most of October.

Shipments: Shipments started in July and continued in December. August was the peak month, followed by September. All shipments were by truck. Total shipments for the season were 1,587,000 cwt., nearly identical to the 2002 crop.

Acreage & Production: The Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service does not publish separate data for the Big Lake & Central Minnesota area, as such. The 'County Estimates' release shows 19,300 acres planted in the *Central* Minnesota counties (which includes Sherburne county), 18,500 harvested. Yield per acre in the Central counties was 405 cwt. putting production at 7,489,500. This *Central* production was 17% higher than 2002 because of higher yield.

Marketing: The Big Lake district fills a niche between the Round Red storage crops and after the Florida & Arizona Spring crops. Round Red

prices opened at \$11.00-11.50 the first week of August for 100 lb sacks U.S. No. 1 Size A. The season low was \$7.00-7.50 the last week in August. Round Red prices were considerably lower than the previous 3 years, in part, because of competition with Kern county California, crop.

Russet Norkotah marketing started in late August. Prices for 10 lb film bags, non Size A, U.S. No. 1 opened at \$4.25-4.50 per bale. Baled traded at \$4.00-4.50 in September. The season low was \$3.50 per bale in October.

70 count carton Norkotah prices fared considerably better than the baled prices. 70s peaked at \$8.00-9.00 shortly after opening in August. The 70 count carton prices held fairly steady. The season low was \$7.00-7.50 per carton.

Packaging: Round Reds are mainly packed in 100-lb sacks, 50-lb paper sacks and 5 & 10 lb film bags in balers with some 50-lb cartons used.

The smaller Russet Norkotahs were mainly packed in 5 and 10 lb film bags while the larger sized potatoes were packed in 50-lb cartons of various count sizes.

2003 Crop
BIG LAKE & CENTRAL MINNESOTA
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

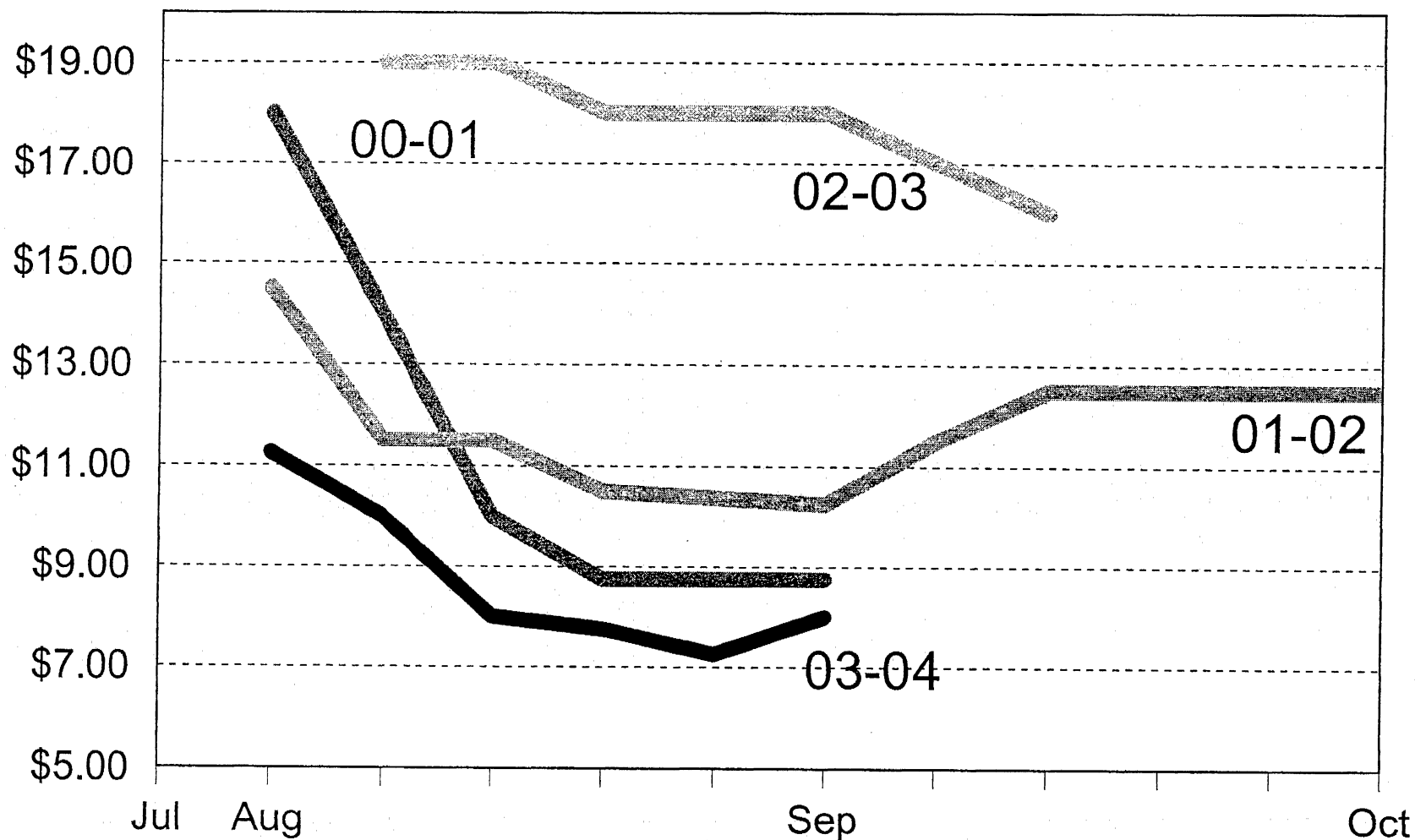
WEEK ENDING	100 lb sks ROUND RED U.S. One Size A	50 lb paper sks ROUND RED U.S. One Size A	50 lb paper sks ROUND RED U.S. One Size B	50 lb cartons ROUND RED U.S. One Size A	50 lb cartons ROUND RED U.S. One Size B
<u>2003</u>					
Aug 2	11.00-11.50	6.00-6.50	12.00-15.00	--	14.00
9	9.00-11.00	4.50-6.00	10.00-14.00	5.50-6.50	11.00-15.00
16	8.00	4.50	8.00-10.00	5.00-5.50	9.00-11.00
23	7.50-8.00	4.50	7.00-8.00	5.00	8.00-9.00
30	7.00-7.50	4.00-4.25	6.50-8.00	4.50-4.75	7.50-9.00
Sep 6	7.00-9.00	4.00-5.00	6.00-8.00	4.50-5.50	7.00-8.50

WEEK ENDING	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs Russet Norkotah U.S. One Non Size A	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs Russet Norkotah U.S. One Non Size A	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 10 oz mn
<u>2003</u>			
Aug 23	4.25-4.50	4.75	8.00
30	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.25	7.00-9.00
Sep 6	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.25	8.00-9.00
13	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.25	8.00
20	3.50-4.50	4.00-5.25	7.00-8.00
27	3.50	4.00	7.00-7.50
Oct 4	3.50	4.00	7.00-7.50
11	3.50	4.00	7.00-7.50
18	3.50	4.00-4.25	7.50-8.00

WEEK ENDING	50 lb cartons Russet Norkotah U.S. One 40s	50 lb cartons Russet Norkotah U.S. One 50s	50 lb cartons Russet Norkotah U.S. One 60s	50 lb cartons Russet Norkotah U.S. One 70s	50 lb cartons Russet Norkotah U.S. One 80s	50 lb cartons Russet Norkotah U.S. One 90s	50 lb cartons Russet Norkotah U.S. One 100s
<u>2003</u>							
Aug 23	7.00	6.50-7.00	7.50-8.00	8.00	7.50	7.00	6.50
30	7.00-9.00	7.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	7.50	7.00	6.50
Sep 6	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00	7.50	6.50-7.00	6.50
13	8.00	8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50	5.50-7.00	6.50
20	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.50-7.50	5.00-7.00	5.50-6.50
27	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-7.00	5.00-7.00	4.00-6.00
Oct 4	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.50	4.00-6.00
11	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.50	4.00-6.00
18	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-7.00	4.50-6.00	4.00-6.00

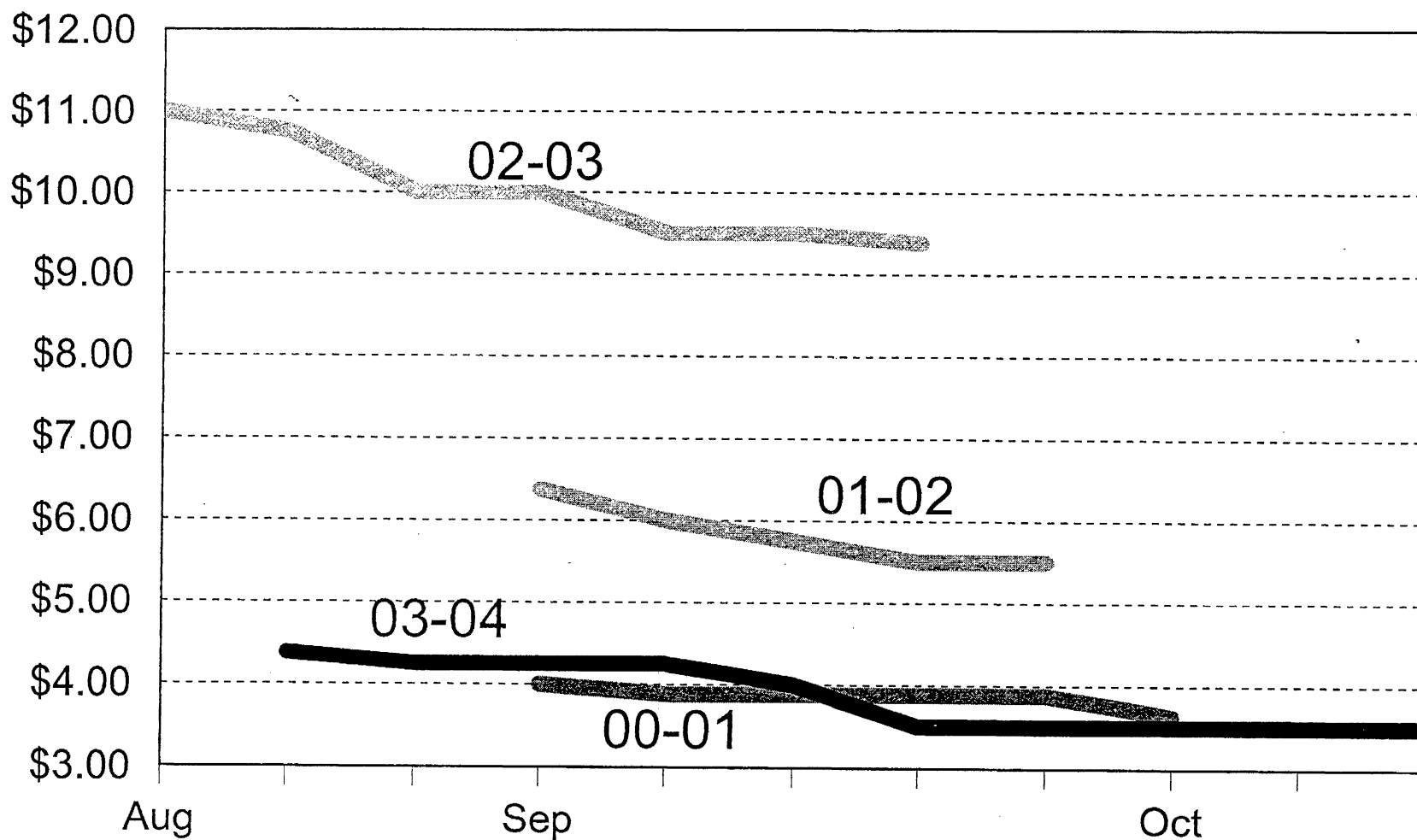
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10 lb Film Bags, Non Size A, U.S. # 1, per unit

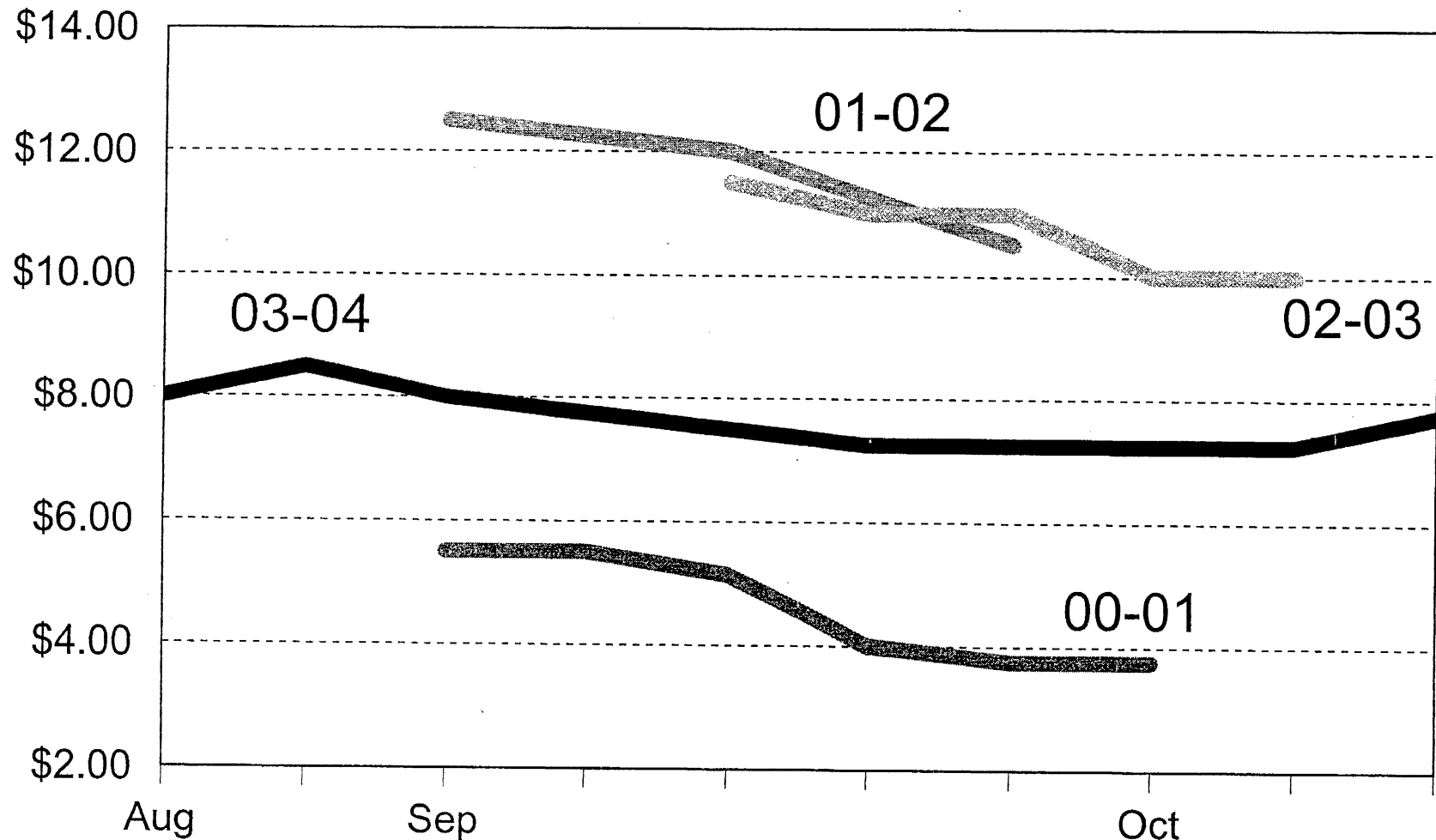


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50 lb Cartons, 70 count, U.S. #1, per unit



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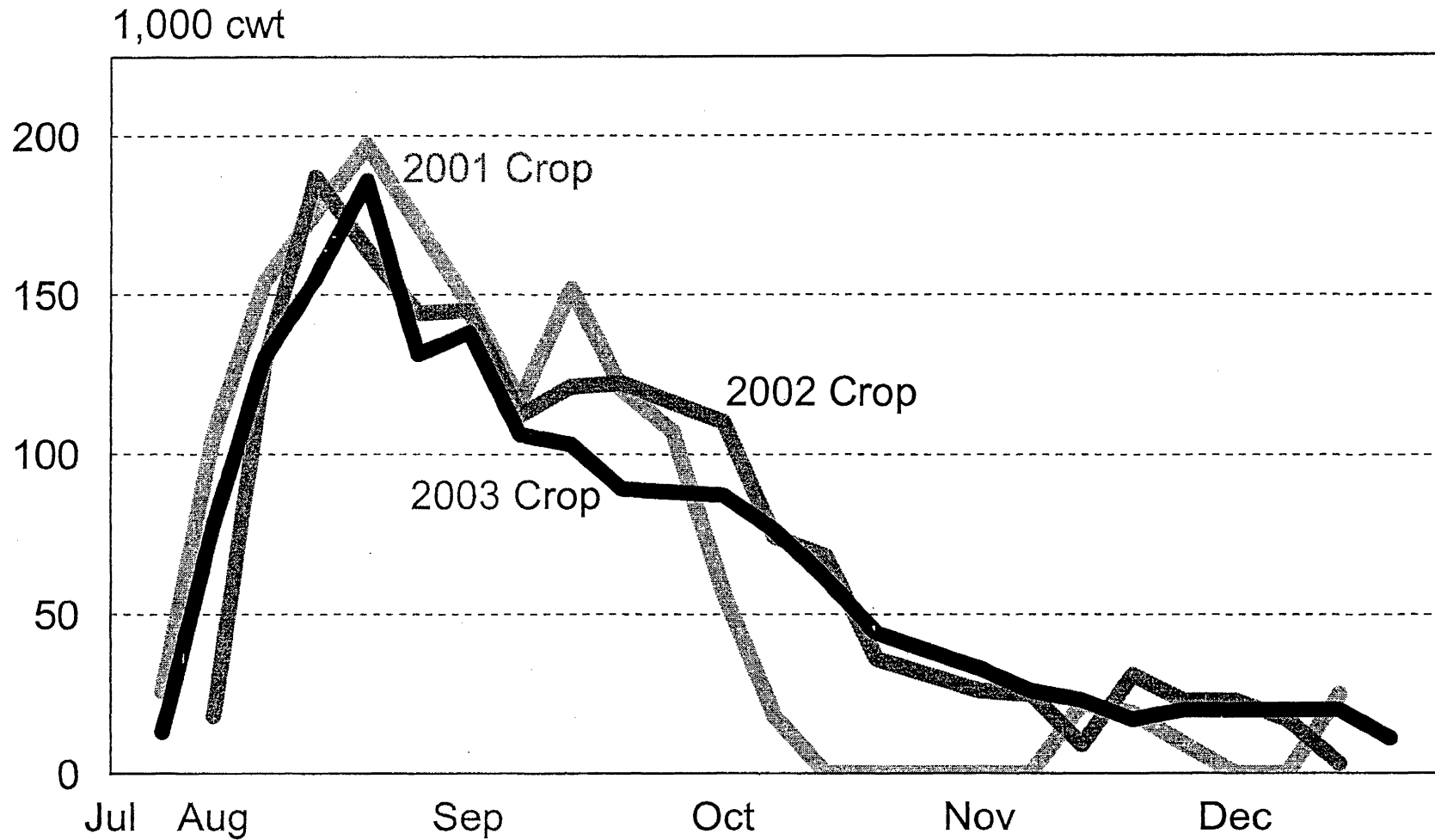
2003 CROP SHIPMENTS

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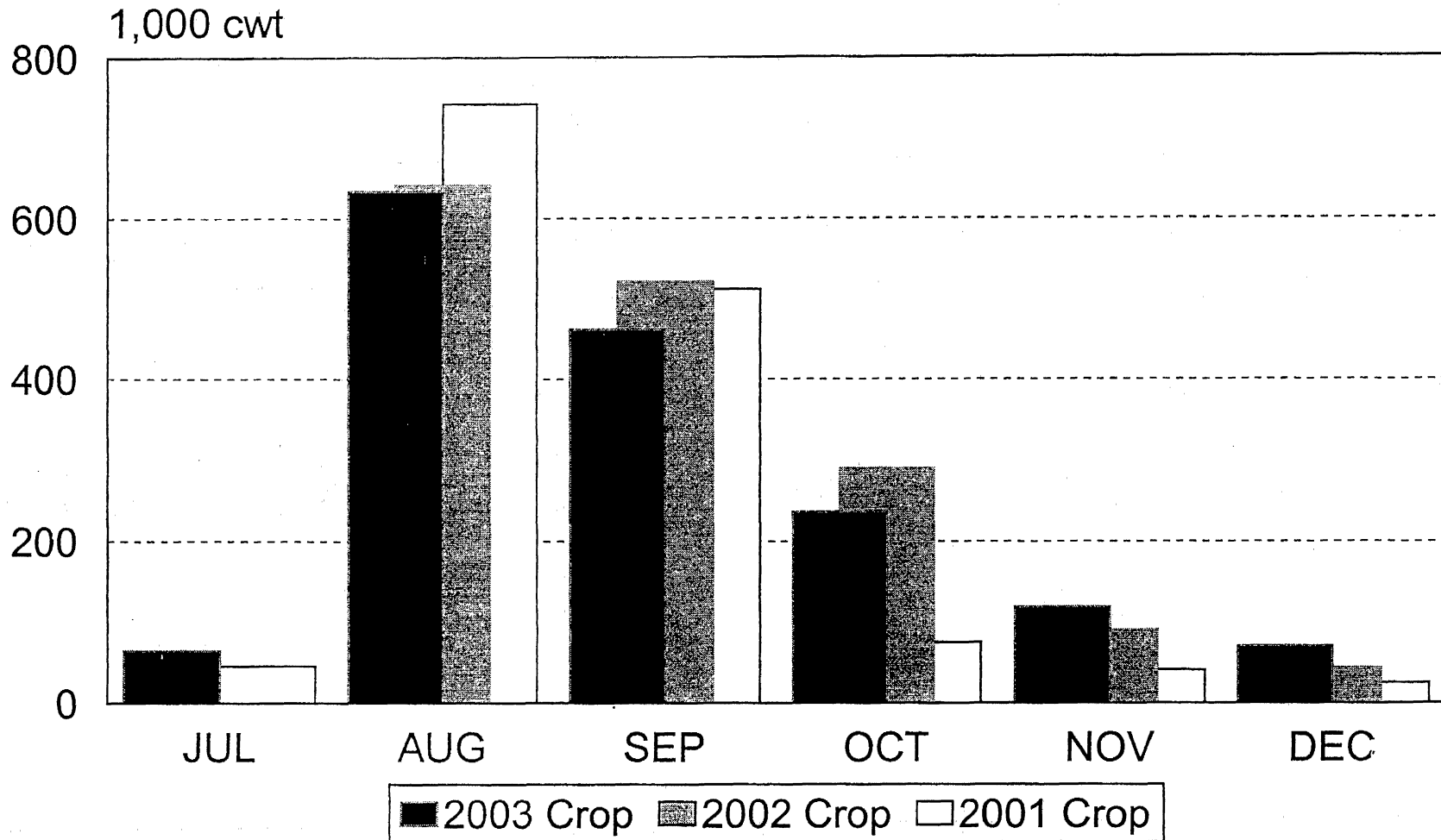
WEEKLY			MONTHLY		
WEEK ENDING	TRUCK	TOTAL TO DATE	MONTH	TRUCK	TOTAL TO DATE
<u>2003</u>			<u>2003</u>		
Jul 26	13	13	July	65	
Aug 2	78	91	August	634	699
9	130	221	September	462	1,161
16	155	376	October	236	1,397
23	186	562	November	119	1,516
30	131	693	December	71	1,587
Sep 6	138	831			
13	106	937			
20	103	1,040			
27	89	1,129			
Oct 4	87	1,216			
11	76	1,292			
18	61	1,353			
25	44	1,397			
Nov 1	33	1,430			
8	26	1,456			
15	23	1,479			
22	17	1,496			
29	20	1,516			
Dec 6	20	1,536			
13	20	1,556			
20	20	1,576			
27	11	1,587			
TOTAL	1,587			1,587	

BIG LAKE & CENTRAL MINNESOTA

Weekly Potatoes, Table Shipments



BIG LAKE & CENTRAL MINNESOTA MONTHLY POTATO SHIPMENTS



Marketing the 2003 Red River Valley Potato Crop

Planting, Growing Conditions &

Harvest: Most table-stock Round Red potatoes were planted in May. Growing conditions during the summer were mostly good. Temperatures were above normal.

Shipments and Transportation:

Table-stock shipments started in September 2003 and continued from storage through July 2004. The peak shipment month was January with 515,000 cwt. Fresh shipments for the season totaled 3,479,000 cwt., nearly identical to the 2002 crop. Shipments are collected from the voluntary cooperation of shippers. All shipments were by truck. This is the first marketing year where no rail usage was noted. Chipping potato shipments were recorded at 2,148,000 cwt.

Acreage & Production: Minnesota reported 60,000 acres total planted in 2003 with 19,500 acres in the Northwest counties. Production was of 5,045,000 cwt in the Northwest counties. North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service listed 2003 acreage

at 117,000 planted. Most table-stock potatoes in North Dakota are grown dry-land; there were 37,000 irrigated acres which mostly went to processing. Overall yield per acre in North Dakota was 245 cwt, up from 230 in 2002 crop, making production 27.4 million cwt from North Dakota. 19.2% of the planted acreage was red potatoes according to N.D. Agricultural Statistics Service.

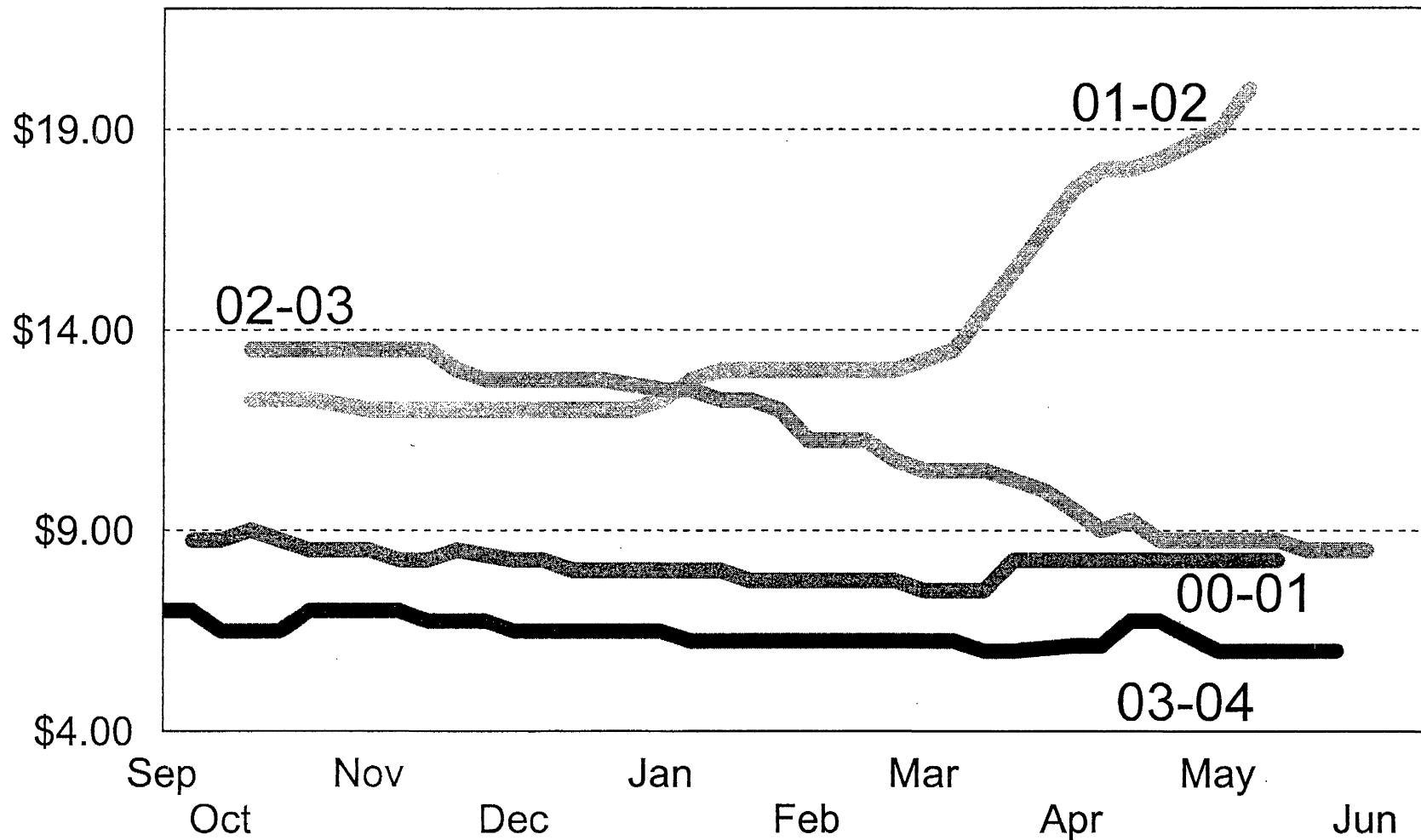
Marketing: Round Red prices were low all season. 100 lb sacks of U.S. No. 1 Size A Round Red potatoes opened at \$7.00 in mid-September, which was the season-high price. Prices traded in a very narrow range between \$6.00-7.00 nearly all season. The low price was \$5.50-6.00 in April. Round Red prices were impacted the low-priced storage Russet Non-size A prices and increased Round Red acreage in other areas.

Packaging: The Round Red potatoes were packed primarily in 100 lb sacks, 50-lb paper sacks and baled 10 and 5 lb film bags.

2003 Crop							
MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA (RED RIVER VALLEY)							
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis							
WEEK ENDING	100 lb sks ROUND RED U.S. One Size A	50 lb sks ROUND RED U.S. One Size A	50 lb sks ROUND RED U.S. One Size B	50 lb ctns ROUND RED U.S. One Size A	50 lb ctns ROUND RED U.S. One Size B	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs ROUND RED U.S. One Size A	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs ROUND RED U.S. One Size A
2003							
20-Sep	7.00	4.00-6.00	6.00	4.50-5.00	--	4.75-5.25	5.25-5.75
27-Sep	6.00-8.00	3.75-4.50	6.00	4.25-5.00	7.00	4.75	5.25
4-Oct	6.00-7.00	4.00	5.50-6.00	4.50	6.50-7.00	4.75	5.25
11-Oct	6.00-7.00	3.50-4.00	5.50-6.00	4.00-4.50	6.50-7.00	4.25-4.75	4.75-5.25
18-Oct	6.00-7.00	3.50-4.00	5.50-7.00	4.00-4.50	6.50-8.00	4.25-4.75	4.75-5.25
25-Oct	6.50-7.50	3.75-4.25	6.00-7.00	4.25-4.75	7.00-8.00	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50
1-Nov	6.50-7.50	3.75-4.25	6.50-7.00	4.25-4.75	7.50-8.00	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50
8-Nov	6.50-7.50	3.75-4.25	6.50-7.00	4.25-4.75	7.50-8.00	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50
15-Nov	6.50-7.00	3.75-4.00	7.00	4.25-4.50	8.00	4.50-4.75	5.00-5.25
22-Nov	6.50-7.00	3.75-4.00	7.00	4.25-4.50	8.00	4.50-4.75	5.00-5.25
29-Nov	6.50-7.00	3.75-4.00	7.00	4.25-4.50	8.00	4.50-4.75	5.00-5.25
6-Dec	6.50	3.75	7.00	4.25	8.00	4.25-4.75	5.00
13-Dec	6.50	3.75	6.50-7.00	4.25	7.50-8.00	4.50	5.00
20-Dec	6.50	3.75	6.50-7.00	4.25	7.50-8.00	4.50	5.00
27-Dec	6.50	3.75	6.50-7.00	4.25	7.50-8.00	4.50	5.00
2004							
3-Jan	6.00-7.00	3.50-3.75	6.00-6.50	4.00-4.25	7.00-7.50	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
10-Jan	6.00-6.50	3.50-3.75	6.50-7.00	4.00-4.25	7.50-8.00	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
17-Jan	6.00-6.50	3.50-3.75	6.50-7.00	4.00-4.25	7.50-8.00	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
24-Jan	6.00-6.50	3.50-3.75	6.50-7.00	4.00-4.25	7.50-8.00	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
31-Jan	6.00-6.50	3.50-3.75	6.50-7.00	4.00-4.25	7.50-8.00	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
7-Feb	6.00-6.50	3.50-3.75	6.50-7.00	4.00-4.25	7.50-8.00	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
14-Feb	6.00-6.50	3.50-3.75	6.00-7.00	4.00-4.25	7.00-8.00	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
21-Feb	6.00-6.50	3.50-3.75	6.00	4.00-4.25	7.00	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
28-Feb	6.00-6.50	3.50-3.75	6.00-6.50	4.00-4.25	7.00-7.50	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
6-Mar	6.00-6.50	3.50-3.75	6.50-7.00	4.00-4.25	7.50-8.00	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
13-Mar	6.00-6.50	3.50-3.75	6.50-7.00	4.00-4.25	7.50-8.00	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
20-Mar	6.00	3.50	6.50-7.00	4.00	7.50-8.00	4.25	4.75
27-Mar	6.00	3.50	6.50	4.00	7.50	4.25	4.75
3-Apr	6.00-6.25	3.50-3.75	6.00-6.50	4.00-4.25	7.00-7.50	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
10-Apr	6.00-6.25	3.50-3.75	6.25-6.50	4.00-4.25	7.25-7.50	4.25-4.50	4.75-5.00
17-Apr	5.50-6.00	3.25-3.50	5.50-6.00	3.75-4.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-4.25	4.50-4.75
24-Apr	5.50-6.00	3.25-3.50	5.50-6.00	3.75-4.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-4.25	4.50-4.75
1-May	6.00	3.50	5.50-6.00	4.00	6.50-7.00	4.25	4.75
8-May	6.00	3.50	5.50-6.00	4.00	6.50-7.00	4.25	4.75
15-May	6.00	3.50	5.50-6.00	4.00	6.50-7.00	4.25	4.75
22-May	6.00	3.50	5.50-6.00	4.00	6.50-7.00	4.25	4.75
29-May	6.00	3.50	5.50-6.00	4.00	6.50-7.00	4.25	4.75
5-Jun							

RED RIVER VALLEY POTATO PRICES

100 lb sks, Round Red, U.S. #1 Sz A



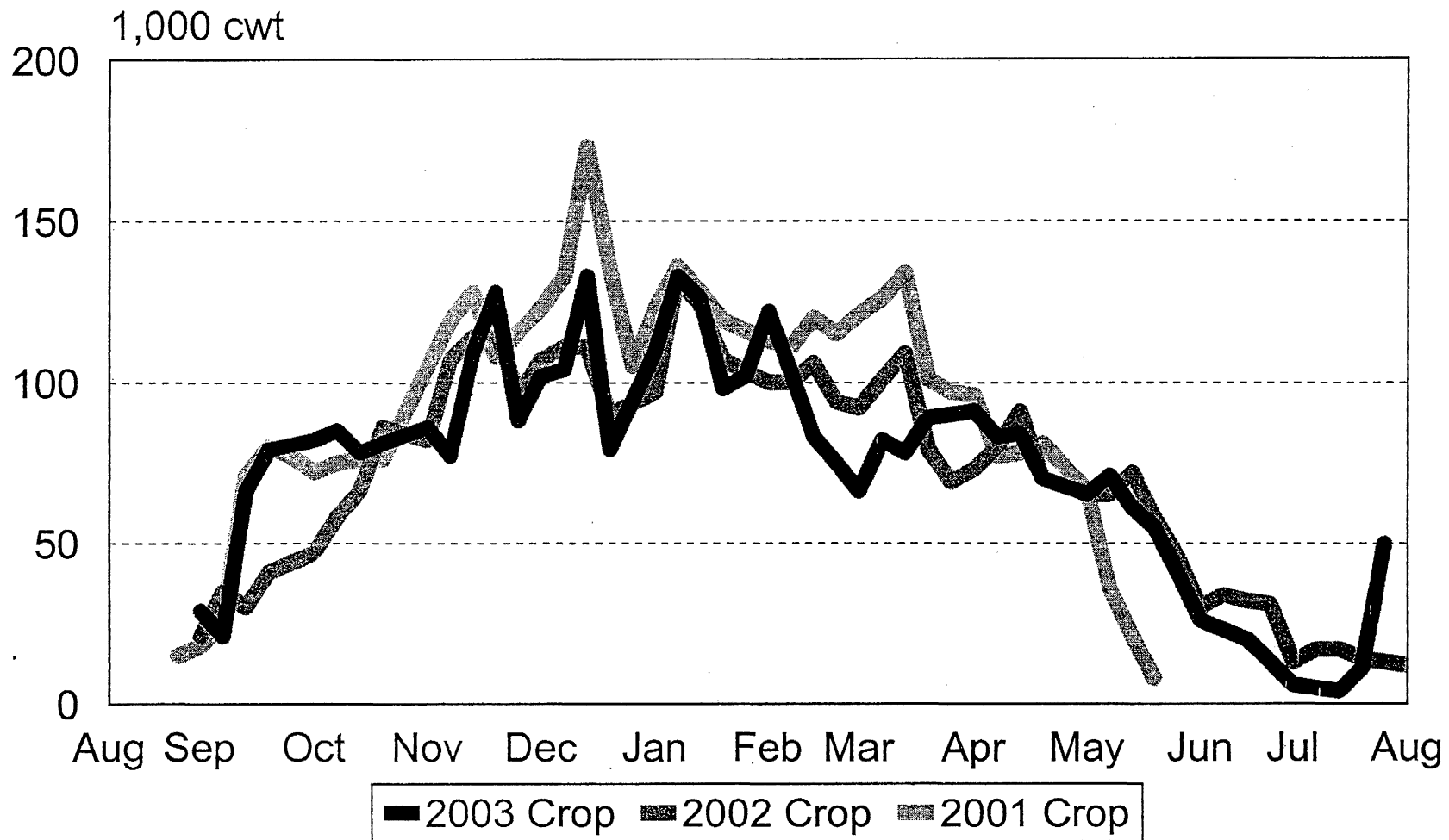
F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

**RED RIVER VALLEY
WEEKLY POTATOES, TABLE SHIPMENTS
2003 CROP**

Week Ending	MINNESOTA		NORTH DAKOTA		COMBINED WEEKLY TOTAL	TOTAL TO DATE
	RAIL	TRUCK	RAIL	TRUCK		
	1,000 cwt					
2003						
Sep 6	0	16	0	13	29	29
13	0	15	0	6	21	50
20	0	27	0	39	66	116
27	0	32	0	47	79	195
Oct 4	0	27	0	55	82	277
11	0	26	0	59	85	362
18	0	31	0	47	78	440
25	0	26	0	55	81	521
Nov 1	0	30	0	56	86	607
8	0	28	0	49	77	684
15	0	36	0	73	109	793
23	0	43	0	85	128	921
29	0	35	0	53	88	1,009
Dec 6	0	31	0	71	102	1,111
13	0	33	0	71	104	1,215
20	0	42	0	91	133	1,348
27	0	24	0	55	79	1,427
2004						
Jan 4	0	36	0	74	110	1,537
10	0	43	0	90	133	1,670
17	0	36	0	90	126	1,796
24	0	30	0	68	98	1,894
31	0	33	0	69	102	1,996
Feb 7	0	35	0	87	122	2,118
14	0	25	0	78	103	2,221
21	0	22	0	61	83	2,304
28	0	23	0	52	75	2,379
Mar 6	0	27	0	39	66	2,445
13	0	27	0	55	82	2,527
20	0	19	0	59	78	2,605
27	0	20	0	69	89	2,694
Apr 3	0	27	0	64	91	2,785
10	0	21	0	62	83	2,868
17	0	16	0	68	84	2,952
24	0	17	0	53	70	3,022
May 1	0	18	0	47	65	3,087
8	0	18	0	53	71	3,158
15	0	17	0	44	61	3,219
22	0	22	0	33	55	3,274
29	0	20	0	21	41	3,315
Jun 5	0	11	0	15	26	3,341
12	0	8	0	15	23	3,364
19	0	6	0	14	20	3,384
26	0	7	0	6	13	3,397
Jul 3	0	0	0	6	6	3,403
10	0	0	0	5	5	3,408
17	0	0	0	4	4	3,412
24	0	9	0	4	11	3,423
31	0	50	0	0	50	3,473
TOTAL	0	1,145	0	2,328	3,473	

RED RIVER VALLEY

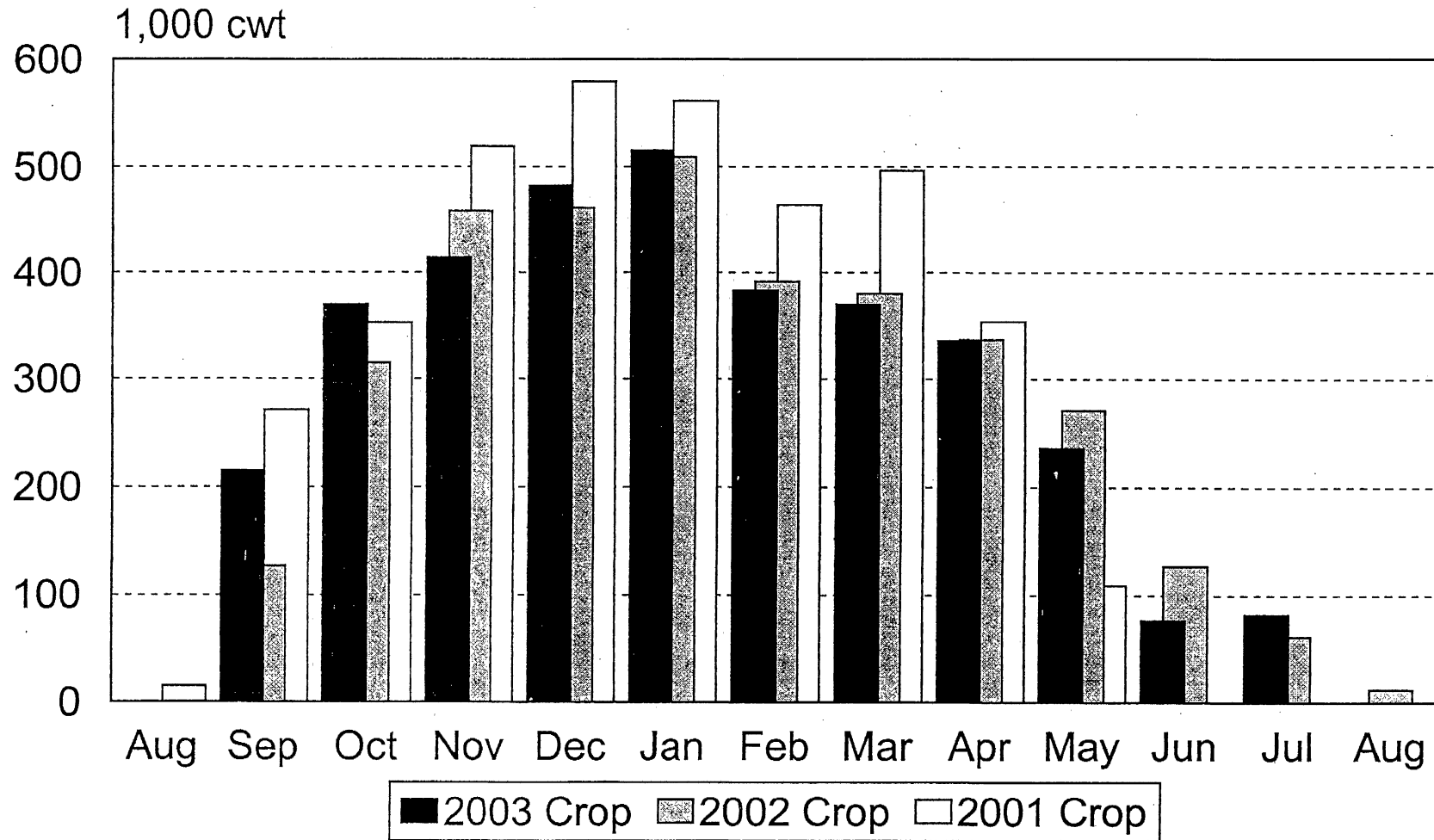
Weekly Potatoes, Table Shipments



**RED RIVER VALLEY
MONTHLY POTATOES, TABLE SHIPMENTS
2003 CROP**

Month	MINNESOTA		NORTH DAKOTA		COMBINED MONTHLY TOTAL	TOTAL TO DATE
	RAIL	TRUCK	RAIL	TRUCK		
	1,000 cwt					
<u>2003</u>						
September	0	92	0	123	215	215
October	0	125	0	245	370	585
November	0	145	0	269	414	999
December	0	155	0	327	482	1,481
<u>2004</u>						
January	0	153	0	362	515	1,996
February	0	105	0	278	383	2,379
March	0	107	0	263	370	2,749
April	0	83	0	253	336	3,085
May	0	79	0	157	236	3,321
June	0	32	0	44	76	3,397
July	0	59	0	23	82	3,479
TOTAL	0	1,135	0	2,344	3,479	

RED RIVER VALLEY MONTHLY POTATOES-TABLE SHIPMENTS



**RED RIVER VALLEY
WEEKLY CHIPPER, POTATOES
2003 CROP**

1,000 cwt

Week Ending	MINNESOTA	NORTH DAKOTA	Combined Total	Season Total Date
	Chipper	Chippers		
<u>2003</u>				
Sep 6	0	0	0	0
13	5	8	13	13
20	9	13	22	35
27	9	13	22	57
Oct 4	9	14	23	80
11	10	15	25	105
18	0	16	16	121
25	5	10	15	136
Nov 1	7	13	20	156
8	17	27	44	200
15	23	40	63	263
23	28	48	76	339
29	26	42	68	407
Dec 6	39	53	92	499
13	9	62	71	570
20	62	61	123	693
27	19	38	57	750
<u>2004</u>				
Jan 4	24	43	67	817
10	27	51	78	895
17	24	48	72	967
24	24	44	68	1,035
31	27	40	67	1,102
Feb 7	29	42	71	1,173
14	23	41	64	1,237
21	24	36	60	1,297
28	21	39	60	1,357
Mar 6	21	43	64	1,421
13	23	39	62	1,483
20	25	49	74	1,557
27	30	59	89	1,646
Apr 3	34	60	94	1,740
10	31	53	84	1,824
17	32	49	81	1,905
24	25	33	58	1,963
May 1	28	40	68	2,031
8	6	48	54	2,085
15	5	21	26	2,111
22	5	8	13	2,124
29	5	8	13	2,137
Jun 5	3	5	8	2,145
12	0	1	1	2,146
19	0	2	2	2,148
26	0	0	0	2,148
TOTALS	773	1,375	2,148	

**RED RIVER VALLEY
MONTHLY CHIPPER, POTATOES
2003 CROP
1,000 cwt**

	MINNESOTA	NORTH DAKOTA	Combined Total	Season Total Date
	CHIPPERS			
<u>2003</u>				
September	23	34	57	57
October	24	55	79	136
November	101	170	271	407
December	129	214	343	750
<u>2004</u>				
January	126	226	352	1,102
February	97	158	255	1,357
March	99	190	289	1,646
April	122	195	317	1,963
May	49	125	174	2,137
June	3	8	11	2,148
TOTALS	773	1,375	2,148	

NEBRASKA
WEEKLY POTATOES, TABLE SHIPMENTS
2003 CROP

WEEK ENDING	RAIL	RAIL TO DATE	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE	WEEKLY TOTAL	SEASON TO DATE
1,000 CWT						
2003						
Aug 9	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	0	0	16	16	16	16
23	0	0	88	104	88	104
30	0	0	98	202	98	202
Sep 6	9	9	109	311	118	320
13	9	18	102	413	111	431
20	16	34	104	517	120	551
27	14	48	92	609	106	657
Oct 4	4	52	225	834	229	886
11	15	67	72	906	87	973
18	20	87	56	962	76	1,049
25	16	103	72	1,034	88	1,137
Nov 1	4	107	88	1,122	92	1,229
8	2	109	77	1,199	79	1,308
15	4	113	92	1,291	96	1,404
22	15	128	101	1,392	116	1,520
29	1	129	69	1,461	70	1,590
Dec 6	3	132	78	1,539	81	1,671
13	2	134	74	1,613	76	1,747
20	5	139	79	1,692	84	1,831
27	1	140	34	1,726	35	1,866
2004						
Jan 3	0	140	39	1,765	39	1,905
10	1	141	64	1,829	65	1,970
17	7	148	66	1,895	73	2,043
25	6	154	54	1,949	60	2,103
31	5	159	59	2,008	64	2,167
Feb 7	0	159	62	2,070	62	2,229
14	2	161	59	2,129	61	2,290
21	11	172	48	2,177	59	2,349
28	1	173	50	2,227	51	2,400
Mar 6	5	178	50	2,277	55	2,455
13	0	178	65	2,342	65	2,520
20	0	178	58	2,400	58	2,578
27	0	178	63	2,463	63	2,641
Apr 3	0	178	63	2,526	63	2,704
10	0	178	66	2,592	66	2,770
17	0	178	53	2,645	53	2,823
24	0	178	56	2,701	56	2,879
May 1	0	178	71	2,772	71	2,950
8	0	178	69	2,841	69	3,019
15	1	179	72	2,913	73	3,092
22	0	179	72	2,985	72	3,164
29	0	179	62	3,047	62	3,226
Jun 5	0	179	57	3,104	57	3,283
12	0	179	51	3,155	51	3,334
19	1	180	54	3,209	55	3,389
26	1	181	58	3,267	59	3,448
Jul 3	1	182	26	3,293	27	3,475
10	0	182	34	3,327	34	3,509
17	1	183	47	3,374	48	3,557
24	0	183	9	3,383	9	3,566
TOTAL	183		3,383		3,566	

**NEBRASKA
MONTHLY POTATOES, TABLE SHIPMENTS
2003 CROP**

	RAIL	RAIL TO DATE	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE	MONTHLY TOTAL	SEASON TO DATE
	1,000 CWT					
<u>2003</u>						
August	0	0	202	202	202	202
September	49	49	407	609	456	658
October	59	108	425	1,034	484	1,142
November	25	133	427	1,461	452	1,594
December	11	144	265	1,726	276	1,870
<u>2004</u>						
January	19	163	282	2,008	301	2,171
February	14	177	219	2,227	233	2,404
March	5	182	236	2,463	241	2,645
April	0	182	238	2,701	238	2,883
May	1	183	346	3,047	347	3,230
June	3	186	220	3,267	223	3,453
July	3	189	116	3,383	119	3,572
TOTAL	189		3,383		3,572	

Long Island Potatoes *2003 Season*

Statistics: According to the New York Agricultural Statistics Service, New York growers **harvested 21,700** acres of potatoes for the 2003 season, **300 less acres** than the previous season and the **second lowest** in over 10 years. However, **production** figures shot up to **6,510,000** hundredweight, **18% above** the previous season. Statewide **yields** were a **record high 300 cwt.** per acre. Growers on Long Island reported **fairly average yields** of approximately 325-350 cwt for all white varieties combined with higher reports on Norwis, a major variety for storage for the island. A few growers have planted heavier to Yellow varieties which yield lower than the whites. Unofficial sources reported planted **acreage** of potatoes around **4,500** acres on Long Island.

Growing Season: Planting started on schedule in early April and finished just slightly later than usual. May was cool and rainy and June brought sporadic weather patterns. July and August were warm and drier, although harvest got underway later as August was wet and delayed harvesting some days. The extra moisture promoted some instances of hollow heart due to the rapid growth of the tuber.

Marketing Season: The first fob shipping point sales were issued by the Market News Service was issued in early September with U.S. One Size A 50-pound sacks of Round Whites at the **season high of \$4.00-4.50, and baled 5s from \$6.50-7.50.** Long Island had a difficult time breaking into the market, as the Eastern Seaboard potato regions were running at least two weeks behind completion. Sluggish demand kept Delaware in the picture far longer than New York liked and hindered movement. The first report for "chefs" or large potatoes was later than usual, the end of October with a price range of mostly \$5.25-6.00. By that time, size A 50s had dropped to mostly \$3.50. By Thanksgiving, consumer packs of baled 10-5s and 5-10s slipped to mostly \$5.50-6.00 and \$4.50 -5.00 respectively. Demand was poor for the remainder of the season, due in part to "low carb" diets and changing eating patterns. Supplies from Canada (namely Prince Edward Island) put added pressure on the Eastern Seaboard markets as well as a greater amount of consumer pack size in the western Russet crop. The demand for chefs was also thwarted by the low cost price of Russet 50s. **Shipments peaked in November for Thanksgiving business, although many shippers were disappointed with Christmas and New Year's promotions.** The final f.o.b. of the season in Mid-March reported size A 50s at mostly \$2.75-3.00 and baled 5s at mostly \$4.75-5.00, while large (chefs) finished the season at mostly \$3.75-4.00.

Movement: The MNS reported **shipments** from Long Island at approximately **1,900 loads** for the season, **down by over 100 loads** from the previous season's movement of 2,018 loads. Competition with Canada brought export loads down by nearly 30 percent from the previous season and totaled approximately 170 loads. The slow movement of the crop extended the season into mid-April and was **one of the longest seasons in recent years.**

Stocks: Stocks on hand December 1 for New York were 3 million hundredweight, a big **increase of 25% from the previous season.** By March 1, New York's holdings were 1.5 million hundredweight, a huge increase of 150% from the March 2003 report (600,000 cwt). Most of these holdings were held in upstate chip storages.

Packaging: The major pack on the island is the 50-lb. sack. Many growers and brokers delivered to re-packers and wholesalers in New York City, Florida and North Carolina, and large size potatoes to foodservice accounts along the East Coast.

BENTON HARBOR - LONG ISLAND NEW YORK

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

POTATOES - 2003 Season

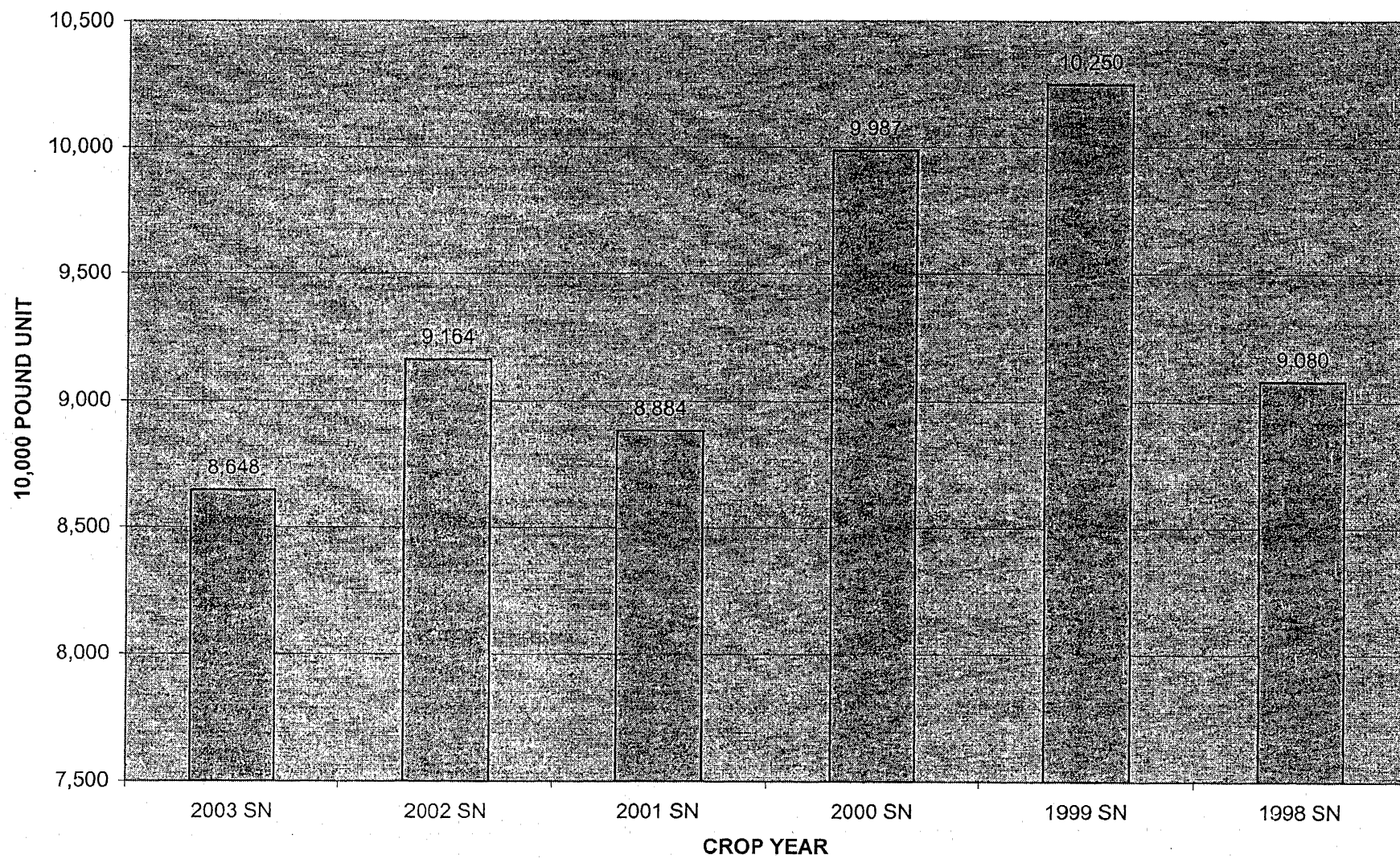
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06-SEP-2003	-	-	-	-
13-SEP-2003	5.50-6.50	6.50-7.50	4.00-4.50	-
20-SEP-2003	5.25-5.50	6.25-6.50	-4.00	-
27-SEP-2003	5.25-5.50	6.25-6.50	-4.00	-
04-OCT-2003	5.25-5.50	6.25-6.50	3.75-4.00	-
11-OCT-2003	4.75-5.25	5.75-6.00	3.50-3.75	-
18-OCT-2003	4.75-5.00	5.75-6.00	3.50-3.75	-
25-OCT-2003	4.75-5.00	5.75-6.00	-3.50	-
01-NOV-2003	4.75-5.00	5.75-6.00	-3.50	5.25-6.00
08-NOV-2003	4.75-5.00	5.75-6.00	-3.50	5.25-5.75
15-NOV-2003	4.75-5.00	5.75-6.00	-3.50	4.75-5.50
22-NOV-2003	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.75-5.25
29-NOV-2003	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.75-5.00
06-DEC-2003	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.75-5.00
13-DEC-2003	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.75-5.00
20-DEC-2003	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.75-5.00
27-DEC-2003	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.75-5.00
03-JAN-2004	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.75-5.00
10-JAN-2004	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.50-5.00
17-JAN-2004	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.50-4.75
24-JAN-2004	4.25-4.75	5.25-5.75	3.25-3.50	4.50-4.75
31-JAN-2004	4.25-4.75	5.25-5.75	3.25-3.50	4.25-4.75
07-FEB-2004	4.25-4.75	5.25-5.75	-3.25	4.25-4.50
14-FEB-2004	4.00-4.75	4.75-5.75	-3.25	4.25-4.50
21-FEB-2004	4.00-4.25	4.75-5.00	-3.00	3.75-4.00
28-FEB-2004	4.00-4.25	4.75-5.00	-3.00	3.75-4.00
06-MAR-2004	-	4.75-5.00	2.75-3.00	3.75-4.00
13-MAR-2004	-	4.75-5.00	2.75-3.00	3.75-4.00

LONG ISLAND POTATO SHIPMENTS												
WEEKLY SHIPMENTS - 2003 SEASON												
W/Ending	Domestic	Export	03 SSN	03 TOTAL	Domestic	Export	02 SSN	02 TOTAL	01 TOTAL	00 TOTAL	99 TOTAL	98 TOTAL
26-Jul	0	0	0	0	0	36	36	36	0	0	0	0
2-Aug	0	0	0	0	23	83	106	142	0	0	68	126
9-Aug	0	0	0	0	61	105	166	308	126	60	246	404
16-Aug	18	0	18	18	166	135	301	609	259	237	461	627
23-Aug	81	50	131	149	187	115	302	911	430	439	791	970
30-Aug	60	40	100	249	292	40	332	1,243	739	662	1,075	1,374
6-Sep	151	20	171	420	139	30	169	1,412	1,083	913	1,377	1,756
13-Sep	205	30	235	655	182	60	242	1,654	1,325	1,047	1,719	2,180
20-Sep	187	35	222	877	247	35	282	1,936	1,659	1,196	2,184	2,485
27-Sep	214	20	234	1,111	219	25	244	2,180	1,739	1,447	2,486	2,836
4-Oct	270	30	300	1,411	315	35	350	2,530	2,186	1,769	2,865	3,301
11-Oct	342	0	342	1,753	374	0	374	2,904	2,532	2,133	3,215	3,744
18-Oct	236	30	266	2,019	326	40	366	3,270	2,911	2,508	3,588	4,140
25-Oct	293	35	328	2,347	322	25	347	3,617	3,405	2,769	3,974	4,544
1-Nov	483	15	498	2,845	389	30	419	4,036	3,845	3,196	4,355	4,907
8-Nov	363	30	393	3,238	415	35	450	4,486	4,509	3,650	4,820	5,332
15-Nov	393	30	423	3,661	384	25	409	4,895	5,208	4,350	5,379	5,712
22-Nov	420	30	450	4,111	500	20	520	5,415	5,592	4,869	5,867	5,968
29-Nov	162	30	192	4,303	354	30	384	5,799	6,046	5,435	6,374	6,404
6-Dec	232	35	267	4,570	325	30	355	6,154	6,477	5,945	6,829	6,805
13-Dec	342	30	372	4,942	292	45	337	6,491	6,879	6,566	7,221	7,120
20-Dec	276	35	311	5,253	304	35	339	6,830	7,226	7,067	7,613	7,433
27-Dec	356	20	376	5,629	179	35	214	7,044	7,519	7,444	7,906	7,651
3-Jan	257	30	287	5,916	246	25	271	7,315	7,807	7,771	8,262	8,006
10-Jan	313	0	313	6,229	269	30	299	7,614	8,034	8,131	8,541	8,304
17-Jan	326	30	356	6,585	305	25	330	7,944	8,206	8,397	8,741	8,568
24-Jan	205	20	225	6,810	228	20	248	8,192	8,340	8,716	8,966	8,791
31-Jan	202	35	237	7,047	178	0	178	8,370	8,440	9,034	9,308	8,957
7-Feb	151	25	176	7,223	174	20	194	8,564	8,580	9,348	9,579	9,080
14-Feb	208	30	238	7,461	102	25	127	8,691	8,725	9,593	9,796	9,080
21-Feb	150	35	185	7,646	86	0	86	8,777	8,884	9,789	9,985	9,080
28-Feb	152	45	197	7,843	210	0	210	8,987		9,905	10,139	9,080
6-Mar	172	40	212	8,055	93	0	93	9,080		9,987	10,250	9,080
13-Mar	208	0	208	8,263	61	0	61	9,141				
20-Mar	118	0	118	8,381	59	0	59	9,200				
27-Mar	70	0	70	8,451								
3-Apr	70	0	70	8,521								
10-Apr	83	0	83	8,604								
TOTAL	7,769	835	8,604	8,604	8,006	1,194	9,200	9,200	8,884	9,987	10,250	9,080

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LONG ISLAND TABLESTOCK POTATOES



New York Chipping Potatoes *2003 Season*

Statistics: According to the New York Agricultural Statistics Service, New York growers **harvested 21,700 acres** of potatoes for the 2003 season, **down 300 acres** from the previous season. **Production** figures zoomed to **6,510,000 hundredweight**, an increase of **18%** from the 2002 crop final of 5,500,000 cwt. Statewide **yields were a record-high 300 cwt.** per acre compared to the 2002 season at 250 cwt. and the highest yield reported in ten years.. The center of chip production is located in Western and Central New York in Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Livingston Counties. An unofficial estimate of **acreage** is approximately **8,000-8,500 acres** with normal yields in the range of **275-325 cwt per acre**. Soil conditions range from gravel-like loam on rocky hillsides to rich muck land.

Production and Growing Season: New York **chip production** for the 2003 season totaled nearly **1.77 million hundredweight**, an **increase of over 4%** from the previous year and 12% above the 2001 season, according to the Market News Service. A cool, wet spring kept planting progress behind schedule again this season. Wet weather continued for much of the summer, which provided ample moisture for potatoes. Warm temperatures and drier conditions dominated July and August. Harvest was active early in August and continued into mid-October on a fairly normal schedule.

Marketing: The shipping season **started in mid-August and peaked** with out-of-the-field supplies in **mid September**. Major varieties included Atlantic, Andover and Pike for the early volume, and mostly Snowden were kept for storage. The dominant buyers and brokers in the New York chip market were Wise Foods, EK Bare, Utz Quality Foods, Stowe Potato Sales, Pennsylvania Potato Co-Op and Frito-Lay. Open market offerings were practically non-existent throughout the season with chip companies only interested in filling their contracted volume. With **record yields**, growers were frustrated by the demand and some supplies were not used. Chip sales were sluggish during the year, as people became more diet conscious due to the popular low carb eating regimens of the Atkins and South Beach Diets.

Stocks on hand: According to the New York Agricultural Statistics, **stocks on hand** December 1 totaled 3 million hundredweight, **up 25%** from the previous season. By April 1, 1,750,000 cwt. remained in storage, up dramatically by 250 percent and by June 1 stocks on hand was at a historic high of 62 percent from the previous season.

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NEW YORK POTATOES						
Stocks held by Growers and Local Dealers 1991- 2003 Crop Years						
		in 000 cwt.				
	Crop Year	December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1	April 1
	2003	3,500	2,800	2,400	1,500	750
	2002	2,400	1,800	1,100	600	220
	2001	2,400	1,500	1,000	600	300
	2000	2,700	1,900	1,400	1,000	400
	1999	3,500	2,500	1,800	1,300	700
	1998	3,400	2,300	1,500	800	350
	1997	3,600	2,500	1,500	800	400
	1996	3,700	2,400	1,400	800	350
	1995	3,400	2,500	1,500	900	400
	1994	4,200	3,000	1,800	2/	2/
	1993	3,650	2,000	1,200	2/	2/
	1992	3,000	3,100	2,240	2/	2/
	1991	3,050	2,450	1,700	2/	2/
1/ Total stocks consist of production less total disappearance to date. Disappearance includes all sales for all purposes, all potatoes eaten or fed on farms where produced and all losses to date through shrinkage, decay, dumping, etc.						
2/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.						

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NEW YORK
AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

NEW YORK POTATOES									
Acreage, Yield, Production, Disposition, Sales, and Value									
1991-2003									
Crop Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Used on farms where grown 1/	Sold	Marketing year average price	Value Production	Value Sales
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>\$\$ per Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 \$\$</i>	<i>1,000 \$\$</i>
2 003	22,200	21,700	300	6,510	n/a	n/a	\$9.50	61,845	Na/
2002	22,500	22,000	250	5,500	450	5,050	\$11.70	64,350	59,590
2001	23,500	23,300	255	5,942	602	5,340	\$9.90	58,826	52,866
2000	22,000	21,300	280	5,964	514	5,450	\$8.70	51,887	47,415
1999	26,000	25,500	265	6,758	418	6,340	\$9.00	60,822	57,060
1998	27,600	27,000	270	7,290	440	6,850	\$9.35	68,162	64,048
1997	26,500	26,000	275	7,150	454	6,696	\$8.75	62,563	58,590
1996	27,000	26,500	280	7,420	468	6,952	\$7.30	54,166	50,750
1995	28,000	27,500	270	7,425	445	6,980	\$7.45	55,316	52,001
1994	29,100	28,600	273	7,805	548	7,257	\$9.75	76,190	70,814
1993	28,800	28,200	273	7,693	585	7,108	\$8.20	62,971	58,194
1992	28,200	27,000	289	7,808	1,043	6,765	\$6.65	52,010	45,009
1991	29,600	29,500	234	6,917	542	6,375	\$8.70	60,328	55,620
1/ Includes feed and seed used on farms where produced and shrinkage during storage									

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AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

New York Potatoes - Prices received by Farmers: 1992- 2003 Crop Years													
					Dollars per Hundredweight								
CROP YEAR	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Mktg Yr. Avg*
2004	\$8.90	\$8.90	\$9.30	\$9.20									
2003	9.85	\$10.20	\$10.90	\$10.20	\$5.30	\$4.25	\$4.55	\$11.00	\$10.70	\$9.80	\$9.00	\$8.80	\$9.50
2002	\$9.40	\$9.30	\$9.40	\$9.10				\$15.20	\$15.00	\$11.80	\$10.80	\$10.20	\$11.80
2001	\$8.70	\$8.55	\$8.65	\$8.90				\$10.50	\$10.30	\$10.40	\$9.60	\$9.80	\$9.90
2000	\$8.25	\$8.35	\$8.66	\$8.75				\$9.00	\$8.65	\$8.70	\$8.45	\$8.90	\$8.70
1999	\$9.10	\$9.15	\$9.30	\$9.30	\$9.30			\$9.85	\$9.80	\$9.20	\$9.00	\$8.50	\$9.00
1998	\$8.05	\$8.00	\$8.40	\$8.40	\$9.85			\$9.75	\$9.35	\$9.35	\$9.40	\$8.60	\$9.35
1997	\$7.00	\$6.85	\$7.00	\$7.50	\$7.45			\$11.50	\$9.05	\$8.70	\$8.60	\$8.30	\$8.75
1996	\$7.30	\$7.90	\$8.35	\$8.35				\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.00	\$6.80	\$6.70	\$7.30
1995	\$9.25	\$9.25	\$9.35	\$9.65	\$9.65			\$7.80	\$7.85	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.15	\$7.45
1994	\$9.20	\$9.65	\$9.95	\$10.70	\$10.80	\$10.80		\$14.00	\$11.00	\$9.20	\$9.45	\$9.25	\$9.75
1993	\$6.80	\$7.15	\$6.95	\$7.85	\$8.50	\$8.30		\$7.20	\$6.75	\$7.15	\$8.00	\$8.70	\$8.20
1992	\$8.70	\$8.65	\$8.75	\$9.15	\$9.30			\$6.95	\$6.30	\$5.95	\$6.80	\$6.45	\$6.65
*/Marketing Season July through June.													

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Ohio Chipping Potatoes

2003 Season

Statistics: Ohio harvested 4300 acres of potatoes, up 200 acres from the previous season, according to the Ohio Agricultural Statistics Service. Yields were a healthy 300 cwt per acre, up sharply from 215 and 255 the previous two seasons and the highest in the past ten crop years. **Production** was 1.2 million cwt., up dramatically by 43 percent from the previous season of 900,000 cwt. Peak shipments occurred in mid-August and September with out-of-the-field contracted supplies. Field supplies were available into November. Total **movement** for the 2003 crop was 427,499 cwt and exceeded the 2002 crop by 43 percent, according to the Market News Service.

Growing Season: Planting began in early April with warmer than normal temperatures and slightly above normal precipitation levels. Planting proceeded at an accelerated pace early but fell behind slightly due to wet conditions in mid to late May. Planting finished the middle of June seven days later than the 2002 season and 11 days behind the five-year average. Nearly ideal growing conditions fostered a great yield for the 2003 crop.

Harvesting Season: Harvest was underway in early August. However, cool wet conditions slowed the pace at the end of the month. Forty percent of the crop was harvested at the end of the month, slightly behind the five-year average. Contracts for field supplies lagged with heavy yields and poorer consumer demand. Growers continued to ship field supplies into early November. **Limited storage contracts** concluded the season in mid-January. There were no open market sales reported by the Market News Service.

Stocks on hand: The **December 1** potato stocks at 260,000 cwt., were up drastically by 306 percent from the previous season. The stocks accounted for 20% of production on December 1, compared to 9% the previous year. The February 1 stocks held 130,000 cwt on hand compared to the previous season of 20,000 cwt. or 10% of total production

OHIO POTATO PRODUCTION - 1995 - 2003						OHIO CHIP SHIPMENTS				
CROP YEAR	AREA PLANTED	AREA HARVESTED	PRODUCTION 1000 CWT.	YIELD CWT.	PRICE PER CWT.	WEEK ENDING	2003 CWT.	2003 TOTAL TO DATE	2002 CWT.	2002 TOTAL TO DATE
2003	4,500	4,300	1,290	300	7.15	2-Aug	18,066	18,066		
2002	4,300	4,200	903	215	10.30	9-Aug	0	18,066		
2001	4,400	4,300	1,097	255	7.90	16-Aug	63,838	81,904	28,348	28,348
2000	4,400	4,200	1,134	270	7.25	23-Aug	44,684	126,588	55,560	83,908
1999	4,800	4,700	987	210	7.55	30-Aug	26,358	152,946	61,162	145,070
1998	5,100	4,800	1,200	250	6.60	6-Sep	16,016	168,962	54,319	199,389
1997	5,300	5,200	1,170	225	8.25	13-Sep	25,114	194,076	12,057	211,446
1996	5,200	5,100	1,275	250	7.95	20-Sep	18,910	212,986	7,476	218,922
1995	5,500	5,400	1,404	260	6.90	27-Sep	8,014	221,000	12,186	231,108
						4-Oct	8,607	229,607	5,002	236,110
OHIO STOCKS ON HAND - '000 CWT.						11-Oct	11,772	241,379	0	236,110
						18-Oct	12,400	253,779	0	236,110
						25-Oct	19,508	273,287	0	236,110
	CROP YEAR	STOCKS December 1	STOCKS January 1	STOCKS February 1		1-Nov	12,042	285,329	9,536	245,646
	2003	260	180	130		8-Nov	20,093	305,422	8,117	253,763
	2002	190	40	20		15-Nov	23,560	328,982	5,530	259,293
	2001	300	150	60		22-Nov	15,103	344,085	8,523	267,816
	2000	350	170	60		29-Nov	12,464	356,549	0	267,816
	1999	300	190	100		6-Dec	10,580	367,129	8,233	276,049
	1998	260	150	90		13-Dec	8,686	375,815	7,699	283,748
	1997	350	170	82		20-Dec	16,630	392,445	3,970	287,718
	1996	290	170	90		27-Dec	7,066	399,511	3,561	291,279
	1995	310	150	60		3-Jan	7,058	406,569	0	291,279
						10-Jan	10,329	416,898	0	291,279
						17-Jan	6,569	423,467	4,092	295,371
						24-Jan	4,032	427,499	0	295,371
						31-Jan			3,465	298,836
						TOTAL	427,499	427,499	298,836	298,836

PRODUCTION FIGURES
PROVIDED BY USDA-NASS

SHIPMENT DATA COLLECTED BY THE MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Pennsylvania Chipping Potatoes

2003 Season

Statistics: Pennsylvania harvested 13,500 acres of potatoes, down 500 acres from the previous season and the same as two seasons ago, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service. Production was **3.9 million cwt, an increase of 51 percent** from the 2002 season and 23% more than the 2001 crop year. **Record-high yields of 290 cwt** outpaced the two previous seasons at 57% and 23% respectively. Ninety-six percent of the crop was Round White and 4% red varieties. This was the first season that the Market News Service reported chip volume in the state. No open market prices were quoted this year. With a bumper crop, and slower demand, excess potatoes were forced to the cullage pile or diverted for other uses. During the storage season, a few open market sales were unofficially reported at the current contracted price schedule.

Growing Season: Planting commenced at a normal time in mid-April. However, cooler **wet conditions slowed planting progress** for much of the season. By Memorial Day, planting progress was reported by the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service as 68 percent completed, compared to the previous crop year of 76% and the five-year average of 79 percent. Planting generally was **completed near the later half of June**, well **behind the five-year average**. The largest acreage potatoes were the Northwestern, East Central and Central districts of the state.

Harvesting Season: Harvest of field supplies was underway in early August. A rainy fall season slowed harvest. Heavy rains from Hurricane Isabel pushed the harvest behind schedule: **at the end of September, only 68 percent of harvesting was completed**. October brought drier conditions, although cool mornings slowed the pace slightly. Most growers were finished by the first week of November. Shipments **peaked with field supplies in late August** through October. The crop year came to a close in mid-April, with a **total of 856,019 cwt. shipped**, according to the Market News Service.

Stocks on hand: The **December 1 potato stocks** of 2.2 million cwt of potatoes showed a **hefty increase of 57%** over the previous season, according to NASS. By March 1, 700,000 cwt remained in storage, up 17% from the previous year. Storage continued into May with holdings of 100,000 cwt.

PENNSYLVANIA CHIPPING POTATOES - 2003 SEASON										
Shipments - in CWT.										
WEEK	2003	2003								
ENDING	TOTAL	TO DATE			POTATO PRODUCTION					
9-Aug	24,451	24,451		CROP	AREA	AREA	PROD	YIELD	AVG.	VALUE
16-Aug	39,078	63,529		YEAR	PLANTED	HARV	000 CWT	CWT.	PRICE	PROD.
23-Aug	46,757	110,286			<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>			<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
30-Aug	70,343	180,629		2003	14,500	13,500	3,915	290		
6-Sep	18,093	198,722		2002	15,000	14,000	2,590	185	9.15	23,699
13-Sep	47,143	245,865		2001	14,000	13,500	3,173	235	8.05	25,543
20-Sep	39,358	285,223		2000	13,500	13,000	3,510	270	7.75	27,203
27-Sep	33,225	318,448		1999	14,500	14,000	3,080	220	7.55	23,254
4-Oct	38,115	356,563		1998	14,500	14,000	3,360	240	7.35	24,696
11-Oct	43,699	400,262		1997	14,000	13,500	3,173	235	8.20	26,019
18-Oct	45,166	445,428		1996	16,500	16,000	4,160	260	6.95	28,912
25-Oct	23,656	469,084		1995	18,000	17,000	4,080	240	7.20	29,376
1-Nov	12,561	481,645		1994	19,000	18,000	3,780	210	7.60	28,728
8-Nov	15,567	497,212		1993	21,000	20,000	4,600	230	8.15	37,490
15-Nov	18,526	515,738								
22-Nov	17,129	532,867								
29-Nov	11,581	544,448								
6-Dec	15,604	560,052			STOCKS ON HAND - '000 CWT.					
13-Dec	21,637	581,689								
20-Dec	19,155	600,844		CROP	STOCKS	STOCKS	STOCKS	STOCKS	STOCKS	STOCKS
27-Dec	16,114	616,958		YEAR	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1
3-Jan	11,074	628,032		2003	2,200	1,600	1,100	700	500	100
10-Jan	18,104	646,136		2002	1,400	1,100	900	600	400	
17-Jan	17,621	663,757		2001	1800	1,400	1,000	600	300	100
24-Jan	18,609	682,366		2000	2000	1,500	1,100	830	300	100
31-Jan	26,125	708,491		1999	2000	1,500	1,000	700	500	150
7-Feb	19,586	728,077		1998	2000	1,500	900	700	420	130
14-Feb	22,630	750,707		1997	2,000	1,500	1,200	890	480	190
21-Feb	16,614	767,321		1996	2,800	1,800	1,300	880	410	160
28-Feb	18,240	785,561		1995	2,400	1,900	1,200	800	400	180
6-Mar	17,120	802,681		1994	2,200	1,600	1,100	700	420	135
13-Mar	17,100	819,781		1993	2,600	1,800	1,400	900	400	100
20-Mar	13,593	833,374								
27-Mar	9,061	842,435			Production and Stocks on hand data courtesy of the					
3-Apr	7,057	849,492			Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service					
10-Apr	6,527	856,019								
TOTAL	856,019	856,019								
Shipments collected by the										
Market News Service										

MARKETING THE HEREFORD-HIGH PLAINS AND EASTERN NEW MEXICO

2003 POTATO CROP

**Price and Shipment reporting from the 2003 High Plains Crop was done by the
Idaho Falls, Idaho Market News office**

Acreage & Production: According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Texas summer potato acreage was 9,000 acres planted with 600 acres unharvested. This was an increase of the 2002 summer crop. Yields in 2003 were 420 hundredweight (cwt), an increase from 2002s 400 cwt. Production in 2003 was 3.5 million cwt, up from 3.3 in 2002.

New Mexico planted and harvested 1,900 acres of summer potatoes, a decrease from 2002s 2,500 acres planted and 2,300 acres harvested. Yields in 2003s were 280 cwt, which is a decrease from 2002s 320 cwt. Production was 532,000 cwt, which was a 28 percent decrease from 2002s 736,000 cwt (USDA, NASS).

Shipments: Shipments from the High Plains district were 605,000 cwt. This was a decrease from 2002s 947,000 cwt. August was the peak month. Due to the limited number of handlers, all the eastern New Mexico (Clovis area) shipments were combined with the Texas shipments.

Crops & Weather: During the last week of June, cooler temperatures slowed water evaporation and also slowed crop development. Hot

conditions returned to the Plains the first week of July where they remained for the rest of the month. During the week ending July 15, Tropical Storm Claudette veering toward the state coast which caused some locations to receive rain but the majority of the area received none. Harvest was quite late as it didn't begin until mid-July. Much of the State got relief from the 100+ temperatures as unseasonably cooler weather moved in mid August. Harvest was generally complete by the end of August.

Marketing: Round Red potato marketing began during the week ending July 19th at \$12.00-13.00 for 100 lb sack, U.S. No. 1 Size A. The price declined slightly each week until the last report of \$10.00-11.00 issued during the week ending August 9.

Russet Norkotah marketing began the week ending August 9th and ended during the week ending August 23. Shipping point prices for Russet Norkotahs in 100 lb sacks, U.S. No. 1, Size A opened at \$6.00. 70 count in 50-lb cartons opened at \$7.00-8.00.

Packaging: The majority of the crop is marketed in 100 lb sacks, 50-lb cartons and unwashed bulk to repackers.

2003 Crop
HEREFORD-HI PLAINS DISTRICT TEXAS & EASTERN NEW MEXICO
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

WEEK ENDING	100 lb sks Round Red U.S. One Size A	50 lb ctns Round Red U.S. One Size A	50 lb ctns Round Red U.S. One Size B	50 lb ctns Round Red U.S. One Creamers 3/4-1 5/8"	50 lb ctns Round Red U.S. One Size B
<u>2003</u>					
19-Jul	12.00-13.00	8.00	15.00-16.00	28.00-30.00	---
26-Jul	11.50-12.00	6.50-8.00	14.00-15.00	---	13.00-14.00
2-Aug	11.00-12.00	6.00-8.00	14.00-15.00	---	13.00-14.00
9-Aug	10.00-11.00	6.00-8.00	13.00-14.00	---	12.00-13.00
16-Aug	---	---	---	---	---
23-Aug	---	---	---	---	---

WEEK ENDING	100 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. One Size A	100 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. One 5-9 oz	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 40s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 50s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 60s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 70s
<u>2003</u>						
9-Aug	6.00	8.00-9.00	5.00	6.00-6.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-8.00
16-Aug	7.00	9.00	6.00-9.00	6.50-8.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
23-Aug	7.00	9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	9.00	9.00

WEEK ENDING	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 80s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 90s	50 lb ctns Russet Norkotah U.S. One 100s	bulk per cwt Russet Norkotah U.S. One size A	bulk per cwt Russet Norkotah US Coml or Better size A
<u>2003</u>					
9-Aug	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.00	---
16-Aug	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	6.00	5.00	5.00
23-Aug	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	---	4.75-5.00

HEREFORD-HI PLAINS DISTRICT TEXAS & EASTERN NEW MEXICO

2003 CROP SHIPMENTS

1,000 CWT

WEEKLY				MONTHLY			
WEEK ENDING	RAIL & PIGGYBACK	TRUCK	TOTAL TO DATE	MONTH	RAIL & PIGGYBACK	TRUCK	TOTAL TO DATE
<u>2003</u>				<u>2002</u>			
Jul 5	0	23	23	July	0	259	259
12		59	82				
19	0	69	151	August	0	339	598
26	0	56	207				
Aug 2	0	77	284				
9		112	396				
16	0	116	512				
23	0	76	588				
30	0	10	598				
TOTAL	0	598			0	598	

COLUMBIA BASIN WASHINGTON AND UMATILLA BASIN, OREGON AND NORTHWESTERN WASHINGTON

GENERAL COMMENTS - 2003 Crop

PRODUCTION: FOR WASHINGTON STATE: The National Agricultural Statistics Service set the production for the 2003 season at 93,150,000 cwt compared to 92,400,000 cwt produced in 2001. Growers harvested 162,000 acres compared to 165,000 acres in 2002. Yields were up slightly, from 560 cwt/acre in 2002, to 575 cwt/acre in 2003.

PACKAGING: U.S. #1 size A potatoes were packed to the required 2 inch or 4 ounce minimum size. Count sizes were generally packed in 50-lb cartons. 10-ounce minimum "bakers" were also packed in 50-lb cartons or 50 lb sacks. Non size A potatoes were generally packed in 50 lb masters with 10-5 lb or 5-10 lb bales, or in 100 lb sacks.

SHIPMENTS: (in 1,000 cwt)

WASHINGTON - ALL DISTRICTS: Fresh market for the 2003 crop totaled 11,153. Distribution of shipments for the 2003 season was as follows: 750 rail, 75 rail-truck, 8,971 truck-domestic, and 1,357 truck-export. Shipments peaked the week ending November 8th when 320 were shipped.

UMATILLA BASIN OREGON: Fresh market for the 2003 crop totaled 1,398. Distribution of shipments for the 2002 season was as follows: 128 rail, 0 rail-truck, 1,093 truck-domestic, 177 truck-export. Shipments peaked the week ending September 27th when 80 were shipped.

MARKETING: COLUMBIA BASIN WASHINGTON AND UMATILLA BASIN OREGON

RUSSETS

(All prices per carton 70s) The first FOB for Norkotahs was issued the week ending August 2nd at \$7.00-7.50 (compared to \$14.00-16.00 in 2002). The market picked in August as supplies of old crop potatoes were finally depleted and delays in new crop provided additional demand. By late August the price had risen to \$9.00. As the harvest picked up and supplies increased in September the market dropped back to \$7.00-8.00 by the end of the month. As the harvest began to wind down in late October, the demand picked up for cartons and the market hit the season high of \$11.00 by the end of the month. This held for most of the Thanksgiving demand, but dropped after the holiday and by mid-December settled at \$8.00-9.00. The market held steady through the end of January when it dropped to \$8.00-8.50. In mid-March the market settled \$8.00. Finally in early April the market picked up slightly rising to 8.00-8.50. In June the market started rising again as supplies were in few hands, and by the end of the month hit \$10.00 once again.

(All prices per 50-lb master for 5-10 lb. film bales) Bales in early August at \$3.50-4.50 (compared to \$8.00-10.00 in 2002). The market leveled off at \$2.50 in mid-September and was steady through mid-October when it began to rise again. The market rose slightly to \$2.50-3.00 and held through Thanksgiving. In early December it dropped slightly to \$2.50-2.75 where it remained through mid-February. In late February the bale market dropped to \$2.00-2.50 where it remained through early May. In May the bale market dropped once again to \$1.75-2.25. In June the market rose slightly as supplies were in fewer hands to finish the season at \$2.00-2.50.

Columbia Basin Washington and Umatilla Basin Oregon
Russet Norkotah 2003 Crop
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

	U. S. ONE 2 inch or 4 oz. Minimum						
	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s
2-Aug-03	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.00	-6.00	5.00-5.50
9-Aug-03	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	-6.50	-6.00	-5.00
16-Aug-03	7.50-8.50	7.50-8.50	7.50-8.50	7.50-8.50	6.50-7.00	-6.00	-5.00
23-Aug-03	-9.00	-9.00	-9.00	-9.00	6.50-7.00	-6.00	-5.00
30-Aug-03	-9.00	-9.00	-9.00	-9.00	6.50-7.00	-6.00	-5.00
6-Sep-03	-9.00	-9.00	-9.00	-9.00	6.50-7.00	-6.00	-5.00
13-Sep-03	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.00	-6.00	-5.00
20-Sep-03	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-6.50	-6.00	-5.00
27-Sep-03	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	-5.00
4-Oct-03	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	-5.00
11-Oct-03	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	-5.00
18-Oct-03	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
25-Oct-03	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
1-Nov-03	-11.00	-11.00	-11.00	-11.00	-7.00	-6.00	4.50-5.00
8-Nov-03	-11.00	-11.00	-11.00	-11.00	-7.00	-6.00	4.50-5.00
15-Nov-03	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-8.00	-6.00	4.50-5.00
22-Nov-03	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
29-Nov-03	9.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-7.50	5.00-5.50	4.00-5.00
6-Dec-03	8.50-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-7.50	5.00-5.50	4.00-5.00
13-Dec-03	7.00-8.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	6.50-7.50	5.00-5.50	4.00-5.00
20-Dec-03	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
27-Dec-03	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
3-Jan-04	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
10-Jan-04	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
17-Jan-04	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
24-Jan-04	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-5.00
31-Jan-04	6.50-8.00	7.50-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-5.00
7-Feb-04	6.50-7.50	7.50-8.50	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-5.00
14-Feb-04	6.50-7.50	7.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-5.00
21-Feb-04	6.50-7.50	7.00-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.00
28-Feb-04	6.50-7.50	7.00-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
6-Mar-04	6.00-7.50	7.00-8.00	-8.00	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
13-Mar-04	6.00-7.00	7.00-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-7.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
20-Mar-04	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-7.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
27-Mar-04	7.00-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-7.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
3-Apr-04	7.00-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-7.00	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00
10-Apr-04	-7.00	7.50-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	-7.00	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00
17-Apr-04	-7.00	7.50-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	-7.00	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00
24-Apr-04	-7.00	7.50-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	-7.00	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00
1-May-04	-7.00	7.50-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	-7.00	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00
8-May-04	6.00-7.00	6.50-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	-7.00	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00
15-May-04	6.00-7.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	-7.00	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00
22-May-04	6.00-7.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
29-May-04	6.00-7.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
5-Jun-04	7.00-7.50	7.50-8.50	8.50-9.50	8.50-9.50	6.50-8.00	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.00
12-Jun-04	7.50-8.00	8.00-9.00	9.00-9.50	9.00-9.50	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	-4.50
19-Jun-04	7.50-9.00	8.00-9.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00
26-Jun-04	-8.00	8.50-9.00	-10.00	-10.00	8.00-8.50	-6.00	-5.00
3-Jul-04	-8.00	-9.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-8.50	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00

Columbia Basin Washington and Umatilla Basin Oregon
Russet Norkotah 2003 Crop
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

	US ONE 2" or 4 oz. Min. Baled Film Bags Non Size A		US TWO 10 oz. Min.
	5-10 lb	10-5 lb	50 lb Sacks
2-Aug-03	3.50-4.50	-4.50	-
9-Aug-03	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50	-
16-Aug-03	-3.00	-4.00	-
23-Aug-03	-3.00	-4.00	-
30-Aug-03	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	5.00-6.00
6-Sep-03	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	5.00-6.00
13-Sep-03	-2.50	-3.50	5.00-5.50
20-Sep-03	-2.50	-3.50	5.00-5.50
27-Sep-03	-2.50	-3.50	4.00-5.50
4-Oct-03	-2.50	-3.50	4.00-5.00
11-Oct-03	-2.50	-3.50	4.00-5.00
18-Oct-03	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	4.00-5.00
25-Oct-03	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	4.00-5.00
1-Nov-03	2.75-3.00	3.75-4.00	4.00-5.00
8-Nov-03	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	4.00-5.00
15-Nov-03	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	4.00-4.50
22-Nov-03	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	4.00-4.50
29-Nov-03	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	4.00-4.50
6-Dec-03	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	4.00-4.50
13-Dec-03	2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-4.50
20-Dec-03	2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-4.50
27-Dec-03	2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-4.50
3-Jan-04	2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-4.50
10-Jan-04	2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-4.50
17-Jan-04	2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-4.50
24-Jan-04	2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-4.50
31-Jan-04	2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-4.50
7-Feb-04	2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75	-3.50
14-Feb-04	2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75	3.00-3.50
21-Feb-04	2.00-2.75	3.00-3.75	3.00-3.50
28-Feb-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	3.00-3.50
6-Mar-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	-3.00
13-Mar-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	-3.00
20-Mar-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	-3.00
27-Mar-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	-3.00
3-Apr-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	-3.00
10-Apr-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	-3.00
17-Apr-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	-3.00
24-Apr-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	-3.00
1-May-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	-3.00
8-May-04	2.00-2.25	3.00-3.25	2.50-3.00
15-May-04	2.00-2.25	3.00-3.25	2.50-3.00
22-May-04	1.75-2.25	2.75-3.25	2.50-3.00
29-May-04	1.75-2.25	2.75-3.25	2.50-3.00
5-Jun-04	1.75-2.25	2.75-3.25	2.50-3.00
12-Jun-04	1.75-2.50	2.75-3.50	2.50-3.50
19-Jun-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	3.00-3.50
26-Jun-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	2.50-3.50
3-Jul-04	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	2.50-3.50

Columbia Basin Washington and Umatilla Basin Oregon
Round Red and Yukon Gold 2003 Crop
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
 U. S. ONE 50 lb Cartons

	Round Red			Yukon Gold		
	Size A	Size B	1 Inch Min.	Size A	Size B	1 Inch Min.
14-Jul-03	-8.00	14.00-15.00	-30.00	-	-	-
15-Jul-03	7.00-8.00	-14.00	-30.00	-	-	-
16-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	-	-	-
17-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	-12.00	-8.00	-
18-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
19-Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
21-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
22-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
23-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
24-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
25-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
26-Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
27-Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
28-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
29-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
30-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
31-Jul-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
1-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
2-Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
3-Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
4-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
5-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
6-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
7-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
8-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
9-Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
11-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-30.00
12-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	-	-8.00	-30.00
13-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	10.00-11.00	-8.00	-30.00
14-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	10.00-11.00	-8.00	-30.00
15-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	10.00-11.00	-8.00	-30.00
16-Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
17-Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	-10.00	-8.00	29.00-30.00
19-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	-10.00	-8.00	29.00-30.00
20-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	-10.00	-8.00	29.00-30.00
21-Aug-03	-7.00	-14.00	-30.00	-10.00	-8.00	29.00-30.00
22-Aug-03	6.00-7.00	12.00-14.00	28.00-30.00	9.00-10.00	-8.00	29.00-30.00
23-Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
24-Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-Aug-03	6.00-7.00	12.00-14.00	28.00-30.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	28.00-30.00
26-Aug-03	6.00-7.00	12.00-14.00	28.00-30.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	28.00-30.00
27-Aug-03	6.00-7.00	12.00-14.00	28.00-30.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	28.00-30.00
28-Aug-03	6.00-7.00	12.00-14.00	28.00-30.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	28.00-30.00
29-Aug-03	6.00-7.00	12.00-14.00	28.00-30.00	9.00-10.00	6.00-8.00	28.00-30.00
30-Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
31-Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-Sep-03	6.00-7.00	12.00-14.00	28.00-30.00	9.00-10.00	6.00-8.00	28.00-30.00
3-Sep-03	6.00-7.00	12.00-14.00	28.00-30.00	9.00-10.00	6.00-8.00	28.00-30.00
4-Sep-03	6.00-7.00	12.00-14.00	28.00-30.00	9.00-10.00	6.00-8.00	28.00-30.00

**UMATILLA BASIN OREGON: POTATO SHIPMENTS IN 1,000 CWT UNITS
2003 CROP**

DATE	RAIL	R/T	TRUCK	EXPORT	WEEKLY TOTAL	WEEKLY TTD
2-Aug-03	1	0	0	0	1	1
9-Aug-03	9	0	5	3	16	18
16-Aug-03	3	0	30	7	39	57
23-Aug-03	0	0	26	12	38	95
30-Aug-03	0	0	19	11	30	125
6-Sep-03	3	0	19	2	23	148
13-Sep-03	4	0	53	8	65	213
20-Sep-03	3	0	32	9	44	256
27-Sep-03	3	0	70	8	80	337
4-Oct-03	0	0	55	17	73	409
11-Oct-03	4	0	56	10	70	479
18-Oct-03	1	0	37	6	44	524
25-Oct-03	3	0	23	1	27	550
1-Nov-03	4	0	3	4	10	560
8-Nov-03	3	0	0	0	3	563
15-Nov-03	3	0	0	0	3	566
22-Nov-03	4	0	11	1	16	581
29-Nov-03	1	0	9	1	12	594
6-Dec-03	5	0	11	1	17	610
13-Dec-03	8	0	12	1	21	631
20-Dec-03	7	0	1	0	8	639
27-Dec-03	3	0	0	0	3	642
3-Jan-04	3	0	1	0	3	645
10-Jan-04	3	0	22	2	26	671
17-Jan-04	3	0	28	4	35	706
24-Jan-04	4	0	29	1	34	740
31-Jan-04	1	0	17	0	18	758
7-Feb-04	3	0	7	1	11	769
14-Feb-04	1	0	24	1	26	795
21-Feb-04	0	0	21	2	24	819
28-Feb-04	0	0	25	1	26	845
6-Mar-04	3	0	21	3	26	871
13-Mar-04	0	0	20	2	23	894
20-Mar-04	1	0	0	0	1	895
27-Mar-04	4	0	16	1	21	916
3-Apr-04	3	0	21	3	26	943
10-Apr-04	3	0	22	2	27	970
17-Apr-04	4	0	21	2	27	997
24-Apr-04	1	0	24	4	29	1,026
1-May-04	4	0	26	3	33	1,059
8-May-04	1	0	29	4	34	1,093
15-May-04	4	0	24	4	32	1,125
22-May-04	3	0	10	1	14	1,139
29-May-04	3	0	19	4	25	1,164
5-Jun-04	1	0	31	10	42	1,206
12-Jun-04	4	0	32	1	37	1,243
19-Jun-04	3	0	48	7	57	1,300
26-Jun-04	0	0	22	1	23	1,324
3-Jul-04	1	0	34	2	36	1,360
10-Jul-04	1	0	21	5	28	1,388
17-Jul-04	0	0	6	3	9	1,397
24-Jul-04	1	0	0	0	1	1,398
31-Jul-04	0	0	0	0	0	1,398
TOTALS	128	0	1,093	177	1,398	

LOWER YAKIMA VALLEY, WASHINGTON

ROUND REDS

(All prices per carton for 50-lb cartons - Size A) The first potato FOB on Round Reds was issued July 14th at \$8.00 (compared to \$12.00-13.00 in 2002). As supplies picked up the market dropped to \$7.00 and remained generally unchanged through mid-August. In late August the market dropped to \$6.00-7.00. The last report was issued on September 4th (compared to August 9th in 2002).

YUKON GOLDS

(All prices per carton for 50-lb cartons - Size A) The first FOB was issued July 17th at \$12.00. The market dropped slightly in late July to \$11.00-12.00 and again in mid-August to \$10.00. In late August the market settled at \$9.00 where it generally remained until the final report on September 4th.

NORTHWESTERN WASHINGTON

ROUND REDS

(All prices per carton for 50-lb cartons - Size A) The first FOB was issued in early September at \$11.00-12.00. The market dropped in early December to \$10.00-11.00. The market trended downward very gradually throughout the rest of the season. By late January the market had dropped to \$9.00-10.00. It continued to drop to \$8.00-10.00 in February, \$8.00-9.00 in March, and \$8.00 in early April. Fair appearance or second label Round Red potatoes averaged \$3.00-4.00 lower than the better potatoes.

YUKON GOLDS

(All prices per carton for 50-lb cartons - Size A) The first FOB was issued in mid-September at \$12.00-14.00. The market remained generally steady through the holidays finally dropping slightly in mid-December to \$12.00-13.00. Prices were generally steady through the rest of the season. Fair appearance or second label Yukon Gold potatoes averaged \$2.00-4.00 lower than the better potatoes.

ROUND WHITES

(All prices per carton for 50-lb cartons - Size A) The first FOB was issued in mid-September at \$14.00-15.00. In late September the market dropped to \$12.00-14.00. From late October through the end of the season in mid-November the market fluctuated from \$13.00-15.00.

Northwestern Washington 2003 Crop

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

U. S. ONE 50 lb Cartons

	Round Red			Yukon Gold		
	Size A	Size B	1 Inch Min.	Size A	Size B	1 Inch Min.
6-Sep-03	8.00-12.00	13.00-16.00	-30.00	-	-	-
13-Sep-03	8.00-12.00	13.00-16.00	-30.00	-14.00	12.00-14.00	-30.00
20-Sep-03	8.00-12.00	11.00-15.00	-30.00	10.00-14.00	-12.00	-30.00
27-Sep-03	8.00-12.00	11.00-15.00	-30.00	9.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
4-Oct-03	8.00-12.00	11.00-15.00	-30.00	9.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
11-Oct-03	8.00-12.00	11.00-15.00	-30.00	9.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
18-Oct-03	8.00-12.00	11.00-15.00	-30.00	9.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
25-Oct-03	8.00-12.00	11.00-15.00	-30.00	9.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
1-Nov-03	8.00-12.00	-14.00	-30.00	-14.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
8-Nov-03	8.00-12.00	14.00-15.00	-30.00	-14.00	-10.00	-30.00
15-Nov-03	8.00-12.00	14.00-15.00	-30.00	-14.00	-10.00	-30.00
22-Nov-03	7.00-12.00	14.00-15.00	-30.00	-14.00	-10.00	-30.00
29-Nov-03	7.00-12.00	10.00-15.00	-30.00	9.00-14.00	8.00-10.00	-30.00
6-Dec-03	7.00-12.00	10.00-15.00	-30.00	9.00-14.00	8.00-10.00	-30.00
13-Dec-03	7.00-11.00	10.00-15.00	-30.00	8.00-14.00	8.00-10.00	-30.00
20-Dec-03	7.00-11.00	10.00-15.00	-30.00	8.00-13.00	8.00-10.00	-30.00
27-Dec-03	7.00-11.00	10.00-15.00	-30.00	8.00-13.00	8.00-10.00	-30.00
3-Jan-04	6.00-11.00	10.00-15.00	-30.00	8.00-13.00	8.00-10.00	-30.00
10-Jan-04	6.00-11.00	13.00-15.00	-30.00	8.00-13.00	8.00-10.00	-30.00
17-Jan-04	6.00-11.00	-14.00	-30.00	8.00-13.00	8.00-10.00	-30.00
24-Jan-04	6.00-11.00	-14.00	-30.00	8.00-13.00	8.00-10.00	-30.00
31-Jan-04	6.00-10.00	-14.00	-30.00	-13.00	8.00-10.00	-30.00
7-Feb-04	6.00-10.00	-14.00	-30.00	-13.00	8.00-10.00	-30.00
14-Feb-04	5.00-10.00	-14.00	-30.00	-13.00	7.00-8.00	-30.00
21-Feb-04	5.00-10.00	-14.00	-30.00	-13.00	7.00-8.00	-30.00
28-Feb-04	5.00-10.00	-14.00	-30.00	12.00-13.00	7.00-8.00	-30.00
6-Mar-04	5.00-9.00	-14.00	-30.00	12.00-13.00	7.00-8.00	-30.00
13-Mar-04	5.00-9.00	-14.00	-30.00	12.00-14.00	7.00-8.00	-30.00
20-Mar-04	5.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	-30.00	12.00-14.00	7.00-8.00	-30.00
27-Mar-04	5.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	28.00-30.00	12.00-14.00	7.00-8.00	-30.00
3-Apr-04	5.00-8.00	-14.00	28.00-30.00	-	-	-
10-Apr-04	5.00-8.00	-14.00	28.00-30.00	-	-	-
17-Apr-04	5.00-8.00	13.00-14.00	28.00-30.00	-	-	-
24-Apr-04	5.00-8.00	13.00-14.00	27.00-28.00	-	-	-
1-May-04	5.00-8.00	13.00-14.00	27.00-30.00	-	-	-
8-May-04	5.00-7.00	13.00-14.00	27.00-30.00	-	-	-

	Round White		
	Size A	Size B	1 Inch Min.
13-Sep-03	14.00-15.00	-12.00	-30.00
20-Sep-03	10.00-15.00	11.00-12.00	-30.00
27-Sep-03	8.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
4-Oct-03	8.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
11-Oct-03	8.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
18-Oct-03	8.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
25-Oct-03	8.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
1-Nov-03	14.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00
8-Nov-03	13.00-14.00	-10.00	-30.00
15-Nov-03	13.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	-30.00

KLAMATH BASIN (NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN OREGON)

GENERAL COMMENTS - 2003

WEATHER, GROWING & HARVESTING: Allocation of water between farmers, fish, power plants, and endangered species is still an issue in the Basin although many of the remaining operations have their own private water sources now. It is unlikely that the Klamath Basin will recover any time soon to production levels prior to the loss in irrigation a few short years ago.

PACKAGING: U.S. #1 size A potatoes are required to meet a 2-inch or 4 ounce minimum. Count sizes were generally packed in 50 lb. cartons. 10-ounce minimum "bakers" were packed in 50 lb. cartons or 100 lb. sacks. Non size A potatoes were generally packed in 50 lb. masters with 10-5 lb. or 5-10 lb. bales, or in 100 lb. sacks.

SHIPMENTS: (in 1,000 cwt) Fresh market shipments for the 2003 crop for the Klamath Basin totaled 1,721. Peak shipments went out the week ending November 22nd when 78 units were shipped.

MARKETING: (All prices per 50 lb. carton for carton 70s) The first Fobs were issued the week ending October 18th at \$9.00. The market rose to \$11.00-12.00 for the Thanksgiving demand only to drop back to \$10.00 in mid-December. Prices were unchanged through late February when they dropped again to \$9.00-10.00. In late March they rose slightly to \$10.00-11.00. For most of April and early May the market stayed at \$11.00, settling back to \$10.00-11.00 in mid-May through the end of the reported season in mid-June.

(All prices per 50-lb. master for 5-10 lb. bales) The first Fobs were issued the week ending October 18th \$3.00-3.25 (compared to \$5.50-6.50 in 2002). The market rose slightly to \$3.25-3.50 and then settled at \$3.00-3.50 in mid-November. After the Christmas holiday the market dropped to \$3.00-3.25. The market was steady through early April when it dropped to \$3.00 and remained there for the duration of the reported season.

Klamath Basin: Northern California and Southern Oregon
Russet Norkotah 2003 Crop
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

U. S. ONE 2 inch or 4 oz. Minimum

	50 lb cartons							Baled Film Bags	
	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s	5-10 lb	10-5lb
11-Oct-03	-	-	-	-				-	-
18-Oct-03	-9.00	-9.00	-9.00	-9.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
25-Oct-03	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.25-4.50
1-Nov-03	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	8.00-9.00	-7.00	-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.25-4.50
8-Nov-03	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-7.00	-6.00	3.25-3.50	4.25-4.50
15-Nov-03	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	-8.00	-7.00	-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50
22-Nov-03	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	-8.00	-7.00	-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50
29-Nov-03	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50
6-Dec-03	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50
13-Dec-03	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50
20-Dec-03	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50
27-Dec-03	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50
3-Jan-04	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
10-Jan-04	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
17-Jan-04	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
24-Jan-04	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
31-Jan-04	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
7-Feb-04	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
14-Feb-04	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
21-Feb-04	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
28-Feb-04	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
6-Mar-04	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
13-Mar-04	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
20-Mar-04	-10.00	-10.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-9.00	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
27-Mar-04	-10.00	-10.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
3-Apr-04	-10.00	-10.00	-11.00	-11.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
10-Apr-04	-10.00	-10.00	-11.00	-11.00	-9.00	-7.50	6.00-6.50	-3.00	-4.00
17-Apr-04	-10.00	-10.00	-11.00	-11.00	-9.00	-7.50	6.00-6.50	-3.00	-4.00
24-Apr-04	-10.00	-10.00	-11.00	-11.00	-9.00	-7.50	6.00-6.50	-3.00	-4.00
1-May-04	-10.00	-10.00	-11.00	-11.00	-9.00	-7.50	6.00-6.50	-3.00	-4.00
8-May-04	-10.00	-10.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	-3.00	-4.00
15-May-04	-10.00	-10.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	-3.00	-4.00
22-May-04	-10.00	-10.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	-3.00	-4.00
29-May-04	-10.00	-10.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	5.50-6.50	-3.00	-4.00
5-Jun-04	-10.00	-10.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	5.50-6.50	-3.00	-4.00
12-Jun-04	-10.00	-10.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	5.50-6.50	-3.00	-4.00
19-Jun-04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**KLAMATH BASIN, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN OREGON
POTATO SHIPMENTS 2003 CROP IN 1,000 CWT**

DATE	CALIFORNIA			OREGON			KLAMATH BASIN	
	RAIL	R/T	TRK	RAIL	R/T	TRK	WEEKLY TOTAL	WEEKLY TTD
4-Oct-03	0	0	20	0	0	19	38	38
11-Oct-03	0	0	13	0	0	23	36	74
18-Oct-03	0	0	27	0	0	12	39	113
25-Oct-03	0	0	25	0	0	12	37	150
1-Nov-03	1	0	29	0	0	18	48	198
8-Nov-03	0	0	24	0	0	19	43	241
15-Nov-03	0	0	25	0	0	38	63	304
22-Nov-03	0	0	32	0	0	47	78	383
29-Nov-03	0	0	18	0	0	36	55	437
6-Dec-03	1	0	24	0	0	37	63	500
13-Dec-03	0	0	21	0	0	28	49	549
20-Dec-03	0	0	29	0	0	37	66	615
27-Dec-03	0	0	39	0	0	29	68	683
3-Jan-04	0	0	35	0	0	23	59	742
10-Jan-04	0	0	32	0	0	25	57	798
17-Jan-04	0	0	36	0	0	29	65	863
24-Jan-04	0	0	20	0	0	21	41	904
31-Jan-04	0	0	29	0	0	16	45	949
7-Feb-04	0	0	23	0	0	19	42	991
14-Feb-04	0	0	18	0	0	16	34	1,025
21-Feb-04	0	0	19	0	0	17	36	1,062
28-Feb-04	0	0	26	0	0	19	45	1,107
6-Mar-04	0	0	17	0	0	16	33	1,140
13-Mar-04	0	0	18	0	0	16	34	1,174
20-Mar-04	0	0	13	0	0	16	29	1,204
27-Mar-04	0	0	19	0	0	15	35	1,238
3-Apr-04	0	0	16	0	0	13	29	1,267
10-Apr-04	0	0	31	0	0	9	41	1,308
17-Apr-04	0	0	17	0	0	10	27	1,335
24-Apr-04	0	0	20	0	0	14	34	1,369
1-May-04	0	0	12	0	0	20	32	1,402
8-May-04	0	0	15	0	0	19	34	1,436
15-May-04	0	0	14	0	0	14	28	1,463
22-May-04	0	0	10	0	0	11	21	1,484
29-May-04	0	0	22	0	0	11	32	1,517
5-Jun-04	0	0	18	0	0	9	27	1,544
12-Jun-04	0	0	21	0	0	3	24	1,568
19-Jun-04	0	0	18	0	0	0	18	1,585
26-Jun-04	0	0	17	0	0	0	17	1,603
3-Jul-04	0	0	17	0	0	0	17	1,620
10-Jul-04	0	0	21	0	0	0	21	1,640
17-Jul-04	0	0	21	0	0	0	21	1,661
24-Jul-04	0	0	20	0	0	0	20	1,681
31-Jul-04	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	1,686
7-Aug-04	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	1,691
14-Aug-04	0	0	9	0	0	0	9	1,700
21-Aug-04	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	1,705
28-Aug-04	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	1,709
4-Sep-04	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	1,715
11-Sep-04	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	1,721
18-Sep-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,721
25-Sep-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,721
TTD PC	2	0	984	0	0	735	1,721	

ALL WASHINGTON DISTRICTS: POTATO SHIPMENTS IN 1,000 CWT UNITS
2003 CROP

W/E DATE	RAIL	RAIL/TRUCK	TRUCK	EXPORT	WEEKLY TOTAL	WEEKLY TTD
12-Jul-03	0	0	1	1	3	3
19-Jul-03	0	0	31	9	40	42
26-Jul-03	0	0	48	12	59	102
2-Aug-03	6	0	140	35	181	283
9-Aug-03	15	0	219	56	290	573
16-Aug-03	35	0	200	52	288	861
23-Aug-03	31	1	223	37	293	1,154
30-Aug-03	50	2	201	53	306	1,460
6-Sep-03	33	3	170	47	254	1,714
13-Sep-03	32	4	157	56	248	1,962
20-Sep-03	33	4	145	21	202	2,164
27-Sep-03	23	2	145	20	189	2,353
4-Oct-03	30	2	153	23	208	2,561
11-Oct-03	13	2	181	10	205	2,767
18-Oct-03	13	3	202	17	234	3,001
25-Oct-03	14	2	216	20	252	3,253
1-Nov-03	20	2	276	22	320	3,573
8-Nov-03	24	2	276	20	323	3,896
15-Nov-03	16	6	256	21	299	4,195
22-Nov-03	23	3	231	15	272	4,468
29-Nov-03	9	3	134	14	160	4,627
6-Dec-03	13	4	175	15	207	4,834
13-Dec-03	11	5	186	19	221	5,055
20-Dec-03	11	2	187	14	215	5,269
27-Dec-03	6	2	161	13	182	5,451
3-Jan-04	10	2	127	13	153	5,604
10-Jan-04	10	2	151	22	185	5,789
17-Jan-04	15	3	162	34	215	6,004
24-Jan-04	8	2	156	22	188	6,191
31-Jan-04	13	2	159	18	192	6,383
7-Feb-04	14	2	114	19	149	6,533
14-Feb-04	6	2	104	23	135	6,668
21-Feb-04	15	1	120	31	167	6,835
28-Feb-04	9	0	109	26	144	6,979
6-Mar-04	14	1	160	32	206	7,185
13-Mar-04	7	0	175	27	208	7,393
20-Mar-04	14	0	172	32	218	7,611
27-Mar-04	9	0	162	17	188	7,799
3-Apr-04	9	1	157	24	190	7,989
10-Apr-04	6	0	153	18	177	8,166
17-Apr-04	3	1	138	22	164	8,330
24-Apr-04	6	1	178	28	213	8,543
1-May-04	3	0	157	29	189	8,733
8-May-04	1	0	165	31	197	8,929
15-May-04	14	0	131	25	170	9,099
22-May-04	8	1	177	34	219	9,319
29-May-04	15	0	240	27	282	9,601
5-Jun-04	4	0	145	25	173	9,774
12-Jun-04	9	0	115	24	148	9,923
19-Jun-04	13	0	78	20	111	10,034
26-Jun-04	3	0	128	22	152	10,185
3-Jul-04	14	0	141	12	167	10,353
10-Jul-04	11	0	159	11	181	10,534
17-Jul-04	19	0	116	13	147	10,681
24-Jul-04	10	0	72	8	90	10,771
31-Jul-04	0	0	76	10	85	10,856
7-Aug-04	0	0	57	12	69	10,925
14-Aug-04	0	0	52	7	60	10,985
21-Aug-04	0	0	39	4	44	11,028
28-Aug-04	0	0	46	5	51	11,079
4-Sep-04	0	0	37	4	41	11,120
11-Sep-04	0	0	29	4	33	11,153
TOTALS	750	75	8,971	1,357	11,153	

Marketing Central Wisconsin Potatoes 2003 Crop

Acreage & Production: According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Wisconsin potato acreage in 2003 was 81,000 acres compared to 85,000 acres in 2002. Harvested acreage was 80,000 acres, a decrease from 2002's 83,000 acres. Yield per acre was 410 hundredweight (cwt), up from 375 cwt in 2002. 2003's production was 32,800,000 cwt, compared to 31,125,000 in 2002.

Shipments: Shipments from Central Wisconsin were 12,652,000 cwt. The peak shipping month was November at 1,613,000 cwt. All of the potatoes were shipped by truck, there are no rail shipments out of Wisconsin.

Shipments of Chip Stock potatoes were 5,496,000 cwt in 2003. The peak shipping month was December with 781,000 cwt shipped.

Shipments of Seed Potatoes were 1,312,000 cwt. March was the peak shipping month with 476,000 cwt shipped.

Crop and Weather: The first week of summer brought improved farming conditions to the state of Wisconsin. Scattered rain and increased temperatures were a welcome sight as crop development was pushed along. Typical summer weather arrived in the Badger State mid-July. Rains were a common occurrence over most of the State which combined with warm temperatures continued to advance crop growth. Temperatures were mostly 1 to 4 degrees below normal during the third week of July but were sufficient for

good plant development. By the end of July, however, lack of precipitation became the topic of discussion amongst farmers around the State. Temperatures remained on the cool side, averaging 1-3 degrees below normal. This continued a cooler than normal trend for the growing season.

Rain was welcomed across the State to help end the recent dry spell. Producers had hoped for a long "soaker" but were happy to see any relief for their thirsty crops. The period of June 1 to August 3 remained up to 4 inches behind normal in precipitation levels. Scattered rain continued to fall until the third week of August when hot, dry conditions returned to again stress the crops. By the end of August, temperatures were 4 to 9 degrees above normal, but unfortunately most areas had no moisture to take advantage of the added heat units.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Marketing: The first report on Round Reds was issued on August 2. 50 lb sacks of U.S. One size A were \$6.00-6.75. The first report on Round Whites was also issued on August 2. 50 lb sacks of U.S. One size A were 3.75-4.00. The first report on Russet Norkotahs was issued on August 16. 50 lb cartons of U.S. One 70s were 7.00-9.00.

The last report on Round Reds was issued on March 6 at 3.00-3.50 on 50 lb sacks U.S. One size A. The last report on Round Whites was issued on January 31 at 3.00-3.50 on 50 lb sacks U.S. One size A. The last report on Russet Norkotahs were issued on July 3 at 9.50-10.00 on 50 lb cartons U.S. One 70s.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
POTATOES - 2003 CROP

Week Ending	bld 5 10-lb filmbags Round Red U.S. One sz A	bld 10 5-lb filmbags Round Red U.S. One non sz A	100 lb sks Round Red U.S. One sz A	50 lb sks Round Red U.S. One sz A	50 lb sks Round Red U.S. One sz B
2003					
2-Aug	6.25-7.00	7.00-7.75	11.00-13.00	6.00-6.75	12.00-13.00
9-Aug	5.25-6.00	6.00-6.75	9.00-10.00	4.50-5.50	9.00-11.50
16-Aug	5.25-5.50	6.00-6.50	8.00-9.00	4.50-5.00	8.00-9.00
23-Aug	4.50-5.50	5.25-6.25	6.50-8.50	4.00-4.50	7.50-8.00
30-Aug	4.50-5.00	5.25-5.75	6.50-8.00	3.75-4.50	7.50-8.00
6-Sep	4.25-4.75	5.25-5.50	7.00	3.75-4.25	7.00-8.00
13-Sep	4.25-4.75	5.25-5.50	7.00	3.75-4.00	7.00-8.00
20-Sep	4.25-4.75	5.00-5.50	7.00	3.50-4.00	7.00-7.50
27-Sep	4.25-4.50	5.00-5.25	6.00-7.00	3.50-4.00	6.00-7.50
4-Oct	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	6.00-7.00	3.50-4.00	6.00-7.00
11-Oct	3.25-4.25	4.00-5.25	6.00-7.00	3.00-4.00	5.00-7.00
18-Oct	4.25-5.00	5.25-5.75	--	3.00-3.75	5.00-6.00
25-Oct	3.75-4.75	4.75-5.75	--	3.00-3.50	5.00-6.00
1-Nov	3.75-4.75	4.75-5.75	--	3.00-3.50	5.00-6.00
8-Nov	3.75-4.75	4.75-5.25	--	3.00-3.50	5.00-6.00
15-Nov	3.75-4.75	4.50-5.50	--	3.00-3.50	5.50-6.50
22-Nov	3.75-4.75	4.50-5.50	--	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50
29-Nov	3.75-4.75	4.50-5.50	--	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50
6-Dec	3.75-4.75	4.50-5.50	--	3.00-3.50	5.50-6.50
13-Dec	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	5.50-6.50
20-Dec	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	5.50-6.50
27-Dec	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	5.50-6.50
2004					
3-Jan	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	5.50-6.50
10-Jan	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	5.50-6.50
17-Jan	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50
24-Jan	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50
31-Jan	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50
7-Feb	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50
14-Feb	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50
21-Feb	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50
28-Feb	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50
6-Mar	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	--	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50

CENTRAL WISCONSIN

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Week Ending	100 lb sks Round White U.S. One sz A	50 lb sks Round White U.S. One sz A	50 lb sks Round White U.S. One sz B
<u>2003</u>			
2-Aug	--	3.75-4.00	5.00-5.50
9-Aug	6.50-8.00	3.00-4.25	5.50-6.00
16-Aug	5.50-6.50	3.25-3.50	--
23-Aug	5.50-6.50	3.00-3.50	--
30-Aug	5.00-5.50	3.00-3.25	--
6-Sep	5.00-5.50	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50
13-Sep	5.00-5.75	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50
20-Sep	--	3.00-3.50	--
27-Sep	--	3.00-3.25	--
4-Oct	--	3.00	--
11-Oct	--	3.00	--
18-Oct	--	3.00	--
25-Oct	--	3.00-3.25	--
1-Nov	--	3.00-3.50	--
8-Nov	--	3.00-3.50	--
15-Nov	--	3.00-3.50	--
22-Nov	--	3.00-3.50	--
29-Nov	--	3.00-3.50	--
6-Dec	--	3.00-3.50	--
13-Dec	--	3.00-3.50	--
20-Dec	--	3.00-3.50	--
27-Dec	--	3.00-3.50	--
<u>2004</u>	--	--	--
3-Jan	--	3.00-3.50	--
10-Jan	--	3.00-3.50	--
17-Jan	--	3.00-3.50	--
24-Jan	--	3.00-3.50	--
31-Jan	--	3.00-3.50	--

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Week Ending	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 50s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 60s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 70s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 80s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 90s	50 lb ctn Russet Norkotah U.S. One 100s
2003						
16-Aug	--	8.00-9.00	7.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.50	6.00-7.50
23-Aug	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.50	6.75-7.50	6.00-7.50
30-Aug	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	6.75-7.50	6.00-7.00
6-Sep	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.75	6.00-6.75
13-Sep	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	5.50-6.50	5.00-6.00
20-Sep	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.50	5.50-6.50	5.00-6.00
27-Sep	6.00-8.00	6.00-8.00	6.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.50
4-Oct	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.50	5.00-5.50
11-Oct	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.50
18-Oct	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
25-Oct	8.00-9.50	8.00-9.50	8.00-9.50	6.50-7.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
1-Nov	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50
8-Nov	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	7.50-8.00	5.50-6.00	4.00-5.50
15-Nov	9.00-9.25	9.00-9.25	9.00-9.25	7.00-7.50	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
22-Nov	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
29-Nov	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	6.00-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
6-Dec	7.50-8.50	7.50-8.50	7.50-8.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
13-Dec	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
20-Dec	7.00-7.75	7.00-7.75	7.00-7.75	6.00-6.50	5.00	4.00-4.25
27-Dec	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.00	4.00-4.25
2004						
3-Jan	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.00	4.00-4.25
10-Jan	7.00-7.75	7.00-7.75	7.00-7.75	6.00-6.50	5.00	4.00-4.25
17-Jan	7.00-7.75	7.00-7.75	7.00-7.75	6.00-6.50	5.00	4.00-4.25
24-Jan	7.00-7.75	7.00-7.75	7.00-7.75	6.00-6.50	5.00	4.00-4.25
31-Jan	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.00	4.00-4.25
7-Feb	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.25
14-Feb	7.00-7.75	7.00-7.75	7.00-7.75	6.00	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
21-Feb	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
28-Feb	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
6-Mar	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
13-Mar	7.25-8.25	7.25-8.25	7.25-8.25	6.00-6.75	4.25-5.25	4.00-4.25
20-Mar	7.50-8.25	7.50-8.25	7.50-8.25	6.00-6.75	4.50-5.50	4.00-4.50
27-Mar	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.50-6.75	5.25-5.50	4.25-4.50
3-Apr	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.50-6.75	5.25-5.50	4.25-4.50
10-Apr	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
17-Apr	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
24-Apr	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
1-May	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
8-May	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
15-May	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25
22-May	7.50-8.50	7.50-8.50	7.50-8.50	6.00-6.75	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
29-May	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	6.50-6.75	5.00-5.50	4.25-4.50
5-Jun	8.50-9.50	8.50-9.50	8.50-9.50	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
12-Jun	9.00-9.75	9.00-9.75	9.00-9.75	6.50-7.50	4.50-6.00	4.00-5.00
19-Jun	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	6.50-7.50	4.50-6.00	4.500-5.00
26-Jun	9.50-10.00	9.50-10.00	9.00-10.00	7.50-8.00	5.00-6.00	5.00
3-Jul	9.50-10.00	9.50-10.00	9.50-10.00	7.50-8.00	5.00-5.75	5.00

**WISCONSIN POTATO - 2003 CROP
WEEKLY SHIPMENTS - 1,000 CWT**

Week Ending DATE	TRUCK	SEASON TO DATE
2003		
26-Jul	26	26
2-Aug	63	89
9-Aug	171	260
16-Aug	217	477
23-Aug	238	715
30-Aug	266	981
6-Sep	292	1,273
13-Sep	291	1,564
20-Sep	257	1,821
27-Sep	297	2,118
4-Oct	332	2,450
11-Oct	325	2,775
18-Oct	342	3,117
25-Oct	341	3,458
1-Nov	339	3,797
8-Nov	333	4,130
15-Nov	370	4,500
22-Nov	326	4,826
29-Nov	245	5,071
6-Dec	263	5,334
13-Dec	305	5,639
20-Dec	333	5,972
27-Dec	222	6,194
2004		
4-Jan	264	6,458
10-Jan	331	6,789
17-Jan	316	7,105
24-Jan	265	7,370
31-Jan	324	7,694
7-Feb	304	7,998
14-Feb	260	8,258
21-Feb	242	8,500
28-Feb	269	8,769
6-Mar	242	9,011
13-Mar	258	9,269

Week Ending DATE	TRUCK	SEASON TO DATE
2004		
20-Mar	229	9,498
27-Mar	260	9,758
3-Apr	265	10,023
10-Apr	250	10,273
17-Apr	227	10,500
24-Apr	225	10,725
1-May	235	10,960
8-May	230	11,190
15-May	225	11,415
22-May	221	11,636
29-May	219	11,855
5-Jun	190	12,045
12-Jun	179	12,224
19-Jun	168	12,392
26-Jun	126	12,518
3-Jul	107	12,625
10-Jul	43	12,668
17-Jul	-	12,668
24-Jul	-	12,668
31-Jul	-	12,668
TOTAL	12,668	

WISCONSIN CHIPPER SHIPMENTS 2003 CROP
Weekly Shipments - 1,000 CWT

Week Ending	CHIPS	SEASON TTD
2003		
26-Jul	132	132
2-Aug	42	174
9-Aug	34	208
16-Aug	49	257
23-Aug	80	337
30-Aug	81	418
6-Sep	64	482
13-Sep	78	560
20-Sep	78	638
27-Sep	92	730
4-Oct	89	819
11-Oct	87	906
18-Oct	114	1,020
25-Oct	99	1,119
1-Nov	64	1,183
8-Nov	155	1,338
15-Nov	169	1,507
23-Nov	126	1,633
29-Nov	116	1,749
6-Dec	171	1,920
13-Dec	203	2,123
20-Dec	232	2,355
27-Dec	175	2,530
2004		
4-Jan	194	2,724
10-Jan	189	2,913
17-Jan	-	2,913
24-Jan	180	3,093
31-Jan	180	3,273
7-Feb	169	3,442
14-Feb	172	3,614
21-Feb	185	3,799
28-Feb	197	3,996
6-Mar	178	4,174
13-Mar	180	4,354
20-Mar	180	4,534
27-Mar	163	4,697

Week Ending	CHIPS	SEASON TTD
2004		
3-Apr	153	4,850
10-Apr	130	4,980
17-Apr	168	5,148
24-Apr	106	5,254
TOTAL	5,254	

Monthly Shipments - 2003 Crop
1,000 CWT

	CHIPS	CHIPS TTD
2003		
JUL	132	132
AUG	286	418
SEP	312	730
OCT	389	1,119
NOV	630	1,749
DEC	781	2,530
2004		
JAN	743	3,273
FEB	723	3,996
MAR	701	4,697
APR	557	5,254
TOTAL	5,254	

New Brunswick Potatoes *2003 season*

Production: According to Statistics Canada, New Brunswick potato production was estimated at 15.2 million hundredweight, up just slightly from the 2002 season at 15.08 million cwt. The July 2004 production report placed harvested acreage at 58,500 acres, 500 acres above the previous season. Yields were the same at 260 cwt. per acre.

Movement: Early movement (August-December) to the U.S. (608,884 cwt) decreased 9 percent from the 2002 season's shipments of 670,286 and was down sharply from the 2001 start by 23% (786,976 cwt). These figures were compiled with data from the U.S. Commerce Department, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and released by Statistics Canada. The U.S. has remained the number one destination for New Brunswick potatoes. Access to the States is made through the major border crossing at Houlton, Maine, with small shipments entering through Fort Fairfield and Bridgewater, Maine. Final figures on shipments to the U.S. for the season (through July) totaled 1.54 million cwt, a decrease of 11% for the same time frame the year prior. New Brunswick has predominantly been a processing (french-fry) region, with nearly 60% of production devoted to this market. It is also the original home of McCain Foods, one of the giants in the fry industry. There are two McCain processing plants in the province, Grand Falls and Florenceville.

Growing Season: The major growing region for potatoes in New Brunswick is the St. John River Valley, which runs parallel to the eastern Maine border. Planting was underway in early May; however, progress was very slow due to cool and wet soil conditions. These weather factors continued through the month and well into June, which set back emergence as well. Finally, July ushered in warmer and drier weather which produced favorable growing conditions. Heavy rains again in August diminished size and quality of the tuber in some areas.

Harvest: Initial light harvest of Round whites and Yellows started in the end of August for mostly local consumption, followed by early processing varieties. Early movement of Round whites to the United States was minimal as trading was slow for whites all year. By the end of September, harvest and storage was in full swing. Progress was slowed in early October by heavy rains. The rest of the harvest went smoother with nearly ideal harvest conditions and little frost threat. Growers did delay some of the processing Russet harvest in hopes of picking up additional bulk on the tubers. Harvest was generally completed by the end of October.

Marketing Season: The U.S. Department of Agriculture Market News Service issued the first fob shipping report on Russet Norkotah in mid-October with CDOne or US One washed 2 inch or 4 inch minimum baled 10 5-pound film bags mostly \$5.00 per bale, the highest price of the entire season and two dollars under the opening price of the 2002 season. Early shipments to the United States fell behind as an abundant Russet crop in the Western U.S. states brought low prices and slow movement, both to the fresh market as well as slower demand for processing spuds. Consumer emphasis was on health, fitness and low-carbohydrate diets, as dieters eliminated potatoes from their diet. Carton prices suffered as well: the average price over the season for 70 counts was between \$6.00-7.00, and 90 counts mostly \$5.00-5.50. By Thanksgiving, prices had slipped to mostly \$4.50-5.00 for baled 5s. Peak shipping periods occurred in March and April and corresponded with the low of the market, mostly \$4.00-4.50. The final prices of the season reported by the Market News Service in early June were mostly \$4.00-4.25 for baled 5s. Shipments to the U.S. continued through July by a select few growers.

Stocks on hand: New Brunswick's potato holdings on December 1, 2003 totaled nearly 11.6 million cwt, down 6% from December 2002 stocks on hand of 12.4 million cwt. By the end of May 2004, stocks on hand were down by 10% with holdings of 5.4 million cwt compared to nearly 6 million cwt the previous year. A few fresh shippers continued to pack for the US market through July at market level lows.

BENTON HARBOR - CANADA (NEW BRUNSWICK) CROSSINGS THROUGH MAINE POINTS

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis - Prices in U.S. Dollars

Prices represent the "mostly" price range

POTATOES - 2003 Season

baled 10 5-lb flmbgs	50 lb cartons	50 lb cartons	50 lb cartons	50 lb cartons	50 lb cartons
RUSSET NORKOTAH	RUSSET NORKOTAH	RUSSET NORKOTAH	RUSSET NORKOTAH	RUSSET NORKOTAH	RUSSET NORKOTAH
U.S. One	U.S. One	U.S. One	U.S. One	U.S. One	U.S. One
2" or 4 oz min	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s
11-OCT-2003	-	-	-	-	-
18-OCT-2003	-5.00	-	-	-	-
25-OCT-2003	-5.00	-	-	-	-
01-NOV-2003	-5.00	-	-	-	-
08-NOV-2003	-5.00	-	-	-	-
15-NOV-2003	-5.00	-	-	-	-
22-NOV-2003	4.50-5.00	-	7.50-8.00	-	-
29-NOV-2003	4.50-5.00	-	7.50-8.00	6.75-7.50	6.25-7.00
06-DEC-2003	4.50-5.00	-	7.50-8.00	6.75-7.50	6.25-7.00
13-DEC-2003	4.25-5.00	-	6.50-8.00	6.75-7.50	6.25-7.00
20-DEC-2003	4.25-4.50	-	6.50-7.00	6.00-7.50	6.00-7.00
27-DEC-2003	4.25-4.50	-	6.50-7.00	-6.00	-6.00
03-JAN-2004	4.25-4.50	-	6.50-7.00	-6.00	-6.00
10-JAN-2004	4.25-4.50	-	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	5.00-5.25
17-JAN-2004	4.25-4.50	-	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.25	5.00-5.25
24-JAN-2004	4.25-4.50	-	-	-	-
31-JAN-2004	4.25-4.50	-	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50
07-FEB-2004	4.25-4.50	-	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50
14-FEB-2004	4.25-4.50	-	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50
21-FEB-2004	4.00-4.50	-	6.00-6.25	5.00-5.25	5.00-5.25
28-FEB-2004	4.00-4.50	-	6.25-6.75	5.00-5.25	5.00-5.25
06-MAR-2004	4.00-4.50	6.00-6.50	6.25-6.75	5.00-5.25	4.50-5.25
13-MAR-2004	4.00-4.50	6.00-7.00	6.25-7.00	5.00-5.25	4.50-5.00
20-MAR-2004	4.00-4.50	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.25	4.50-5.00
27-MAR-2004	4.00-4.50	6.50-7.00	6.75-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.50
03-APR-2004	4.00-4.50	6.50-7.00	6.75-7.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50
10-APR-2004	4.00-4.50	6.50-7.00	6.00-7.00	5.75-6.50	5.00-5.50
17-APR-2004	4.00-4.50	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.75-6.50	5.00-5.50
24-APR-2004	4.00-4.50	-6.00	-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50
01-MAY-2004	4.00-4.50	-6.00	-6.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
08-MAY-2004	4.00-4.50	-6.00	-6.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
15-MAY-2004	4.00-4.25	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	-5.00
22-MAY-2004	4.00-4.25	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-5.50	-5.00
29-MAY-2004	4.00-4.25	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-5.50	-5.00
05-JUN-2004	4.00-4.25	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-5.50	-5.00

OFFICIAL AGRICULTURE CANADA FIGURES - BY CWT.

RELEASED BY STATISTICS CANADA

1996-2003 SEASONS - EXPORTS TO THE US

ALBERTA									BRITISH COLUMBIA								
MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003	MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003
AUG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	AUG	0	0	3,814	11,155	7,782	242	10,229	1,058
SEP	12,544	1,697	1,609	0	441	0	0	0	SEP	0	0	2,227	15,829	16,094	3,285	16,490	6944
OCT	18,651	6,834	49,141	3,329	3,064	2,182	860	0	OCT	0	0	353	8,686	16,645	5,445	13,007	5401
NOV	18,056	8,532	52,249	6,437	0	1,036	1,212	1,257	NOV	0	0	0	16,270	10,097	8,488	18,893	5798
DEC	13,316	12,125	21,230	7,363	0	838	838	419	DEC	0	0	551	17,064	3,285	9,678	15,300	10758
JAN	0	1,742	7,584	4,431	1,190	2,182	838	419	JAN	0	0	397	18,871	5,049	8,069	13,889	11706
FEB	0	13,955	816	3,880	2,028	419	838	838	FEB	0	0	0	10,758	1,102	7,496	6,988	7275
MAR	419	50,000	7,033	2,535	2,469	242	2,315	0	MAR	0	0	5,600	7,275	5,357	6,129	10,053	10472
APR	0	60,649	5,357	926	1,323	28,417	0	0	APR	0	0	2,381	14,043	5,776	12,522	15,013	7341
MAY	0	1,896	68,254	8,355	2,315	97,752	1,764	43,871	MAY	0	0	926	9,083	4,608	16,512	10,648	5688
JUN	0	0	35,119	441	0	79,410	1,675	99,515	JUN	0	0	0	10,736	1,631	2,205	8,399	6548
JUL	0	0	0	0	0	1,940	419		JUL	0	0	1,102	8,885	0	3,880	2,249	
TOTAL	62,986	157,430	248,392	37,697	12,830	214,418	10,759		TOTAL	0	0	17,351	148,655	77,426	83,951	141,158	

MANITOBA									NEW BRUNSWICK								
MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003	MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2,001	2002	2003
AUG	11,310	9,259	4,652	24,008	19,202	8,355	0	5,600	AUG	38,206	31,923	27,932	19,709	12,059	49,824	36,574	86,222
SEP	12,037	58,642	6,283	27,447	10,869	15,631	37,478	12,478	SEP	91,050	113,294	153,837	193,608	117,461	134,966	110,450	82,606
OCT	16,623	5,467	10,891	21,120	9,303	27,050	22,046	17,262	OCT	127,205	153,969	195,636	169,093	119,423	158,665	143,321	128,175
NOV	16,512	25,706	19,511	27,425	19,356	29,586	11,155	2,205	NOV	154,961	222,510	180,932	191,183	186,002	194,556	182,056	155,663
DEC	10,825	22,950	19,290	23,876	15,102	37,456	16,689	21,296	DEC	142,770	197,731	212,920	205,381	180,424	248,965	197,885	156,218
JAN	4,894	28,175	18,783	27,095	11,045	60,053	21,252	24,383	JAN	135,230	253,639	222,775	179,984	229,234	278,265	172,554	173,414
FEB	2,116	25,265	10,494	26,940	10,450	38,338	31,768	18,144	FEB	113,162	201,412	142,042	152,999	192,219	91,720	169,225	144,159
MAR	8,686	50,992	12,103	18,571	11,332	52,315	89,948	78,241	MAR	110,781	227,757	166,910	166,866	258,952	118,698	224,318	180,094
APR	13,779	47,730	10,560	13,691	31,856	82,540	28,241	32,980	APR	97,928	261,752	180,711	186,928	225,221	136,220	215,191	177,691
MAY	7,738	25,022	38,382	18,805	96,804	39,308	76,169	8,047	MAY	79,542	188,956	137,898	113,294	120,305	117,285	153,617	142,792
JUN	1,168	13,646	129,101	4,850	142,527	76,764	103,837	2,160	JUN	60,031	124,097	122,510	83,378	86,266	97,090	122,069	122,002
JUL	0	9,524	9,833	20,326	108,532	11,133	188,030		JUL	49,118	65,829	45,812	44,004	75,684	77,205	117,174	
TOTAL	105,688	322,378	289,883	254,154	486,378	478,529	626,613		TOTAL	1,199,984	2,042,869	1,789,915	1,706,427	1,803,250	1,703,459	1,844,434	

NOVA SCOTIA									ONTARIO								
MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003	MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003
AUG	772	0	0	0	0	0	0	397	AUG	42,304	0	85,362	126,897	46,473	30,997	104,300	93,585
SEP	2,557	419	0	683	0	0	0	0	SEP	106,614	0	74,780	254,764	83,951	55,556	88,559	59,017
OCT	1,477	0	0	0	0	0	441	0	OCT	67,152	0	77,381	205,304	107,739	99,934	108,113	39,617
NOV	0	926	0	0	0	0	441	0	NOV	18,188	0	63,779	178,528	106,306	105,843	146,540	149,009
DEC	0	441	463	485	0	794	397	10,913	DEC	33,841	0	137,920	281,660	73,832	148,854	143,519	166,403
JAN	2,006	0	529	0	0	1,014	2,337	5,688	JAN	0	140,124	302,206	96,165	51,103	115,146	104,322	161,046
FEB	12,103	0	0	507	0	507	882	3,417	FEB	0	181,637	224,031	144,423	43,872	117,218	155,843	179,344
MAR	0	9,325	0	419	573	0	2,447	9,149	MAR	0	323,834	156,747	166,734	55,291	140,962	193,608	128,153
APR	0	0	0	0	0	419	0	6,305	APR	0	334,857	184,525	131,813	1,323	139,154	83,664	89,419
MAY	0	2,183	441	243	419	0	0	3,549	MAY	0	12,809	60,538	109,833	683	98,700	95,437	164,706
JUN	485	2,183	485	0	441	0	0	3,902	JUN	0	0	8,245	419	3,064	749	21,208	109,789
JUL	3,175	0	0	0	0	0	0		JUL	0	8,995	1,764	1,852	10,031	419	2,425	
TOTAL	22,575	15,477	1,918	2,337	1,433	2,734	6,945		TOTAL	268,099	1,002,256	1,377,278	1,698,392	583,668	1,053,532	1,247,538	

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OBTAINED FROM U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT																	
1996 - 2003 SEASONS - EXPORTS TO THE US									FRESH POTATOES								
SASKATCHEWAN									QUEBEC								
MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003	MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003
AUG	0	419	0	419	838	0	419	0	AUG	23,898	13,228	7,848	53,682	37,500	92,152	53,131	49,163
SEP	14,594	1,146	8,488	2,932	2,822	1,257	397	0	SEP	42,438	50,551	30,842	100,243	50,000	160,186	87,787	76,345
OCT	6,129	1,675	9,193	419	419	992	375	1257	OCT	48,038	72,421	64,485	80,732	48,655	189,618	106,570	59,083
NOV	7,518	2,094	18,805	1,720	2,976	2,116	1,257	1257	NOV	36,795	72,796	60,097	73,744	67,791	134,238	94,202	55,776
DEC	11,177	3,770	16,711	2,557	1,675	2,557	220	860	DEC	38,140	79,652	52,447	75,860	56,173	144,754	96,341	46,980
JAN	2,469	7,892	21,715	1,257	1,675	1,742	838	2513	JAN	42,152	63,801	35,979	54,432	47,487	138,669	95,128	54,299
FEB	1,279	5,335	17,108	5,093	838	1,146	353	2954	FEB	38,735	72,730	29,123	37,963	60,406	100,816	76,169	41,491
MAR	1,653	7,760	15,719	3,792	2,094	1,697	838	2513	MAR	33,025	95,349	30,622	24,824	97,708	99,031	75,926	47,862
APR	1,675	4,585	17,064	926	2,579	3,571	419	1234	APR	16,645	174,560	20,326	14,087	72,597	43,298	34,524	42,857
MAY	419	0	18,761	507	0	0	0	419	MAY	43,894	40,036	13,713	23,655	32,121	37,324	32,253	41,204
JUN	0	0	17,130	0	0	0	2,513	0	JUN	27,072	12,434	29,409	13,161	25,661	16,843	34,083	32,341
JUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	JUL	5,225	5,026	15,498	7,407	24,317	3,726	26,433	
TOTAL	46,913	34,676	160,694	19,622	15,916	15,078	7,629		TOTAL	396,057	752,584	390,389	559,790	620,416	1,160,655	812,547	
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND																	
MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003									
AUG	37,734	21,098	37,125	25,441	23,126	22,729	24,493	18,673									
SEP	169,137	139,000	137,280	205,557	99,097	26,896	126,450	49,824									
OCT	206,086	191,007	203,132	202,140	138,162	74,538	185,782	89,198									
NOV	198,524	304,433	256,483	255,381	0	90,058	260,143	169,512									
DEC	204,675	276,567	230,116	229,984	0	80,247	244,556	154,146									
JAN	194,622	315,015	231,637	247,598	0	147,444	319,116	174,053									
FEB	127,117	247,555	197,201	276,788	0	112,633	277,074	184,745									
MAR	147,488	272,312	246,077	248,150	0	137,501	276,765	176,148									
APR	185,208	294,887	186,884	194,688	0	73,435	228,837	121,959									
MAY	143,960	152,338	129,057	135,583	94,428	63,029	191,999	106,747									
JUN	121,539	131,857	90,278	23,143	121,628	35,207	132,541										
JUL	69,709	84,392	30,842	53,219	74,868	27,734	73,016										
TOTAL	1,795,801	2,430,461	1,976,115	2,021,309	551,309	891,451	2,340,772										

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1996-2003 SEASONS - EXPORTS TO THE US									SEED POTATOES								
ALBERTA									BRITISH COLUMBIA								
MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003	MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003
AUG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	AUG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEP	419	0	1,896	0	441	0	0	4,630	SEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCT	6,085	1,742	6,658	13,250	11,839	6,966	3,064	11,133	OCT	3,439	1,257	3,549	3,307	639	1,411	3,130	992
NOV	7,231	29,872	35,648	54,013	50,662	8,311	11,177	13,801	NOV	14,087	13,294	18,915	12,257	19,400	15,983	12,853	8,532
DEC	5,908	15,542	26,764	40,609	13,691	6,724	20,833	8,333	DEC	7,341	9,877	4,387	9,766	3,990	3,990	16,358	2,205
JAN	13,580	82,430	41,976	42,108	30,864	22,818	11,640	8,885	JAN	7,936	5,467	5,688	8,466	5,952	10,207	3,042	13,360
FEB	114,705	157,871	163,251	209,084	56,834	100,287	50,353	48,237	FEB	17,064	18,056	7,452	25,551	7,275	9,391	6,658	4,453
MAR	377,229	483,888	495,043	515,171	205,094	300,906	246,915	267,815	MAR	85,406	93,541	77,602	136,487	62,324	86,575	73,854	93,673
APR	596,360	602,804	643,126	565,788	263,847	547,909	414,509	465,104	APR	86,707	102,095	75,838	109,855	85,472	77,095	95,261	54,806
MAY	104,277	63,448	106,218	78,373	83,929	158,546	69,643	16,863	MAY	14,837	12,809	16,468	23,148	25,419	37,169	32,297	1,766
JUN	507	2,094	0	595	1,080	1,863	3,527	507	JUN	331	0	507	0	1,940	0	639	617
JUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	JUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,226,301	1,439,691	1,520,580	1,518,991	718,281	1,154,330	831,661		TOTAL	237,148	256,396	210,406	328,837	212,411	241,821	244,092	
MANITOBA									NEW BRUNSWICK								
MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003	MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003
AUG	0	0	0	9,524	0	8,355	0	0	AUG	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,726	0
SEP	0	4,145	0	4,541	4,806	15,631	0	0	SEP	7,319	0	0	3,483	1,257	0	5,578	0
OCT	0	970	0	2,998	0	529	1,874	0	OCT	35,185	2,094	1,675	7,650	11,927	0	1,257	507
NOV	0	0	0	4,453	1,323	2,668	727	0	NOV	50,441	60,053	62,346	54,013	51,918	40,521	39,065	26,852
DEC	0	904	0	2,954	2,183	5,511	22,575	0	DEC	77,690	88,845	95,393	88,294	90,058	91,866	72,972	45,812
JAN	0	948	9,436	6,790	7,319	8,179	13,713	2800	JAN	175,927	156,196	168,850	182,938	186,134	184,172	182,894	97,796
FEB	4,519	948	6,614	8,664	5,511	8,951	2,205	1323	FEB	139,198	199,604	207,210	198,458	192,858	210,627	147,113	76,632
MAR	13,492	1,345	28,307	10,119	9,325	7,055	18,078	3571	MAR	113,294	205,667	165,389	163,317	106,218	159,040	187,038	75,728
APR	5,533	17,284	22,862	36,222	27,425	90,433	61,861	16402	APR	101,301	148,347	131,725	103,528	78,109	112,633	145,877	40,057
MAY	4,585	13,801	9,193	49,736	51,191	49,581	42,086	16600	MAY	59,392	39,418	26,940	17,879	44,158	17,879	70,966	26,984
JUN	0	0	507	1,014	3,307	6,349	3,902	727	JUN	13,029	7,297	2,535	551	1,102	3,527	20,635	3,064
JUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	JUL	3,990	0	0	0	0	3,130	2,271	0
TOTAL	28,129	40,345	76,919	137,015	112,390	203,242	167,021		TOTAL	776,766	907,521	862,063	820,111	763,739	823,395	879,392	
NOVA SCOTIA									ONTARIO								
MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003	MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2,003
AUG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	AUG	0	0	419	0	0	0	0	0
SEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	SEP	198	1,212	0	419	0	0	0	0
OCT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	OCT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOV	0	0	0	0	463	0	0	0	NOV	0	0	2,271	0	0	0	1,323	0
DEC	0	419	0	0	0	0	0	0	DEC	0	0	0	220	0	0	0	463
JAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	419	0	JAN	0	0	397	0	0	0	0	0
FEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	FEB	0	419	3,131	0	0	0	838	0
MAR	0	441	1,918	0	0	0	0	0	MAR	838	5,048	4,674	838	463	749	9,215	5,379
APR	0	397	419	0	0	0	0	0	APR	1,058	2,557	2,403	0	309	661	1,896	9,303
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	MAY	419	573	0	441	0	0	2,645	309
JUN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	JUN	419	0	1,014	0	0	0	397	1,323
JUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	JUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	1,257	2,337	0	463	0	419		TOTAL	2,932	9,809	14,309	1,918	772	1,410	16,314	

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OBTAINED FROM US. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT																	
1996 - 2003 SEASONS - EXPORTS TO THE US									SEED POTATOES								
SASKATCHEWAN									PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND								
MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003	MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2,003
AUG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	AUG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEP	0	0	0	0	0	331	0	0	SEP	0	0	0	0	0	1,742	0	0
OCT	6,658	0	1,675	882	8,377	1,323	441	0	OCT	0	1,565	419	1,036	0	1,190	705	419
NOV	1,499	2,623	24,868	8,223	7,451	5,269	7,496	882	NOV	419	838	2,006	860	7,165	1,455	1,279	463
DEC	17,042	6,592	11,288	4,828	7,959	9,788	16,138	3968	DEC	1,830	3,351	419	2,888	551	2,756	14,352	4,255
JAN	21,759	43,607	5,776	882	5,732	14,484	6,107	441	JAN	6,812	3,968	4,630	29,498	0	4,762	38,691	882
FEB	10,406	40,278	29,390	6,437	5,291	20,459	11,332	4519	FEB	926	3,792	29,189	21,914	0	4,806	21,252	1,631
MAR	55,049	154,873	60,186	42,615	18,563	17,879	64,727	30975	MAR	8,598	25,154	23,721	38,095	1,323	19,004	28,042	2,337
APR	36,354	108,885	79,454	52,028	18,761	39,154	97,818	70305	APR	11,618	33,752	11,177	6,459	0	5,842	19,511	5,357
MAY	3,924	8,620	52,888	12,500	16,579	14,528	10,317	28748	MAY	2,403	3,020	3,417	2,161	0	0	1,389	2,690
JUN	838	0	3,638	22	0	0	0	0	JUN	0	1,234	0	463	0	0	970	0
JUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		JUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	153,529	365,478	269,163	128,417	88,713	123,215	214,376		TOTAL	32,606	76,674	74,978	103,374	9,039	41,557	126,191	
QUEBEC																	
MONTH	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000	2001	2002	2003									
AUG	220	1,852	0	0	66	0	0	419									
SEP	0	0	0	1,874	0	0	441	0									
OCT	287	860	1,962	970	0	0	419	0									
NOV	0	0	0	970	3,858	0	0	0									
DEC	0	441	419	0	419	882	0	0									
JAN	0	1,014	485	3,285	860	1,257	0	4233									
FEB	0	0	0	7,782	7,870	4,872	4,850	6173									
MAR	485	419	419	5,996	441	1,367	5,820	6173									
APR	441	2,183	749	1,764	1,918	2,954	2,601	0									
MAY	2,800	904	0	0	1,808	0	1,455	838									
JUN	309	132	0	441	0	0	0	419									
JUL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
TOTAL	4,542	7,805	4,034	23,082	17,240	11,332	15,586										

		NEW BRUNSWICK POTATO STOCKS							
				1996 - 2003 CROP YEARS					
				in '000 Hundredweight					
	CROP YEAR	November 1	December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1	April 1	May 1	June 1
	2003	13,067	11,598	10,772	9,787	8,598	7,173	5,378	2,949
	2002	13,472	12,397	10,920	9,857	8,885	7,629	5,964	3,551
	2001	11,584	10,245	9,107	7,656	6,509	5,040	3,408	1,623
	2000	12,194	10,783	9,699	8,577	7,599	6,395	4,924	2,692
	1999	11,372	10,051	8,666	7,599	6,473	5,178	4,028	1769
	1998	12,195	10,691	9,553	8,232	6,995	5,574	3,847	1,402
	1997	12,271	10,884	10,041	9,000	7,856	6,555	5,210	3,053
	1996	11,244	9,919	9,054	7,914	7,076	6,089	4,780	2,079

	CANADIAN POTATO STOCKS - 2003 SEASON														
	November 1			December 1			January 1			February 1			March 1		
<i>Province</i>	2003	2002	2001	2003	2002	2001	2003	2002	2001	2003	2002	2001	2003	2002	2001
PRINCE EDWARD ISL	26,122	25,941	16,357	24,054	23,561	14,714	21,982	21,147	13,078	19,521	18,560	11,128	17,086	16,039	9,354
NOVA SCOTIA	440	636	364	396	609	299	343	263	298	310	219	272	274	211	224
NEW BRUNSWICK	13,061	13,473	11,584	11,598	12,392	10,245	10,772	11,075	9,107	9,787	9,857	7,656	8,468	8,885	6,509
<i>Maritimes</i>	39,623	40,050	28,305	36,048	36,562	25,258	33,097	32,485	22,483	29,618	28,636	19,056	25,828	25,135	16,087
QUEBEC	8,081	6,937	6,333	7,677	6,173	5,911	7,117	5,576	4,954	6,078	4,927	4,198	5,386	4,385	3,485
ONTARIO	5,961	4,888	4,709	5,607	4,133	4,020	4,555	3,507	3,290	3,781	2,946	2,728	3,198	2,388	2,156
MANITOBA	20,857	15,428	14,706	19,230	13,740	13,326	17,608	11,932	12,028	15,783	10,462	10,375	14,006	8,900	8,983
SASKATCHEWAN	3,253	3,238	2,200	3,110	3,028	2,063	3,029	2,918	1,902	2,820	2,790	1,840	2,709	2,648	1,686
ALBERTA	13,555	9,652	11,086	12,725	8,546	9,906	11,392	7,335	9,071	9,856	6,149	7,047	8,403	4,828	5,614
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1,192	1,262	1,195	1,055	1,100	1,064	880	913	902	770	791	742	659	685	623
CANADA TOTAL	92,522	81,455	68,554	85,451	73,282	61,548	77,678	64,666	54,630	68,706	56,701	45,986	60,189	48,969	38,634

CANADIAN POTATO STOCKS – 2003 SEASON

April 1			May 1			June 1		
2003	2002	2001	2003	2002	2001	2003	2002	2001
14,333	13,456	7,384	11,790	10,689	5,604	6,820	5,939	2,214
245	193	176	93	120	22	62	20	0
7,043	7,629	5,040	5,248	5,964	3,408	2,949	3,551	1,623
21,621	21,278	12,600	17,131	16,773	9,034	9,831	9,450	3,837
4,546	3,466	2,718	2,931	2,439	1,491	1,719	1,363	786
2,445	1,795	69	1,749	1,109	750	947	536	241
11,790	7,295	7,322	9,817	5,720	5,331	7,713	3,917	3,658
2,603	2,351	1,542	2,430	1,480	1,372	133	23	290
6,811	3,540	4,253	4,681	1,774	2,424	2,340	658	1,136
425	500	423	142	212	190	21	7	33
50,241	40,225	30,273	38,881	29,507	20,592	22,704	15,954	9,981

CANADIAN POTATO PRODUCTION						
Area, Production and Farm Value of Potatoes in Canada						
by Province - 1999-2000-2001-2002-2003 Crop Years						
	Area	Area		TOTAL	Amount sold,	Average
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	PRODUCTION	consumed/seeded	Farm Price
					or fed to livestock	
2003	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt. \$ per cwt/	
CANADA	457,300	446,000	263.5	117,754,000		
Newfoundland	700	700	214.3	150,000		
PEI	106,000	105,500	275.0	29,013,000		
Nova Scotia	5,300	5,200	215.0	1,118,000		
New Brunswick	59,000	58,500	260.0	15,210,000		
Quebec	49,700	48,700	237.7	11,574,000		
Ontario	44,900	43,900	205.0	9,000,000		
Manitoba	103,000	101,500	245.0	24,868,000		
Saskatchewan	13,500	13,000	315.0	4,095,000		
Alberta	66,000	61,000	330.0	20,130,000		
Br. Columbia	9,200	8,800	295.0	2,596,000		
	Area	Area		TOTAL	Amount sold,	Average
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	PRODUCTION	consumed/seeded	Farm Price
					or fed to livestock	
2002	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt.	\$ per cwt.
CANADA	434,400	420,300	243.7	102,416,000	101,127,000	9.62
Newfoundland	700	700	164.3	115,000	107,000	18.13
PEI	109,000	107,000	270.0	28,890,000	29,794,000	7.71
Nova Scotia	5,500	5,500	220.0	1,210,000	1,150,000	10.14
New Brunswick	58,000	58,000	270.0	15,660,000	14,621,000	8.09
Quebec	48,700	47,400	206.6	9,795,000	9,732,000	10.72
Ontario	48,700	41,700	167.0	6,964,000	6,589,000	13.93
Manitoba	85,000	83,000	220.0	18,260,000	18,270,000	8.16
Saskatchewan	13,000	12,500	270.0	3,375,000	3,132,000	17.16
Alberta	62,000	55,800	280.0	15,624,000	15,328,000	9.70
Br. Columbia	8,800	8,700	290.0	2,523,000	2,404,000	26.40
	Area	Area		TOTAL	Amount sold,	Average
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	PRODUCTION	consumed/seeded	Farm Price
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2001	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt.	\$ per cwt.
CANADA	418,700	411,800	226.0	93,047,000	91,046,000	\$10.56
Newfoundland	600	600	160.0	96,000	88,000	\$15.85
PEI	107,000	107,000	172.0	18,404,000	18,306,000	\$10.52
Nova Scotia	5,200	5,200	150.0	780,000	733,000	\$9.67
New Brunswick	58,400	57,400	250.0	14,350,000	14,083,000	\$10.86

Quebec	46,700	46,000	229.8	10,571,000	10,388,000	\$11.64
Ontario	43,600	42,800	185.0	7,918,000	7,518,000	\$11.95
Manitoba	77,600	74,600	234.0	17,456,000	17,178,000	\$8.35
Saskatchewan	12,600	12,300	245.0	3,014,000	2,826,000	\$18.47
Alberta	58,300	57,300	315.0	18,050,000	17,645,000	\$8.70
Br. Columbia	8,700	8,600	280.0	2,408,000	2,281,000	\$20.52
2000	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt.	\$ per cwt.
CANADA	409,400	393,500	255.9	100,693,000	91,664,000	\$7.87
Newfoundland	600	600	150.0	90,000	83,000	\$16.86
PEI	109,000	108,000	270.0	29,160,000	22,543,000	\$6.21
Nova Scotia	5,200	5,200	240.0	1,248,000	1,183,000	\$9.95
New Brunswick	55,000	55,000	255.0	14,025,000	13,516,000	\$6.80
Quebec	46,000	44,700	234.0	10,460,000	9,978,000	\$8.65
Ontario	43,800	39,800	190.0	7,562,000	7,095,000	\$8.73
Manitoba	78,000	74,000	250.0	18,500,000	18,180,000	\$7.90
Saskatchewan	10,500	10,200	265.0	2,703,000	2,512,000	\$15.31
Alberta	52,900	47,700	310.0	14,787,000	14,535,000	\$7.61
Br. Columbia	8,400	8,300	260.0	2,158,000	2,039,000	\$17.49
1999	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt.	\$ per cwt.
CANADA	395,700	387,000	243.1	94,094,000	90,040,000	\$8.24
Newfoundland	700	500	126.0	63,000	57,000	\$20.00
PEI	113,000	110,000	260.0	28,600,000	28,192,000	\$6.94
Nova Scotia	5,100	4,800	210.0	1,008,000	943,000	\$9.53
New Brunswick	56,000	55,000	250.0	13,750,000	13,205,000	\$7.18
Quebec	44,200	43,500	233.1	10,141,000	9,877,000	\$8.71
Ontario	43,500	41,800	185.0	7,733,000	7,428,000	\$8.78
Manitoba	74,000	73,000	225.0	16,425,000	15,021,000	\$7.84
Saskatchewan	8,000	7,900	250.0	1,975,000	1,792,000	\$16.42
Alberta	43,000	42,300	290.0	12,267,000	11,534,000	\$9.09
Br. Columbia	8,200	8,200	260.0	2,132,000	1,991,000	\$18.98
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1998	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt.	\$ per cwt.
CANADA	392,800	386,400	247.0	95,439,000	89,898,000	\$8.19
Newfoundland	800	700	134.3	94,000	87,000	\$16.61
PEI	112,000	110,000	265.0	29,150,000	28,622,000	\$7.63
Nova Scotia	5,000	4,800	205.0	984,000	913,000	\$7.82
New Brunswick	57,000	56,700	265.0	15,026,000	14,206,000	\$7.26
Quebec	46,000	45,200	231.7	10,472,000	10,119,000	\$8.28
Ontario	43,100	43,100	180.0	7,768,000	7,184,000	\$8.49

Manitoba	74,000	72,500	235.0	17,038,000	15,380,000	\$7.48
Saskatchewan	13,500	13,200	265.0	3,498,000	2,995,000	\$12.77
Alberta	33,000	32,200	295.0	9,499,000	8,651,000	\$8.75
Br. Columbia	8,400	8,000	240.0	1,920,000	1,741,000	\$18.64
1997	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt.	\$ per cwt.
CANADA	380,600	375,900	244.6	91,956,000	86,615,000	\$7.64
Newfoundland	600	800	130.0	104,000	95,000	\$13.81
PEI	112,000	112,000	265.0	29,680,000	29,166,000	\$6.42
Nova Scotia	480	4,600	190.0	874,000	809,000	\$7.80
New Brunswick	56,000	56,000	260.0	14,580,000	13,631,000	\$6.32
Quebec	48,900	46,200	217.1	10,030,000	9,572,000	\$7.72
Ontario	38,800	38,800	200.0	7,760,000	7,227,000	\$8.70
Manitoba	73,000	71,500	230.0	16,445,000	14,777,000	\$8.54
Saskatchewan	8,500	8,500	245.1	2,083,000	1,914,000	\$14.81
Alberta	31,000	30,500	290.0	8,845,000	7,960,000	\$8.53
Br. Columbia	8,800	7,000	225.0	1,575,000	1,464,000	\$14.72
1996	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt.	\$ per cwt.
CANADA	373,300	364,400	247.1	90,047,000	84,280,000	\$6.48
Newfoundland	850	800	135.0	108,000	99,000	\$16.71
PEI	110,000	109,000	260.0	28,340,000	27,769,000	\$5.00
Nova Scotia	4,750	4,700	205.1	964,000	881,000	\$8.63
New Brunswick	54,100	53,000	270.0	14,310,000	13,466,000	\$5.04
Quebec	46,200	45,200	226.8	10,251,000	9,777,000	\$7.04
Ontario	39,900	37,000	200.0	7,400,000	6,830,000	\$7.96
Manitoba	70,100	68,500	245.0	16,783,000	14,674,000	\$7.17
Saskatchewan	6,900	6,500	230.0	1,495,000	1,305,000	\$14.27
Alberta	31,500	31,000	268.0	8,308,000	7,653,000	\$7.56
Br. Columbia	9,000	8,700	240.0	2,088,000	1,826,000	\$13.64
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1995	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt.	\$ per cwt.
CANADA	358,100	356,200	237.3	84,523,000	79,333,000	\$7.53
Newfoundland	800	800	140.0	112,000	104,000	\$16.87
PEI	108,000	108,000	265.0	29,620,000	27,977,000	\$6.03
Nova Scotia	4,700	4,700	210.0	987,000	902,000	\$8.52
New Brunswick	55,000	55,000	220.0	12,100,000	11,421,000	\$6.83
Quebec	46,000	45,200	209.2	9,458,000	9,123,000	\$8.10

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Ontario	38,400	38,100	212.0	8,077,000	7,429,000	\$7.56
Manitoba	60,000	60,000	205.0	12,300,000	10,470,000	\$7.55
Saskatchewan	6,300	6,100	230.0	1,403,000	1,277,000	\$14.95
Alberta	30,000	29,500	297.7	8,782,000	8,161,000	\$9.11
Br. Columbia	8,900	8,800	305.0	2,684,000	2,469,000	\$15.57
1994	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt.	\$ per cwt.
CANADA	333,700	327,700	247.4	81,068,000	74,384,000	\$8.05
Newfoundland	700	700	150.0	105,000	97,000	\$17.87
PEI	95,000	95,000	245.0	23,275,000	22,847,000	\$8.28
Nova Scotia	4,800	4,800	200.0	920,000	811,000	\$8.49
New Brunswick	53,000	52,700	250.0	13,175,000	12,028,000	\$7.28
Quebec	45,200	42,500	203.3	8,642,000	7,842,000	\$8.77
Ontario	35,100	35,100	225.0	7,898,000	7,433,000	\$8.64
Manitoba	57,000	54,500	280.0	15,260,000	12,790,000	\$6.36
Saskatchewan	4,800	4,800	265.0	1,272,000	1,142,000	\$13.27
Alberta	29,500	29,000	277.8	8,057,000	7,140,000	\$7.45
Br. Columbia	8,800	8,800	280.0	2,464,000	2,254,000	\$13.51