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July 1999 Thru June 2000

STATES		1999						2000						TOTAL
		JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
IDAHO	RL & PB	483	92	465	820	943	1032	766	718	814	756	718	831	8438
	Truck	2459	1207	1902	2156	2144	1907	2100	2131	2238	2254	2346	2363	25207
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	2942	1299	2367	2976	3087	2939	2866	2849	3052	3010	3064	3194	33645
Arizona	Rail	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	65	33	106
	Piggyback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	9	30
	Truck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	411	193	683
California Central	Rail	275	9	3	2	0	1	0	5	0	15	346	902	1558
	Piggyback	43	13	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	12	14	15	101
	Truck	1732	350	121	36	131	174	223	248	78	17	770	1519	5399
Imp. Valley North	Truck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	554	0	0	622
	Rail	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	4	3	4	5	3	34
	Truck	66	20	22	66	211	248	202	197	158	140	222	167	1719
South	Rail	65	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	36	2	119
	Piggyback	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	5
	Truck	29	76	48	57	28	59	49	49	86	17	104	39	641
Colorado	Rail	22	1	82	134	219	217	191	148	83	80	29	115	1321
	Truck	1011	260	1169	1289	1660	1751	1799	1742	2209	2083	1599	1617	18189
Delaware	Truck	167	469	223	121	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1032
Florida	Piggyback	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	10	1	24
	Truck	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	273	745	653	1069	381	3144
Kansas	Truck	113	286	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	399
Long Island	Truck		50	127	147	192	160	97	87	19	0	0	0	879
	Tr-Export		37	28	14	23	21	17	11	1	0	0	0	152
Maine	Truck	3	7	155	255	484	564	533	509	541	485	265	50	3851
	Tr-Export	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Michigan	Truck	136	241	186	122	170	168	172	160	156	134	91	0	1736
Minnesota	Truck	159	686	565	294	139	148	114	80	74	33	16	19	2327
	Tr-Export	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Nebraska	Rail	2	0	0	0	0	17	6	1	15	6	10	3	60
	Truck	0	207	263	342	418	433	408	298	235	273	149	24	3050
Nevada	Rail	5	0	0	12	8	6	6	6	3	5	9	5	65
	Truck	122	29	50	102	86	85	105	81	75	91	79	73	978
N. Mexico	Rail	15	137	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243
	Truck	127	297	127	51	80	67	67	41	47	25	0	0	929
N. Carolina	Truck	287	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	337	624
N. Dakota	Rail	0	0	0	0	0	55	29	3	0	1	1	0	89
	Truck	21	0	84	345	351	322	299	248	220	122	74	52	2138
Oregon	Rail	1	25	13	8	6	4	0	1	3	5	9	18	93
	Truck	365	202	301	206	291	415	280	142	229	206	160	209	3006
	Tr-Export	17	9	16	5	5	85	1	0	0	4	2	9	153
Texas	Truck	377	194	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	659
Virginia	Truck	647	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	852
Washington	Piggyback	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	12
	Rail	3	148	142	57	55	93	34	9	29	34	47	18	669
	Truck	276	1760	1051	757	1077	815	682	790	677	577	593	400	9455
	Tr-Export	44	183	109	73	69	82	67	74	98	91	124	161	1175
Wisconsin	Truck	54	1075	1326	1123	1253	1186	1028	959	909	922	879	351	11065
Wyoming	Truck	0	0	15	33	31	34	69	9	0	0	0	0	191
TOTAL U.S.		9128	8239	8684	8632	10128	10168	9374	9026	9819	9694	10274	10061	113227
Canada (Import)		0	42	307	379	594	552	508	486	466	51	260	142	3787
TOTAL		9128	8281	8991	9011	10722	10720	9882	9512	10285	9745	10534	10203	117014

SHIPMENTS OF POTATOES, CHIPPERS - U.S. - BY MONTHS - 1,000 CWT
July 1999 Thru June 2000

STATES		1999						2000						TOTAL
		JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
Idaho	TR	1	25	63	55	214	222	249	223	278	176	2	0	1508
Arizona	TR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	217	306	527
California														
Central	TR	666	363	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	540	637	2380
Florida	PB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1095	1992	1064	4151
Kansas	TR	100	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130
Maine	TR	0	127	145	134	211	220	269	171	155	215	211	67	1925
	TR-EXPT	0	0	0	1	6	7	8	2	0	0	0	174	198
Michigan	TR	174	659	776	1082	771	813	856	692	844	1098	463	0	8228
Minnesota	TR	2	17	68	175	164	237	254	106	49	78	16	0	1166
Missouri	TR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	555	555
Montana	TR	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Nebraska	TR	0	40	176	191	103	139	225	240	258	171	62	0	1605
New Mexico	TR	0	87	117	80	70	143	133	99	33	0	0	0	762
New York	TR	0	82	377	335	207	162	182	136	162	179	0	0	1822
N. Carolina	TR	627	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	842	1469
N. Dakota	TR	0	20	49	253	251	368	408	172	75	120	24	0	1740
Wisconsin	PB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TR	0	549	474	1076	1388	1043	946	1271	1803	1188	1044	59	10841
Wyoming	TR	0	0	12	21	24	29	26	3	0	0	0	0	115
TOTAL U.S.		1570	1999	2357	3413	3409	3383	3556	3115	3657	4398	4571	3704	39132

**Potatoes: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Seasonal
Group, State, and United States, 1999-2000**

Seasonal Group & State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Winter 1/								
CA	8.5	9.0	8.5	9.0	260	320	2,210	2,880
FL	9.6	8.2	9.3	8.0	200	230	1,860	1,840
TOTAL	18.1	17.2	17.8	17.0	229	278	4,070	4,720
Spring 1/								
AL 2/	1.7		1.6		175		280	
AZ	10.0	11.0	9.6	11.0	315	290	3,024	3,190
CA	19.0	18.8	19.0	18.8	400	355	7,600	6,674
FL	28.8	25.0	28.0	24.0	315	291	8,820	6,990
Hastings	21.5	17.5	21.0	17.0	330	300	6,930	5,100
Other FL	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.0	270	270	1,890	1,890
NC 3/	17.0	17.5	16.5	17.0	200	200	3,300	3,400
TX	10.3	9.8	9.8	9.3	235	240	2,303	2,232
TOTAL	86.8	82.1	84.5	80.1	300	281	25,327	22,486
Summer								
AL 2/	3.5	5.1	2.8	4.9	220	195	616	956
CA	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.5	360	350	2,412	2,275
CO	7.6	8.1	7.4	7.9	320	340	2,368	2,686
DE	4.3	4.8	4.3	4.7	250	250	1,075	1,175
IL	4.9	5.5	4.7	5.3	350	300	1,645	1,590
IA 4/	1.1		0.8		225		180	
KS 5/		3.0		2.9		340		986
MD	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	240	240	1,128	1,128
MO	8.0	6.2	6.2	5.9	295	240	1,829	1,416
NE 6/	4.9		4.5		360		1,620	
NJ	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	250	220	625	550
NM	4.3	3.3	4.3	3.3	290	350	1,247	1,155
NC 3/	1.0		1.0		110		110	
TX	8.6	8.4	8.0	7.8	370	375	2,960	2,925
VA	6.5	6.5	6.0	6.3	175	200	1,050	12,690
TOTAL	68.8	64.8	63.9	62.7	295	289	18,865	18,102
Fall 8/								
CA	9.0	8.5	9.0	8.5	445		4,005	
CO	77.2	75.8	76.9	75.6	335		25,762	
ID	395.0	415.0	393.0	413.0	339		133,330	
10 SW Co	26.0	28.0	26.0	28.0	470		12,220	
Other ID	369.0	387.0	367.0	385.0	330		121,110	
IN	5.2	4.2	4.9	4.0	270		1,323	
ME	65.0	64.0	62.5	63.0	285		17,813	
MA	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	255		740	
MI	48.0	49.0	47.5	47.5	315		14,963	
MN	70.0	66.0	53.0	60.0	340		18,020	
MT	11.0	12.0	10.9	11.8	305		3,325	
NE 6/	21.6	25.0	21.2	24.5	420		8,904	
NV	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	440		2,860	
NM	6.6	6.8	6.6	6.8	380		2,508	
NY	26.0	22.0	25.5	21.0	265		6,758	
ND	121.0	124.0	110.0	115.0	240		26,400	
OH	4.8	4.2	4.7	4.1	210		987	
OR	56.0	57.0	55.5	56.5	505		28,020	
Malheur	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	440		4,620	
Other OR	45.5	46.5	45.0	46.0	520		23,400	
PA	14.5	13.5	14.0	13.0	220		3,080	
RI	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	225		135	
SD	3.5	4.5	3.4	4.2	290		986	
UT	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	290		580	
WA	170.0	175.0	170.0	175.0	560		95,200	
WI	86.0	86.0	85.0	85	400		34,000	
WY 4/	0.5		0.5		295		148	
TOTAL	1,203.0	1,223.9	1,166.1	1,199.9	369		429,847	
US	1,376.7	1,388.0	1,332.3	1,359.7	359		478,109	

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast. 2/ Spring estimates included with summer 2000. 3/ Summer estimates included with spring in 2000. 4/ Estimates discontinued in 2000. 5/ Estimates began in 2000. 6/ Summer estimates included with fall in 2000. 7/ Forecasted. 8/ The forecast of fall potato production will be released November 9, 2000.

Source: Crop Production – July 12, 2000, NASS, USDA

POTATOES: UTILIZATION OF CROPS, UNITED STATES, 1995-98

Utilization Items	Crop Year			
	1995 1/	1996 1/	1997 1/	1998
	1,000 cwt			
Sales				
Table Stock	124,875	131,446	131,670	124,467
Processing				
Chips and Shoestrings	47,284	48,305	48,130	50,462
Dehydration	45,065	54,261	48,389	55,522
Frozen French Fries	129,029	145,489	131,628	142,932
Other Frozen Products	27,073	28,972	33,397	26,270
Canned Products	3,342	2,785	2,822	2,730
Other Canned Products (Hash, Stews, Soups)	2,385	2,167	2,675	2,310
Starch, Flour, & Other	1,668	1,956	1,311	1,636
Total	255,846	283,935	268,352	281,862
Other Sales				
Livestock Feed <u>2/</u>	3,224	12,073	3,603	3,111
Seed	25,769	24,341	25,808	25,111
Total	28,993	36,414	29,411	28,222
TOTAL SALES	409,714	451,795	429,433	434,551
Non-Sales				
Seed Used on Farms				
Where Grown	4,792	4,797	4,167	4,405
Household Use and Used for Feed on Farms Where Grown	963	1,424	1,308	1,361
Shrinkage and Loss	29,630	41,238	32,183	35,454
TOTAL NON-SALES	35,385	47,459	37,658	41,220
TOTAL PRODUCTION	445,099	499,254	467,091	475,771

1/ Revised.

*Source: POTATOES – 1998 Summary – September, 1999 USDA/NASS
1999 Crop data will be published on September 22, 2000*

Marketing the 1999 Kern County, California Spring Potato Crop

Shipments: The first local Kern County Spring Crop potato shipments were recorded for the week ending May 8th. There were some Imperial/Coachella Valley potatoes hauled to Kern county sheds for washing and packing in March and April. These shipments were reported separately as Imperial Valley shipments. The last shipment of the season was recorded the week ending September 4th, 1999.

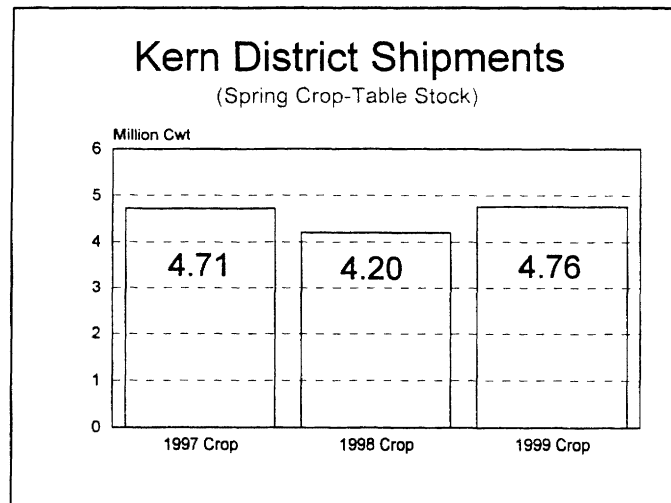


Table-stock shipments for the season totaled 4,758,000 cwt., up 13% from last year and 1% below two years ago. June was the peak-shipping month with 2.10 million cwt., followed closely by July with 1.85 million cwt.

Chip stock shipments were recorded at 1.85 million cwt. for the season. However, due to less cooperation than in prior years, the recorded chip stock shipments were less than complete.

Daily shipments were collected, by potato type, from the voluntary cooperation of the Kern shippers by the Idaho Falls, Idaho, Market News Service. From this daily total, rail shipments - as reported by the Fruit & Vegetable Transportation Reports Section - are subtracted to yield a truck shipment number. Thus the rail conversion factor of 120,000 lb. per car and piggyback conversion factor of 45,000 per van does not alter the daily shipments recorded (only the mode of transportation). Early-and again late-season determination of whether the Central California rail shipments belong to the Kern district is often subjective.

The daily survey of shipments, for use of the trade, found 31% of the table-stock shipment were Long Whites, 24% were Round Reds, 40% were Russets and 5% others (mostly Yukon Golds). Russets were up 14 % from 1998 with Round Reds down by 11%.

ACREAGE & PRODUCTION: Final data from NASS, USDA put the California Spring potato crop estimate at 7,118,000 cwt. production. This was grown from 19,500 acres with an average yield of 365 cwt. per acre. Compared to the 1998 crop, acreage harvested was up 1,000 acres, yield was up 30 cwt. per acre, and production was up 920,000 cwt.

The Kern County Agriculture Commission showed 18,106 acres of potatoes in the county. Russets were 49% of the table-stock acreage, followed by Long Whites at 29%, and Round Reds & others at 22%.

KERN DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA POTATO ACREAGE	
Spring Crop	
	1999
Whites	3,805
Reds & Others	2,896
Russets	6,451
Total Table	13,152
Chippers	4,954
Grand Total	18,106
Source: Kern County Agriculture Commission	

Included in Long White type were some Cascade, Cal Whites and Tejone in addition to the more standard White Rose variety.

MARKETING: The Kern marketing period falls between the storage states stocks (of 1998 crop potatoes) and the beginning of Washington July fresh-market 1999 Norkotahs. With May 1, 1999 fall storage Stocks-on-Hand at 87.6 million cwt. down 6% from the previous year, Norkotah prices were noticeably higher than the previous year. North Florida, with a bumper crop, had already filled a lot of markets for new crop Red & White potatoes before the Kern harvest got in swing. As a result, early trading was slow and opening prices were much lower than the previous year.

Long Whites, 100 lb. size A, U.S. No. 1 opened at \$10.00-12.00 the first week of May. The season low F.O.B. was \$7.00-8.00 at the close of the season.

Round Red, 50-lb carton size A, U.S. No. 1 opened at \$6.00-7.00 per carton in early May. The season low F.O.B. price was \$5.00-6.00 the first week of June. Round Red closed the season at \$6.00.

Russet Norkotah 10 lb. film bags U.S. No. 1 non-size A opened at the season low price of \$ 5.00 per bale the third week of June. Filmbags finished the season the last week of July at \$6.00.

80 count Russet Norkotah opened at \$12.00-13.00 the third week of June. 80 count finished the season at \$11.00 the last week of July.

GROWING CONDITIONS: Planting started in December and continued into March. Plant growth during April was slowed by cold weather and frost, making harvest about 10 days late in starting. The early Long Whites (mostly Cal Whites) had good size, but the White Rose suffered the lack of heat and didn't size as well. Growing conditions for Russets (Norkotahs) were good (although maturity was delayed) and late blight was not a problem .

PACKAGING: No major changes noted in packaging from the 1999 crop. Long Whites are predominantly packed in 100-lb sacks or 50-lb cartons of size A, while Round Reds are packed in 100-lb sacks and 50 lb. sacks and 50 lb. cartons. Russet packing follows other Russet areas with smaller potatoes packed in 10 and 5 lb. bags and larger sizes in 50 lb. cartons of various sizes.

TRANSPORTATION TRENDS: Trucks hauled 76% of the fresh volume from shipping point to various markets as compared to the 1998 year of 87%.

KERN DISTRICT CALIFORNIA
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
1999 Crop

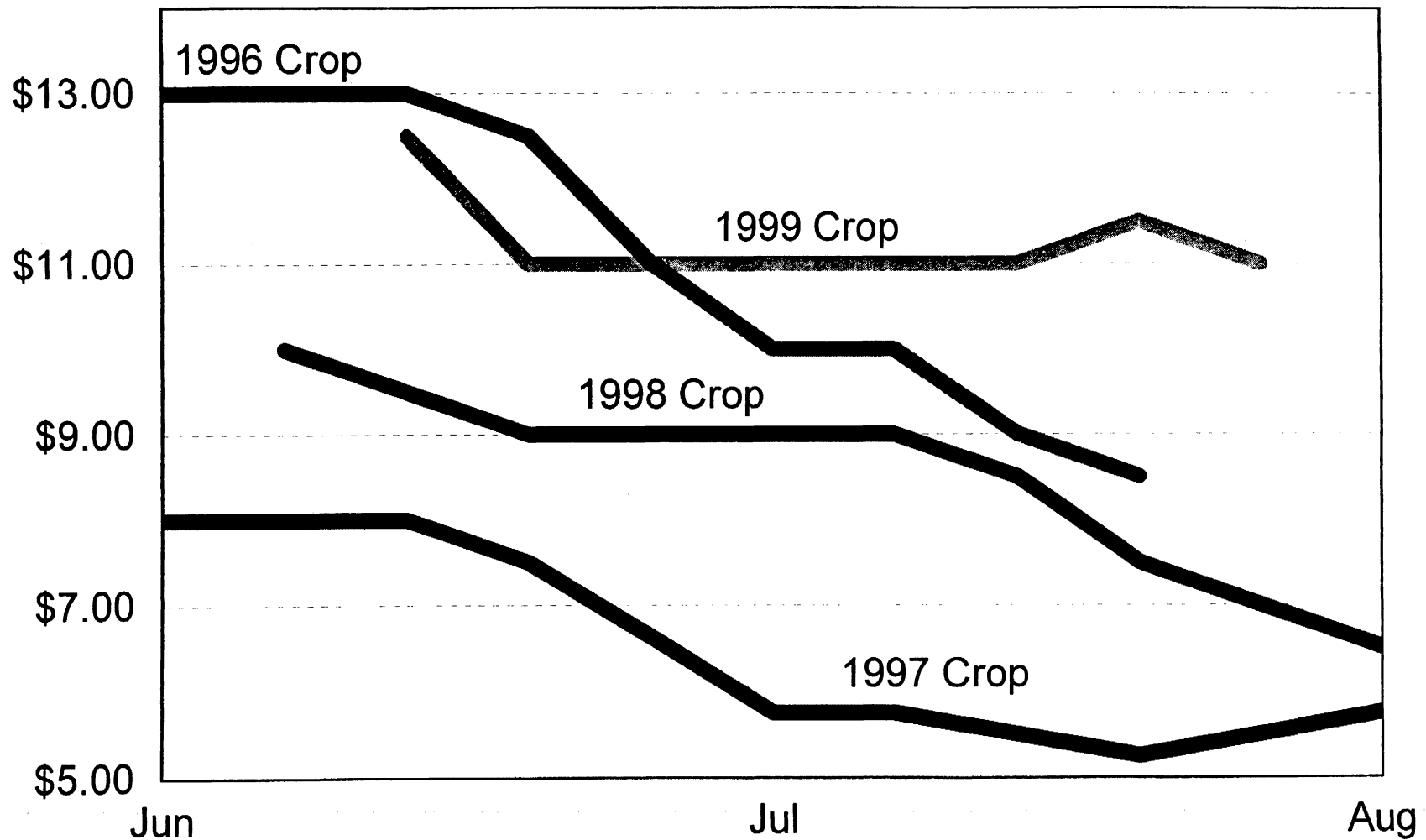
Week Ending	50 lb ctns LONG WHITE U.S. ONE Sz A	50 lb ctns LONG WHITE U.S. ONE Sz B	50 lb ctns LONG WHITE U.S. ONE Creamers ¾-1 5/8"	100 lb sks LONG WHITE U.S. One Sz A	50 lb ctns YELLOW TYPE YUKON GOLD U.S. ONE Sz A
1999					
May 15	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-20.00	10.00-12.00	--
22	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50	-20.00	8.00-10.00	--
29	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	-20.00	8.00-10.00	-12.00
Jun 5	-6.00	-5.00	15.00-20.00	-8.00	8.00-10.00
12	-6.00	--	12.00-18.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00
19	5.50-6.00	--	12.00-14.00	-7.00	-8.00
26	5.50-6.00	--	-12.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00
Jul 3	5.50-6.00	--	-12.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00
10	6.00-7.00		--	7.00-8.00	--

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
1999				
May 22	6.00-7.00	10.00-11.00	--	8.00-9.00
29	-6.00	8.00-10.00	--	8.00-9.00
Jun 5	5.00-6.00	7.00-8.00	16.00-18.00	7.00-8.00
12	-6.00	6.00-8.00	14.00-18.00	-8.00
19	-6.00	6.00-7.00	12.00-16.00	-8.00
26	5.50-6.00	5.00-7.00	12.00-14.00	7.00-8.00
Jul 3	-6.00	5.00-7.00	9.00-14.00	-8.00
10	-6.00	-7.00	--	-8.00

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	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
1999							
Jun 19	-5.00	-6.00	-8.00	-15.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	7.00-9.00
26	-5.00	-6.00	-8.00	-15.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-9.00
Jul 3	-5.00	-6.00	-8.00	-15.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00
10	-5.00	-6.00	-8.00	-15.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00
17	5.00-6.00	6.00-7.00	-8.00	14.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	-8.00
24	-6.00	-7.00	-10.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	-8.00
31	-6.00	-7.00	--	13.00-14.00	-11.00	-9.00	-8.00

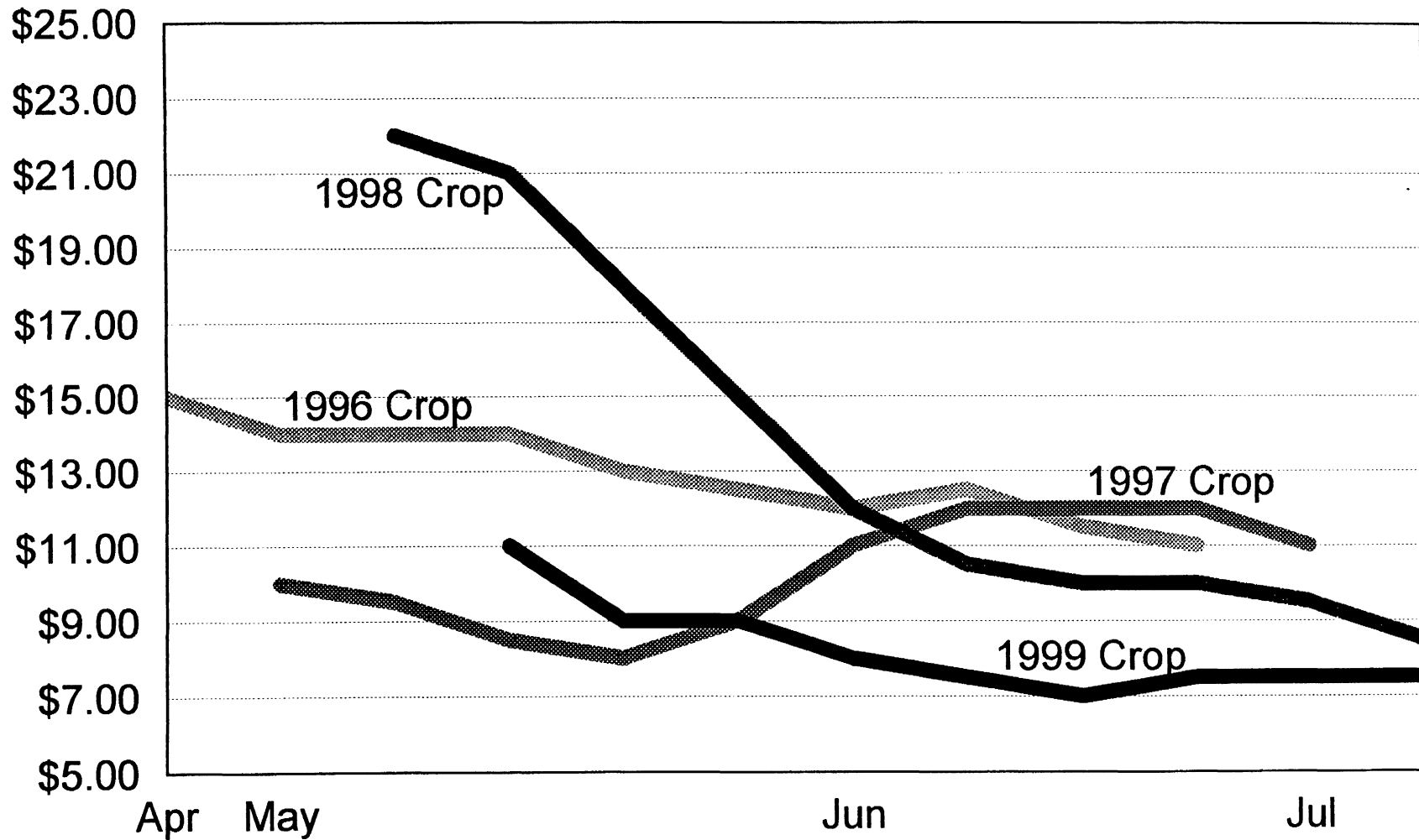
Kern District Potatoes

Russet Norkotah 80 count cartons



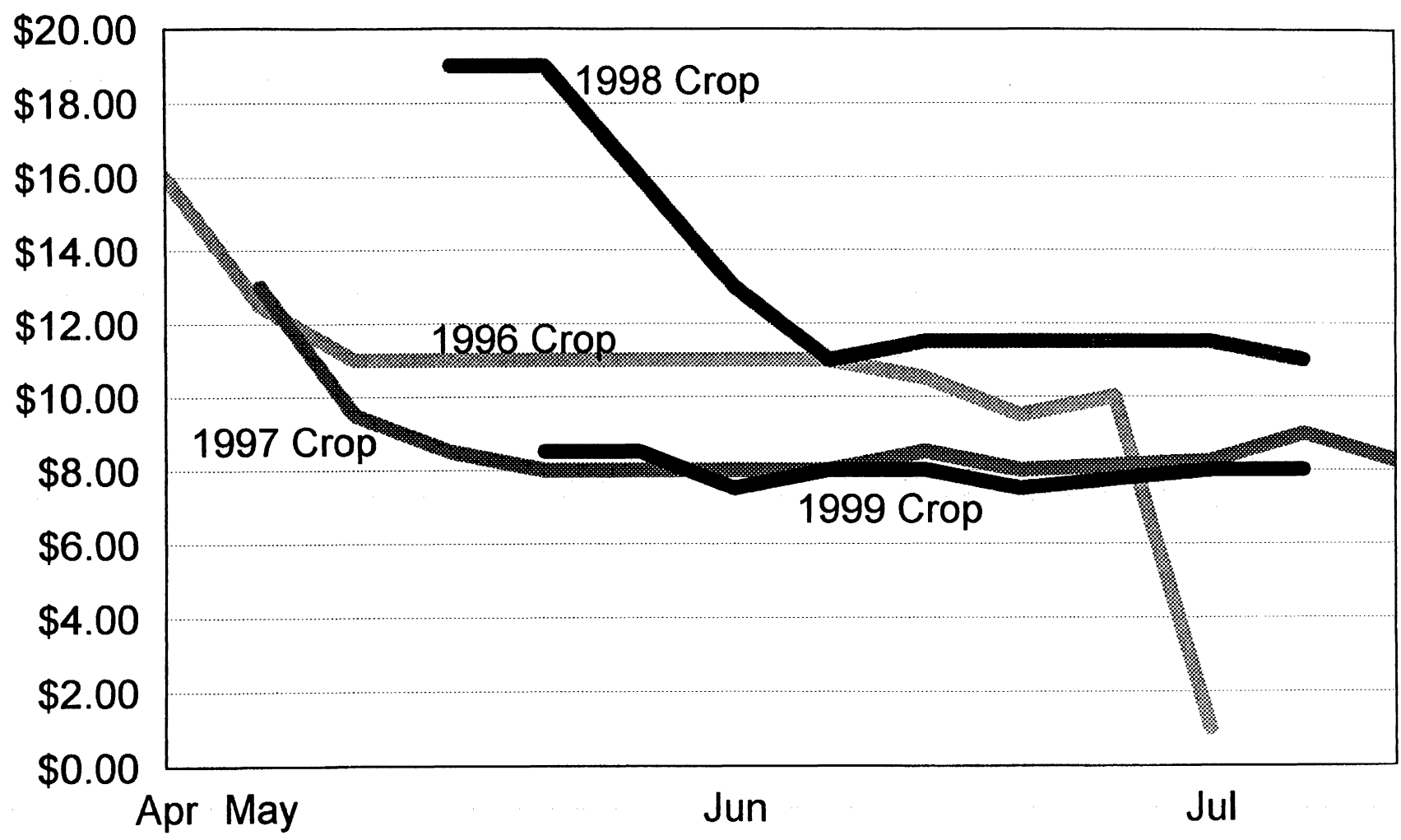
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Long Whites (100 lb Size A)



Kern District Potatoes

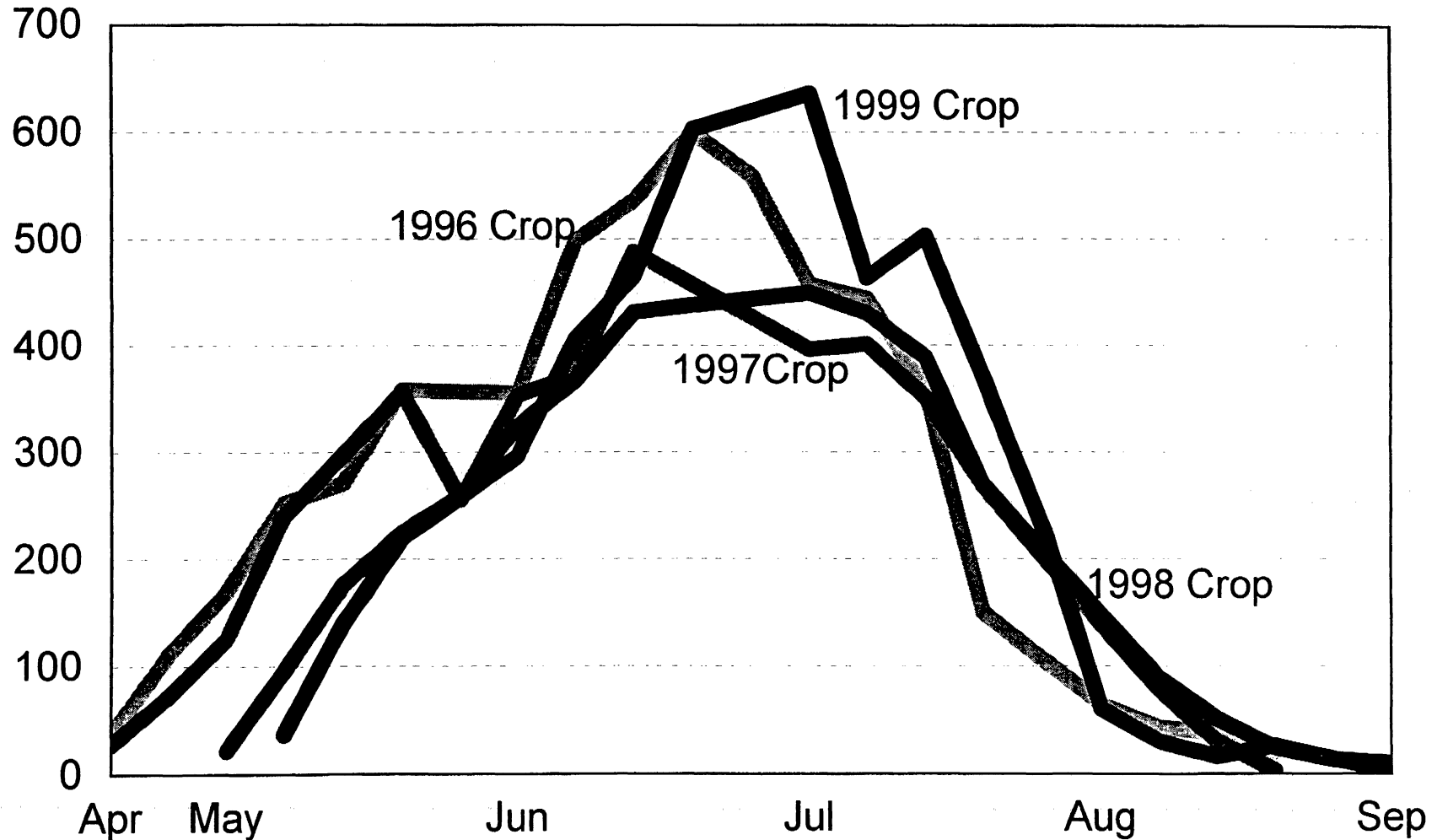
Round Red (100 lb Size A)



SHIPMENTS – KERN DISTRICT POTATOES – 1999 CROP						SHIPMENTS- KERN DISTRICT CHIPPER, POTATO - 1999 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>1999</u>						<u>1999</u>		
May 8	0	0	36	36	36	May 1	97	97
15	16	11	112	139	175	8	46	143
22	52	7	160	219	394	15	104	247
29	82	10	166	258	651	22	156	403
						29	113	516
Jun 5	118	8	170	296	947	Jun 5	128	644
12	164	9	233	406	1,353	12	143	788
19	137	16	312	465	1,818	19	140	928
26	128	9	466	603	2,420	26	181	1,108
Jul 3	119	8	509	636	3,056	Jul 3	136	1,244
10	84	8	371	463	3,519	10	134	1,378
17	70	7	426	503	4,022	17	135	1,513
24	35	9	326	370	4,392	24	166	1,680
31	18	5	208	231	4,623	31	168	1,848
Aug 7	0	6	54	60	4,683	Aug 7	180	2,028
14	2	1	27	30	4,713	14	72	2,100
21	1	1	13	16	4,729	21	68	2,169
28	1	1	24	26	4,756	28	43	2,212
Sep 4	1	1	0	2	4,758	Sep 4	37	2,249
						11	35	2,284
						18	28	2,312
Total	1,027	119	3,612	4,758		Total	2,312	
MONTHLY – Table-Stock						MONTHLY – Chippers		
	Rail	Piggyback	Truck	Monthly Total	Season To Date		Chippers	Season To Date
<u>1999</u>						<u>1999</u>		
May	155	28	485	668	668	May	562	562
June	592	44	1,467	2,102	2,770	June	658	1,219
July	275	35	1,543	1,853	4,623	July	629	1,848
August	6	11	117	134	4,757	August	364	2,212
September	0	1	0	1	4,758	September	100	2,312
Total	1,027	119	3,612	4,758			2,312	

Kern District Potatoes

Weekly Shipments (1,000 cwt)

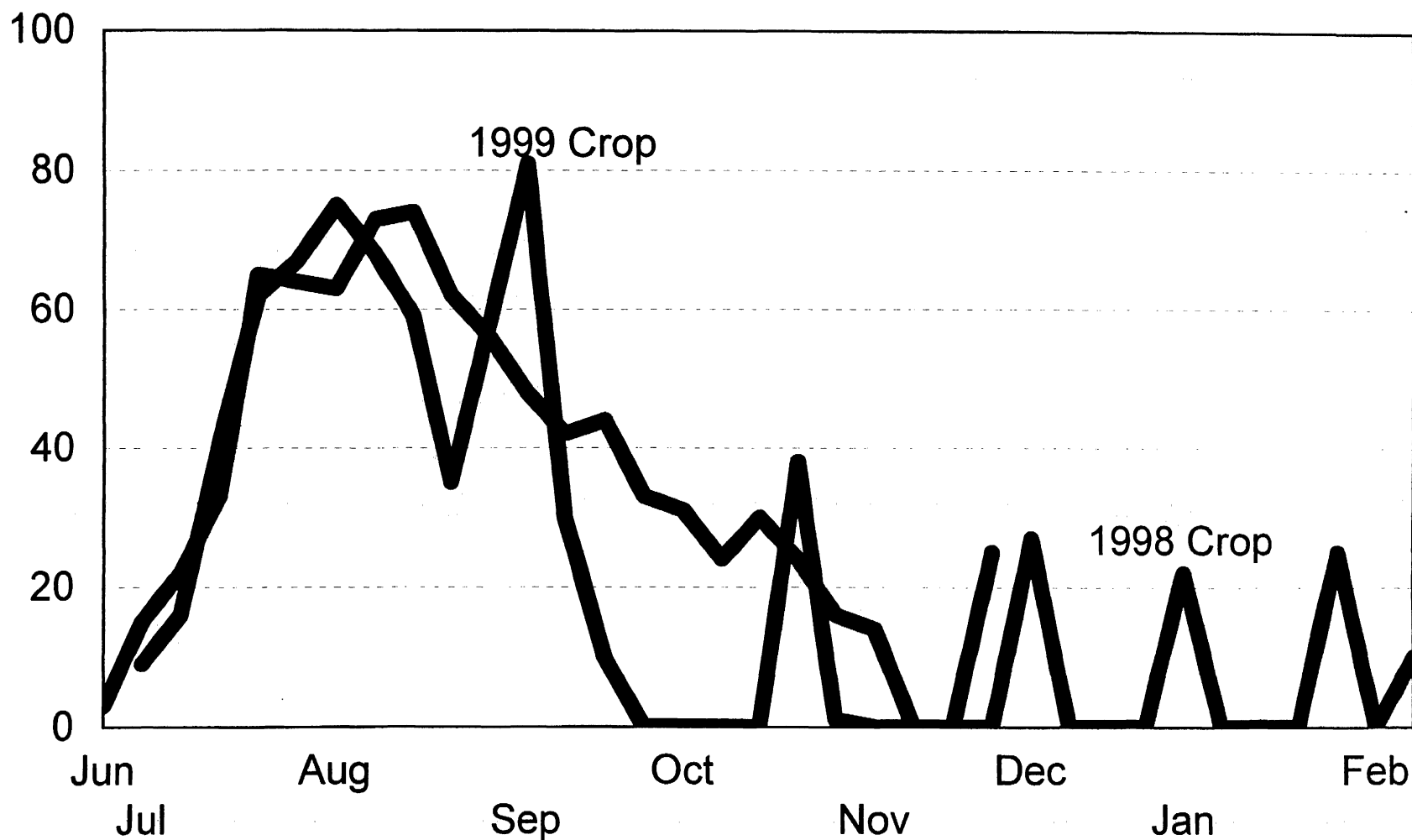


SHIPMENTS – STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA
POTATOES – 1999 CROP
1,000 CWT

Weekly Table-Stock							Monthly Table-Stock						
Week Ending	PB	PB To Date	Truck	Truck To Date	Weekly Total	Season To Date	Month	PB	PB To Date	Truck	Truck To Date	Monthly Total	Season To Date
<u>1999</u>							<u>1999</u>						
Jul 3	0	0	9	9	9	9	July	6	6	188	188	194	194
10	1	1	15	24	16	25	August	6	12	230	418	236	430
17	3	3	38	62	41	66	September	0	12	120	539	120	551
24	2	6	60	122	62	127	October	3	15	36	574	39	590
31	1	6	66	188	67	194	November	0	15	25	600	25	615
Aug 7	1	7	74	262	75	269							
14	2	9	66	328	68	337							
21	1	11	57	385	59	396							
28	1	12	33	418	35	430							
Sep 4	0	12	81	499	81	511							
11	0	12	30	529	30	541							
18	0	12	10	539	10	551							
25	0	12	0	539	0	551							
Oct 2	0	12	0	539	0	551							
9	0	12	0	539	0	551							
16	0	12	0	539	0	551							
23	2	14	36	574	38	589							
30	1	15	0	574	1	590							
Nov 6	0	15	0	574	0	590							
13	0	15	0	574	0	590							
20	0	15	0	574	0	590							
27	0	15	25	600	25	615							
TOTAL	15		600		615		TOTAL	15		600		615	

Stockton, CA Potatoes

Weekly Shipments (1,000 cwt)



COLORADO POTATOES----1999 CROP GENERAL COMMENTS

PRODUCTION: Colorado Agricultural Statistics reported a total of 77,200 acres that were planted. Of that total, 76,900 acres were harvested for a total production of 25,762,000 cwt. That produced about an average yield of 335 cwt per acre. This compares to the 1998 crop, when 75,800 acres were planted. 75,700 acres were harvested in 1998, with total production of 25,360,000 cwt for an average yield of 335 cwt per acre.

HARVESTING: In Northern Colorado, the summer potato harvest started the last week of July, 1999. Most of the summer crop is harvested and packed immediately, with very little storage available for this crop. All harvesting for the summer potato crop was complete by the second week of September, 1999.

The fall potato harvest from the San Luis Valley began shortly after the Labor Day weekend in September of 1999. Harvesting was generally complete by the third week of October of 1999.

MARKETING: The first F.O.B. from Northern Colorado was issued on August 11, 1999. Prices for Russet Norkotah U.S. One per cwt 5 10 lb film bags non size A were 14.00-15.00, 100 lb sacks non size A were 11.00-12.00., 50 lb cartons per cwt 60s 28.00-30.00, 70s 28.00-30.00, 80s 24.00-26.00, 90s 24.00-25.00, and 100s 20.00-22.00. Round Red per cwt U.S. One 50lb cartons size B were 28.00-30.00, 100 lb sacks 12.00-13.00.

The first F.O.B. from the San Luis Valley for the 1999 crop was issued September 9, 1999. Prices for that date were Russet Norkotah U.S. One per cwt 5 10 lb film bags non size A 9.00-10.00, 10 5 lb film bags 10.00-11.00, 50 lb cartons per cwt 60s 14.00-16.00, 70s 14.00-16.00, 80s 14.00-15.00, 90s 12.00-14.00, 100s 12.00-14.00, 10 oz minimum 14.00-15.00. Round Red U.S. One baled 5 10 lb. film bags per cwt size A were 11.00-12.00, 50 lb cartons per cwt size B 24.00-25.00, 2 1/2 -3 1/2" 13.00-14.00. The F.O.B. from the San Luis Valley for the 1999 crop was issued on July 28, 2000. Prices on that date were Russet Norkotah/Nugget U.S. One baled 5 10 lb film bags non size a 5.00-6.00, 10 5 lb non size A 6.00-7.00, 50 lb cartons per cwt 60s 12.00-13.00, 70s 12.00-13.00, 80s 11.00-12.00, 90s 9.00-10.00, 100s 9.00-10.00, 10 oz minimum 11.00-12.00, U.S. Commercial bulk per cwt 2.00-3.00.

NORTHERN COLORADO (AREA 3) 1999 CROP
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis U.S. #1 Per cwt

MONDAY PRICE RANGE

RUSSET NORKOTAH
50-LB CARTONS (PER CWT)

WEEK OF	70S	80S	90S	100S
AUG 16	28.00-30.00	24.00-26.00	24.00-25.00	20.00-22.00
23	23.00-24.00	20.00-22.00	18.00-22.00	16.00-18.00
30	18.00-20.00	16.00-18.00	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00
SEP 07	16.00-17.00	15.00-16.00	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00
13	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	12.00-14.00	12.00-13.00
20	12.00-13.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00

		100 LB SACKS	50-LB CARTONS
		U.S. #1	U.S. #2
WEEK OF	NON SIZE A		60S
AUG 16	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	28.00-30.00
23	8.00-9.00	6.00-7.00	23.00-24.00
30	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	18.00-20.00
SEP 07	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	16.00-17.00
13	6.00-7.00	4.00-5.00	14.00-16.00
20	6.00-7.00	4.00-5.00	12.00-13.00

ROUND REDS
(PER CWT)

		U.S. #1 (SIZE A)	U.S. #1 (SIZE B)	U.S. #2
WEEK OF		100 LB SACKS	50 LB CARTONS	100 LB SACKS
AUG 16		11.00-13.00	28.00-30.00	
23		10.00-11.00	26.00-27.00	
30		9.00-11.00	24.00-26.00	
SEP 07		9.00-10.00	22.00-23.00	

SAN LUIS VALLEY COLORADO 1999 CROP
SALES FOB SHIPPING POINT BASIS U.S. #1 Per cwt

MONDAY PRICE RANGE

NORKOTAH\NUGGET 50LB CARTONS

WEEK OF	60S	70S	80S	90S
SEP 13	14.00-16.00	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	12.00-14.00
20	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	11.00-12.00
27	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
OCT 04	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
12	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	11.00-11.00
18	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
25	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
NOV 01	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
08	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
15	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
22	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
29	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
DEC 06	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
13	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
20	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
27	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
JAN 03	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
10	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
17	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
24	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
31	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
FEB 07	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
14	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
22	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
28	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
MAR 06	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
13	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
20	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
27	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
APR 03	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
10	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00
17	12.00	12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
24	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
MAY 01	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
08	12.50-13.00	12.50-13.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
15	14.00	14.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00
22	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00
30	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00
JUN 05	14.00-16.00	14.00-16.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00
12	14.00-16.00	14.00-16.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00
19	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
26	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
JUL 03	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	11.00-13.00	10.00-11.00
10	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	11.00-13.00	10.00-11.00
17	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	11.00-13.00	10.00-11.00
24	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00

SAN LUIS VALLEY COLORADO 1999 CROP
SALES FOB SHIPPING POINT BASIS U.S. #1 Per cwt

MONDAY PRICE RANGE

NORKOTAH\NUGGET 50LB CARTONS

CARTONS (CONTINUED)

WEEK OF	100S	100Z MIN
SEP 13	12.00-14.00	14.00-15.00
20	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00
27	10.00-11.00	10.00-21.00
OCT 04	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00
12	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00
18	10.00-11.00	10.00
25	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00
NOV 01	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00
08	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00
15	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00
22	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00
29	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00
DEC 06	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00
13	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00
20	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00
27	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00
JAN 03	10.00	8.00-9.00
10	10.00	8.00-9.00
17	10.00	8.00-9.00
24	10.00	8.00-9.00
31	10.00	8.00-9.00
FEB 07	10.00	8.00-9.00
14	10.00	8.00-9.00
22	10.00	8.00-9.00
28	10.00	8.00-9.00
MAR 06	10.00	8.00-9.00
13	10.00	8.00-9.00
20	10.00	8.00-9.00
27	10.00	8.00-9.00
APR 03	10.00	8.00-9.00
10	10.00	8.00-9.00
17	10.00	8.00-9.00
24	10.00	9.00-10.00
MAY 01	10.00	9.00-10.00
08	10.00	9.00-10.00
15	10.00	10.00-11.00
22	10.00-11.00	11.00-13.00
30	10.00-11.00	11.00-13.00
JUN 05	10.00-11.00	12.00-13.00
12	10.00-11.00	12.00-13.00
19	9.00-10.00	12.00-13.00
26	9.00-10.00	11.00-23.00
JUL 03	9.00-10.00	11.00-13.00
10	9.00-10.00	11.00-13.00
17	9.00-10.00	12.00-13.00
24	9.00-10.00	11.00-12.00

SAN LUIS VALLEY COLORADO 1999 CROP
SALES FOB Shipping Point Basis U.S.#1 Per cwt

MONDAY PRICE RANGE
RUSSET NORKOTAH/NUGGET (CONTINUED)

PER CWT

	NON SIZE A	NON SIZE A	U.S.#2S
	5-10 LB BAGS	100 LB.	100 LB.
WEEK OF		SACKS	SACKS
SEP 13	8.50-9.50		
20	8.50-9.50	8.00-8.50	6.00-6.50
27	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.50	5.00-5.50
OCT 04	8.00-8.50	7.00-8.00	4.50-5.50
11	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	4.50-5.50
18	8.00-8.50	7.50-8.00	5.00-5.50
25	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	4.50-5.50
NOV 01	8.00	7.00-7.50	4.00-5.00
08	8.00	7.00-7.50	4.00-5.00
15	7.50-8.00	7.00-7.50	4.00-5.00
22	7.50-8.00	7.00-7.50	4.00-5.00
29	7.50-8.00	7.00-7.50	4.00-5.00
DEC 06	7.50-8.00	7.00-7.50	4.00-5.00
13	7.50-8.00	7.00-7.50	4.00-5.00
20	7.50-8.00	7.00	4.00-5.00
27	7.50-8.00	7.00	4.00-5.00
JAN 03	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
10	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
18	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
24	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
31	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
FEB 07	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
14	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
22	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
28	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
MAR 06	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
13	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
20	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	4.00-5.00
27	7.00-7.50	6.00-7.00	4.00-5.00
APR 03	7.00-7.50	6.00-7.00	4.00-5.00
10	6.50-7.50	6.00-6.50	4.00-5.00
17	6.50-7.50	6.00-6.50	4.00-5.00
24	6.50-7.50	6.00-6.50	4.00-4.50
MAY 01	6.50-7.50	6.00-6.50	4.00-4.50
08	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	4.00-4.50
15	6.50-7.00	6.00	4.00-4.50
22	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	4.00-4.50
30	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	4.00-4.50
JUN 05	5.50-6.50	5.00-6.00	4.00-4.50
12	5.50-6.50	5.00-6.00	3.50-4.50
19	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	3.50-4.50
26	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	3.00-4.00
JUL 03	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	3.00-4.00
10	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	3.00-3.50
17	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	3.00-3.54
24	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	2.50-3.00

SAN LUIS VALLEY COLORADO 1999 CROP
Sales FOB Shipping Point Basis U.S. #1 Per cwt

MONDAY PRICE RANGE

YELLOW TYPE YUKON GOLD

(PER CWT)

	SIZE A	SIZE A	SIZE B
	5 LB BAGS	100 LB SACKS	50 LB CARTONS
WEEK OF			
SEP 13	16.00-18.00	14.00-15.00	20.00-21.00
20	16.00-17.00	12.00-14.00	19.00-21.00
27	16.00-17.00	12.00-14.00	19.00-21.00
OCT 04	16.00-17.00	12.00-14.00	19.00-21.00
11	16.00-17.00	12.00-14.00	19.00-21.00
18	16.00-17.00	12.00-14.00	19.00-21.00
25	16.00-17.00	12.00-14.00	18.00-20.00
NOV 01	16.00-17.00	12.00-14.00	18.00-20.00
08	16.00-17.00	12.00-14.00	18.00-20.00
15	16.00-17.00	12.00-14.00	18.00-20.00
22	16.00-17.00	12.00-14.00	18.00-20.00
29	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	17.00-18.00
DEC 06	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	17.00-18.00
13	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	17.00-18.00
20	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	17.00-18.00
27	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	17.00-18.00
JAN 03	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	17.00-18.00
10	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	17.00-18.00
17	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-15.00
24	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-15.00
31	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-15.00
FEB 07	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-15.00
14	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-15.00
21	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-15.00
28	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-15.00
MAR 06	11.00-12.00	9.00-11.00	12.00-14.00
13	11.00-12.00	9.00-11.00	12.00-14.00
20	11.00-12.00	9.00-11.00	12.00-14.00

MONDAY PRICE RANGE
ROUND RED
(PER CWT)

	SIZE A	2 1/2-3 1/2 INCH	SIZE B
	5LB BAGS	50 LB CARTONS	50 LB CARTONS
WEEK OF			
SEP 13	12.50-13.50	13.00-14.00	24.00-25.00
20	12.50-13.00	13.00-14.00	24.00-25.00
27	12.50-13.00	13.00-14.00	24.00-25.00
OCT 04	12.50-13.00	13.00-14.00	24.00-25.00
11	11.50-12.50	13.00-14.00	24.00-25.00
18	11.50-12.50	13.00-14.00	23.00-25.00
25	11.50-12.50	13.00-14.00	23.00-25.00
NOV 01	11.50-12.50	13.00-14.00	23.00-25.00
08	11.50-12.50	13.00-14.00	23.00-25.00
15	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
22	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
29	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
DEC 06	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
13	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
20	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
27	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
JAN 03	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
10	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
17	10.50-11.50	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
24	10.50-11.50	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
31	10.50-11.50	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
FEB 07	10.50-11.50	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
14	10.50-11.50	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
21	10.50-11.50	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
28	10.00-11.00	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
MAR 06	9.50-10.50	13.00-14.00	20.00-22.00
13	9.50-10.50	13.00-14.00	20.00-21.00
20	9.50-10.50	13.00-14.00	20.00-21.00
27	9.50-10.50	12.00-14.00	18.00-20.00
APR 03	9.00-10.00	12.00-13.00	18.00
10	9.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	16.00-18.00
17	9.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	16.00-18.00
24	8.00-9.00	10.00-11.00	12.00-14.00
MAY 01	8.00-9.00	10.00-11.00	12.00-14.00
08	8.00-9.00	10.00-11.00	12.00-14.00
15	8.00-9.00	10.00-11.00	12.00-14.00
22	8.00-9.00	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00
30	8.00-9.00	10.00-11.00	11.00-12.00
JUN 05	8.00-9.00	10.00-11.00	11.00-12.00
12	8.00-9.00	9.00-11.00	10.00-11.00

SAN LUIS VALLEY COLORADO 1998
SALES FOB Shipping Point Basis U.S. #1 Per cwt

MONDAY PRICE RANGE
ROUND REDS
(PER CWT)

	10 LB FILM BAGS	50 LB PAPER SACKS	50 LB PAPER SACKS
	Size A	2 1/2 - 3 1/2 inch	Size B
SEP 21	9.00-10.00	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
28	8.50-9.50	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
OCT 05	8.50-9.50	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
13	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
20	9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
26	9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
NOV 02	9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
09	9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
16	9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
23	9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
30	9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
DEC 07	8.50-9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
14	8.50-9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
21	8.50-9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
28	8.50-9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
JAN 04	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
11	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
19	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
25	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
FEB 01	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
08	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	19.00-20.00
16	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
22	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
MAR 01	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
08	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
15	7.50-8.50	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
22	7.50-9.00	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
29	7.50-8.50	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
APR 05	7.50-8.50	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
12	7.50-8.50	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
19	7.50-8.50	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
26	7.50-8.50	14.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
MAY 03	7.00-8.00	13.00-14.00	18.00-20.00
10	6.50-7.50	11.00-13.00	16.00-18.00
17	6.50-7.50	11.00-13.00	16.00-18.00
24	6.00-7.00	11.00-13.00	16.00-18.00
JUN 01	6.00-6.50	11.00-12.00	16.00-18.00
07	6.00-6.50	11.00-12.00	16.00-18.00
14	6.00-6.50	10.00-11.00	14.00-16.00
21	5.50-6.00	10.00-11.00	14.00-16.00
28	5.50-6.00	10.00-11.00	14.00-16.00

SHIPMENTS OF COLORADO POTATOES 1999-2000 (1999 CROP)

10,000 CWT

TABLE STOCK				SEED		
WEEK	SAN LUIS VALLEY	NORTHERN COLORADO	COMBINED	SEASON	SAN LUIS	
ENDING	TRUCK	RAIL	(GREELEY)	WEEKLY	TOTAL	VALLEY
-----	-----	-----	TRUCK	TOTAL	DATE	(TRUCK)
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AUG 07	0	0	117	117	117	0
04	0	0	263	263	380	0
21	0	0	683	683	1063	0
22	0	0	732	732	1795	0
SEP 04	375	52	862	1289	3084	0
11	1020	13	762	1795	4879	0
18	1744	26	1338	3108	7987	0
25	2262	129	739	3130	11117	0
OCT 02	2710	547	554	3811	14928	0
09	2319	217	444	2980	17908	0
16	2778	242	226	3246	21154	0
23	3256	409	4	3669	24823	0
30	3354	359	43	3756	28579	0
NOV 06	3748	432	151	4331	32910	36
13	3374	758	129	4261	37171	0
20	4657	383	238	5278	42449	0
27	2747	395	185	3327	45776	0
DEC 04	3842	281	171	4294	50070	0
11	3968	460	169	4597	54667	0
18	4054	451	128	4633	59300	0
25	3207	499	137	3843	63143	0
JAN 01	3366	421	146	3933	67076	897
08	4025	485	127	4637	71713	0
15	4302	536	127	4965	76678	0
22	3619	281	218	4118	80796	0
29	3949	396	196	4541	85337	0
FEB 05	4144	306	21	4471	89808	666
12	4039	447	265	4751	94559	600
19	4063	204	30	4297	98856	0
26	3996	344	204	4544	103400	0
MAR 04	3934	230	101	4265	107665	412
11	4483	0	133	4616	112281	0
18	5274	179	188	5641	117922	0
25	5079	282	44	5405	123327	0
APR 01	3705	218	0	3923	127250	2317
08	4833	307	0	5140	132390	1200
15	4761	90	44	4895	137285	800
22	4957	282	0	5239	142524	0
29	4558	166	0	4724	147248	0
MAY 06	3853	154	0	4007	151255	1463
13	3409	0	0	3409	154664	1000
20	3433	0	0	3433	158097	1000
27	3663	0	0	3663	161760	0
JUN 03	3473	268	0	3741	165501	516
10	3629	333	0	3962	169463	0
17	3439	255	0	3694	173157	0
24	3457	191	0	3648	176805	0
JUL 01	3879	128	0	4007	180812	0
08	2444	0	0	2444	183256	22
15	3274	0	0	3274	186530	0
22	2615	0	0	2615	189145	0
29	1982	0	0	1982	191127	0
AUG 07	1329	0	0	1329	192456	0
14	289	0	0	289	192745	
TOTAL	170670	12156	9919	192745	192745	10929

POTATOES

Florida Prices F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

Week Ending	Round Red		50 lb. sacks
	size A	size B	Creamers 3/4 – 1 5/8"
	U. S. O n e		
Feb 6	10.00	14.00	25.00
13	10.00	14.00	25.00
20	8.00	12.00	23.00-25.00
27	8.00	10.00-12.00	20.00
Mar 6	8.00	10.00	18.00-20.00
13	8.00-10.00	10.00-14.00	18.00-20.00
20	10.00	14.00	18.00-20.00
27	10.00	14.00-16.00	15.00-20.00
Apr 3	10.00	14.00-16.00	18.00-20.00
10	9.00-10.00	14.00-15.00	18.00
17	8.00- 9.00	12.00-14.00	18.00
24	8.00	12.00-14.00	18.00
May 1	8.00	12.00	18.00*
8	5.00-7.00	12.00	15.00-18.00*
15	5.00-6.00	12.00	15.00-18.00*
22	5.00	12.00	15.00-18.00*
29	5.00	8.00-10.00	15.00*
Jun 5	5.00-6.00	8.00-10.00	15.00*
12	6.00-7.00	8.00-9.00	15.00*
19	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	15.00*

* = Includes Cartons

POTATOES

Florida Prices F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

Week Ending	Round White Atlantic		50 lb. sacks	U.S. One LaChipper	
	Size A	Large		Size A	Large
Feb 6	-	-	-	-	-
13	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	18.00-20.00	-	-
27	-	-	18.00-20.00	-	-
Mar 6	-	-	18.00	-	-
13	-	-	18.00	-	-
20	-	-	18.00	-	-
27	-	-	18.00	-	-
Apr 3	-	-	18.00	-	-
10	-	-	14.00-18.00	-	-
17	-	-	12.00	10.00-12.00	-
24	9.00	-	-	8.00-10.00	-
May 1	7.00-9.00	4.00	-	6.00- 8.00	-
8	7.00-8.00	4.00	-	6.00	-
15	7.00-8.00	4.00	-	6.00	-
22	7.00-8.00	4.00	-	6.00	-
29	8.00-9.00	4.00	-	6.00	-
Jun 5	9.00	4.50-5.00	-	6.00-7.00	-
12	9.00	5.00	-	7.00	-
19	-	-	-	-	-

POTATOES – TABLE

Shipments for 1998-1999 Season
100,000 lb units, or 1,000 100-lb packages

Week Ending	Florida		Arizona	California	Colorado	Idaho	Long Island	Total
	Piggyback	Truck						
Nov 7	2	-	-	99	430	807	36	1,374
14	-	-	-	65	516	665	43	1,289
21	-	-	-	65	590	868	38	1,561
28	-	-	-	49	358	465	26	898
Dec 5	-	-	-	76	404	752	43	1,275
12	-	-	-	53	489	701	40	1,283
19	-	-	-	59	528	784	32	1,403
26	-	-	-	53	355	470	32	910
Jan 2	-	-	-	223	381	453	22	1,079
9	-	-	-	118	554	837	35	1,544
16	-	-	-	117	586	935	31	1,669
23	-	5	-	79	486	707	27	1,304
30	-	10	-	95	469	679	22	1,275
Feb 6	-	36	-	102	462	613	17	1,230
13	2	54	-	104	418	768	12	1,358
20	-	90	-	98	533	673	-	1,394
27	-	94	-	93	560	644	-	1,391
Mar 6	2	108	-	77	540	734	-	1,461
13	2	114	-	83	513	764	-	1,476
20	1	107	-	76	559	742	-	1,485
27	3	102	-	60	549	739	-	1,453
Apr 3	2	112	-	99	578	786	-	1,577
10	2	100	-	76	557	665	-	1,400
17	-	109	-	127	516	682	-	1,434
24	-	116	8	115	473	815	-	1,527
May 1	-	153	19	132	452	689	-	1,445
8	5	174	28	177	436	637	-	1,457
15	1	218	28	202	421	737	-	1,607
22	-	257	24	277	432	760	-	1,750
29	-	251	30	330	528	693	-	1,832
Jun 5	-	245	21	357	339	612	-	1,574
12	-	187	22	498	445	778	-	1,930
19	1	76	3	511	369	781	-	1,741
26	1	10	4	655	382	734	-	1,786
Total	24	2,728	187	5,400*	16,208*	24,169*	456*	49,172*

* Shipments do not represent entire season.

POTATOES – TABLE (cont.)

Shipments for 1998-1999 Season
100,000 lb units, or 1,000 100-lb packages

Week Ending	Maine	Michigan	Minnesota	Nebraska	Nevada	New Mexico	N. Dakota	Total
Nov 7	136	47	43	105	21	14	59	425
14	141	40	26	77	24	23	58	389
21	186	46	41	77	21	21	56	448
28	117	39	30	79	14	12	56	347
Dec 5	150	30	47	85	13	17	66	408
12	128	36	45	78	21	7	89	404
19	173	53	49	77	23	17	82	474
26	110	33	27	44	17	15	52	298
Jan 2	180	31	32	39	18	16	72	388
9	210	51	56	80	27	19	84	527
16	190	47	45	80	24	19	86	491
23	147	51	41	80	21	20	93	453
30	157	48	35	62	22	18	86	428
Feb 6	126	30	38	74	22	17	80	387
13	143	26	31	46	28	17	97	388
20	145	32	34	38	21	16	95	381
27	163	36	32	32	25	16	85	389
Mar 6	167	38	31	43	17	16	76	388
13	167	46	31	41	23	13	70	391
20	144	32	29	39	22	14	61	341
27	134	38	32	23	23	15	76	341
Apr 3	141	35	37	15	24	16	63	331
10	147	44	35	14	24	4	49	317
17	137	34	21	1	21	8	34	256
24	107	33	34	13	24	4	46	261
May 1	83	26	27	11	21	1	36	205
8	75	34	23	10	24	-	42	208
15	95	29	26	2	25	-	45	222
22	89	21	25	-	22	-	42	199
29	75	-	19	-	21	-	43	158
Jun 5	46	-	15	-	19	-	29	109
12	23	-	13	-	20	-	38	94
19	14	-	10	-	15	-	44	83
26	-	-	6	-	19	-	38	63
Total	4,246*	1,086*	1,066*	1,365*	726*	375*	3,541*	10,992*

* Shipments do not represent entire season.

POTATOES – TABLE (cont.)

Shipments for 1998-1999 Season
100,000 lb units, or 1,000 100-lb packages

Week Ending	Oregon	Texas	Washington	Wisconsin	Wyoming	Canada	Total	Grand Total
Nov 7	59	-	252	287	5	679	1,282	3,081
14	126	-	223	296	4	-	649	2,327
21	152	-	222	344	11	-	729	2,738
28	64	-	169	225	11	-	469	1,714
Dec 5	97	-	175	262	10	720	1,264	2,947
12	148	-	212	274	7	-	641	2,328
19	67	-	201	321	8	-	597	2,474
26	45	-	152	196	2	-	395	1,603
Jan 2	61	-	146	245	6	719	1,177	2,644
9	39	-	218	306	4	-	567	2,638
16	96	-	208	321	6	-	631	2,791
23	55	-	169	234	4	-	462	2,219
30	119	-	186	222	7	-	534	2,237
Feb 6	55	-	185	211	1	523	975	2,592
13	49	-	185	192	-	-	426	2,172
20	39	-	176	194	-	-	409	2,184
27	65	-	171	216	-	-	452	2,232
Mar 6	81	-	148	219	-	582	1,030	2,879
13	66	-	155	218	-	-	439	2,306
20	66	-	152	214	-	-	432	2,258
27	57	-	163	206	-	-	426	2,220
Apr 3	88	-	167	196	-	537	988	2,896
10	80	-	140	229	-	-	449	2,166
17	75	-	123	228	-	-	426	2,116
24	126	-	123	206	-	-	455	2,243
May 1	125	-	124	195	-	455	899	2,549
8	177	-	128	180	-	-	485	2,150
15	152	-	134	200	-	-	486	2,315
22	119	-	138	155	-	-	412	2,361
29	107	-	115	144	-	-	366	2,356
Jun 5	66	-	65	123	-	436	690	2,373
12	110	-	66	114	-	-	290	2,314
19	93	-	96	77	-	-	266	2,090
26	85	8	77	53	-	-	223	2,072
Total	3,009*	8*	5,364*	7,303*	86*	4,651*	20,421*	80,585*

* Shipments do not represent entire season.

POTATOES – CHIPPER

Shipments for 1998-1999 Season
100,000 lb units, or 1,000 100-lb packages

Week Ending	Florida		California- Central	Idaho	Maine	Michigan	Minnesota	Total
	Piggyback	Truck						
Nov 7	-	-	-	57	33	179	45	314
14	-	-	-	49	41	192	37	319
21	-	-	-	55	51	205	52	363
28	-	-	-	39	47	146	37	269
Dec 5	-	-	-	44	48	204	58	354
12	-	-	-	47	56	190	58	351
19	-	-	-	59	64	176	56	355
26	-	-	-	51	47	146	62	306
Jan 2	-	-	-	50	41	182	44	317
9	-	-	-	44	44	185	12	285
16	-	-	-	66	57	207	80	410
23	-	-	-	68	39	171	50	328
30	-	-	-	65	47	176	46	334
Feb 6	-	-	-	55	41	154	37	287
13	-	-	-	49	46	152	33	280
20	-	-	-	59	42	169	22	292
27	-	-	-	50	39	173	14	276
Mar 6	-	-	-	47	43	181	8	279
13	-	-	-	47	51	196	14	308
20	-	-	-	79	63	218	16	376
27	-	37	-	98	70	259	21	485
Apr 3	-	88	-	85	45	198	15	431
10	-	178	-	86	82	200	13	559
17	1	228	-	5	129	129	11	437
24	1	333	-	20	143	143	12	569
May 1	5	446	97	7	139	139	5	935
8	13	696	46	4	100	100	3	959
15	23	753	104	-	16	16	19	971
22	16	903	156	-	17	17	-	1,092
29	19	617	113	-	-	-	-	749
Jun 5	17	627	128	-	-	-	-	772
12	9	400	143	-	-	-	-	552
19	0	159	140	-	-	-	-	299
26	2	20	181	-	-	-	-	203
Jul 3	-	-	161	-	-	-	-	161
10	-	-	134	-	-	-	-	134
Total	106	5,485	1,403*	1,385*	1,681*	4,803*	880*	15,743*

*Shipments do not represent entire season.

POTATOES – CHIPPER (cont.)

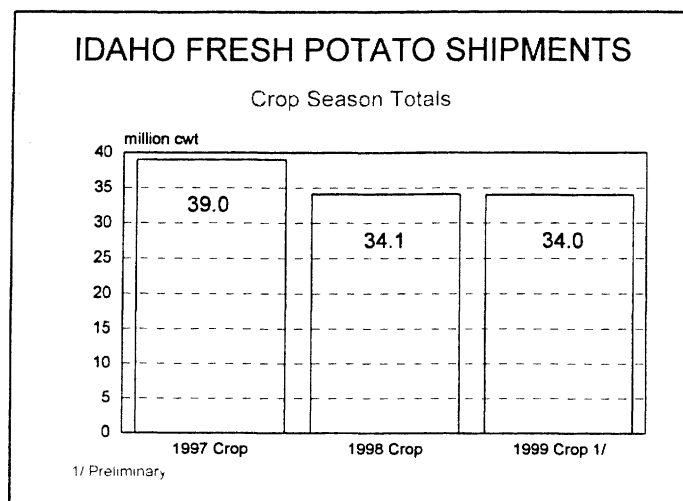
Shipments for 1998-1999 Season
100,000 lb units, or 1,000 100-lb packages

Week Ending	Nebraska	New Mexico	New York	N. Carolina	N. Dakota	Wisconsin	Total	Grand Total
Nov 7	39	16	77	-	86	176	394	708
14	16	25	70	-	69	152	332	651
21	30	31	62	-	17	149	289	652
28	33	22	56	-	6	114	231	500
Dec 5	88	20	40	-	88	193	429	783
12	108	22	34	-	86	150	400	751
19	110	14	48	-	84	212	468	823
26	47	20	39	-	52	172	330	636
Jan 2	58	24	39	-	76	221	418	735
9	4	38	46	-	19	227	334	619
16	61	39	44	-	120	209	473	883
23	59	29	41	-	76	216	421	749
30	56	21	42	-	69	249	437	771
Feb 6	46	12	36	-	58	234	386	673
13	19	20	32	-	49	168	288	568
20	67	20	32	-	33	180	332	624
27	69	30	41	-	21	261	422	698
Mar 6	42	39	33	-	34	322	470	749
13	56	16	29	-	21	346	468	776
20	55	13	29	-	24	397	518	894
27	29	2	34	-	32	331	428	913
Apr 3	29	8	35	-	22	278	372	803
10	44	7	24	-	20	171	266	825
17	45	2	32	-	16	176	271	708
24	30	3	22	-	17	202	274	843
May 1	56	4	19	-	8	175	262	1,197
8	28	5	-	-	5	111	149	1,108
15	-	6	-	-	54	54	153	1,124
22	38	-	-	-	-	132	170	1,262
29	-	-	-	-	-	143	143	892
Jun 5	-	-	-	1	-	104	105	877
12	-	-	-	47	-	42	89	641
19	-	-	-	120	-	3	123	422
26	-	-	-	523	-	-	523	726
Jul 3	-	-	-	485	-	-	485	646
10	-	-	-	268	-	-	268	402
Total	1,362*	508*	1,036*	1,444*	1,262*	6,270*	11,882*	27,625*

* Shipments do not represent entire season.

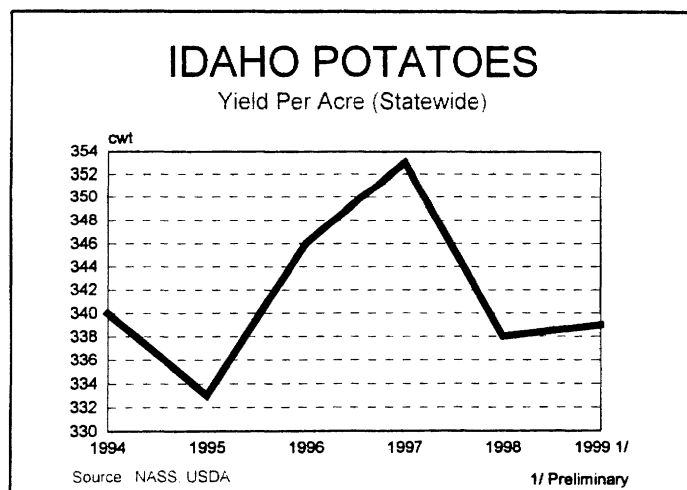
MARKETING THE 1999 IDAHO POTATO CROP

Shipments: Fresh Market Shipments for the season total 34.0 million cwt. This made it the fifth largest crop on record, in terms of table-stock shipments. It was 13% below the record 1997 crop shipments.

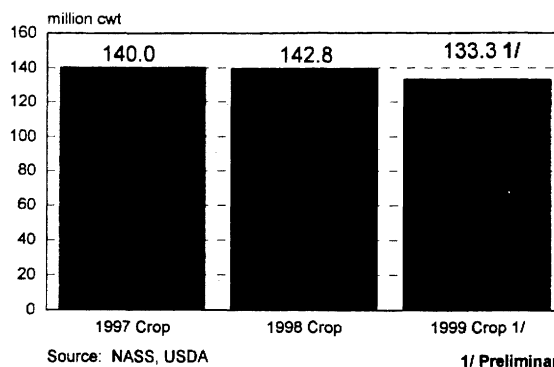


Acreage and Production: Production for the Idaho 1999 crop was 133.3 million cwt. from 393,000 acres according to the NASS January estimate. This compared to 138 million cwt. on 408,000 acres in 1998. Yield per acre was up 1 cwt. from the previous year at 339 cwt. (These estimates may be revised in September 1999.)

Nationally, the U.S. fall crop was also slightly smaller at 429.8 million cwt., down 1 percent from 1998 crop.



IDAHO POTATO PRODUCTION



Planting: Planting dates were about normal. Planting started as early as April in Western Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon and continued into early June at higher elevations in Eastern Idaho. Rain and snow slowed planting in May, during the heart of the usual active planting period and slowed emergence of early-planted fields.

Growing: There were a number of frosts in various areas in June and early July. June 6 and 9th were the more general frosts. Growing conditions after mid-July were near-ideal allowing the crop to catch-up and finish strongly. Indian-summer weather continued in September, allowing tubers to size.

Harvest: Digging for fresh market harvest of Russet Norkotahs started the first week of August. There was a September frost in the seed production areas with some locales in the Teton Valley and Ashton hit very hard. Otherwise, the harvest weather was open and digging proceeded very rapidly.

October 16-17 fresh market supplies ended in the Upper Valley due to cold temperatures in the high teens to low 20's, but harvest was virtually already completed. Shippers turned to storage supplies.

Marketing: Quality and shape of the 1999 crop tubers was very good, increasing fresh market packouts. Tuber size of field-run lots was variable, but in general, the Russet Norkotahs were heavier to the 40-60 count potatoes than the Burbanks. Many observers rated the Idaho Russet Norkotahs crop the best ever produced for size, quality and yields.

³⁶ Marketing Order No. 945 regulates the minimum quality of fresh shipments outside of, and now inside of, the Idaho-Malheur County, Oregon production areas.

The fresh market started with good demand in August 1999. Price opened at \$13.00-14.00 for 10 lb. mesh sacks of U.S. No. 1 non-size A potatoes and \$31.00-32.00 for 70 count in 50 lb. cartons per cwt. These Russet Norkotahs prices proved to be the highest prices of the season. By contrast the season high prices for Russet Burbanks were \$9.00-9.50 per cwt. for the 10 lb. mesh sacks in early November and \$19.00 for 70 counts in June. The season low price for 10 lb. mesh bags was \$5.50-6.00 in July 2000 and \$11.00-12.00 for 70 count cartons also in late July.

The usual post Christmas-New Year holiday bullish market did not develop. Some suggested that receivers had stocked-up more than usual before the holidays in face of Y2K worries. Others suggested that with both holidays being on Saturday, there was less-than-usual lost packing time.

The usual "February" lull that follows seemed to hit the last week of January. Also the Northeast and Atlantic Coast receiving markets were hit hard by a blizzard at this time.

Russet Norkotahs dominated shipments from the start of harvest into October. Substantial Russet Norkotah shipments (near or above 20% of the weekly shipments according to the Marketing Order) continued into March 2000. Overall Russet Norkotah shipments were nearly double the previous season with over 7.2 million cwt. of Russet Norkotahs shipped for the season.

According to some, grower returns on Russet Norkotahs outpaced grower returns on Burbanks by \$0.50-1.00 per cwt., despite the high quality of the Burbank and good early demand for Process Grade potatoes.

Season-end prices were disappointing for many growers. Many buyers suggested the higher

packouts than usual and much higher than the 1998 crop extended the crop and lead to the poor season-end prices. This was due to the influence of growing season weather and the increased volume of Russet Norkotahs.

On October 27, 1999 eight USDA Fruit and Vegetable inspectors at Hunts Point Terminal Market in the Bronx, NY were arrested and charged with accepting bribes for downgrading loads of produce so that receivers could negotiate lower prices with shippers. Thirteen produce receivers were also implicated.

Processing: With the higher packouts on the fresh market side, (including more Russet Norkotahs shipped) the corresponding supply of washed Process Grade available to dehydrators was lower than usual. This was a major factor that buoyed in grower returns the first half of the season. Regarding the open washed Process Grade price, data users are cautioned that a high percentage of the deliveries are contracted or formula-priced. Some estimates were that more than 75% of the washed Process Grade volume was contracted this season.

Processors started using 1999 crop Shepodys from the Columbia Basin as early as July 6th, then Rangers. The buyers started using Western Idaho or Malheur County, Oregon Shepody the week of August 9th. Storing of Russet Burbanks for fryer utilization throughout the processing year started the week of September 18th but plants were also using Russet Burbanks, Rangers or Shepody direct-from-the-field through October.

Fryer-buying from growers was active during harvest and fairly active again from mid-March to mid-May.

Again in 1999 crop, the fryer pre-season contracts were not negotiated with the growers bargaining association. The overall Russet Burbank payout for harvest deliveries was expected to average around \$4.78 per cwt according to an industry source.

U.S. dehydrated potato exports continued to surge in the early part of the marketing season, mainly to Belgium.

There were several “dry eliminators” (mostly 4 oz. maximum potatoes) contracts at \$2.00-2.75 per cwt. delivered the dehydration plant or company storage at harvest.

Washed Processing Grade potato supply and dry eliminator sales were short of the dehydrator’s needs much of the first half of the season. As a consequence, dehydrators imported a large tonnage of potatoes from Colorado, Nebraska and other areas for processing. Starting in March, there was considerable quantity of genetically modified storage-run seed potatoes sold to dehydrators. This dampened the price for washed Processing Grade potatoes.

The increase in joint venture deals and consignment meant that there were very few Fresh Pack Quality sales reported for the year. This appears to be a continuing trend.

December 1 potato stocks were 3.5 million cwt. below at the same time last year. With lower monthly disappearance June 1 stocks were 2 million cwt. below 1999 (NASS). Frozen French fry inventories at the end of October 1 were equal to last year. By July 1st, 2000 frozen fry stocks were %4 below a year earlier (NASS).

The amount of raw product processed by December 1, 1999 was 3% ahead of last year (Idaho Potatoes only). By June, processing usage for the season had slipped 4% behind June 1999 (NASS).

Some fry plants finished for the season in June, somewhat earlier than usual.

Leafroll in storage (net necrosis) was a problem for fryers and Magic Valley fresh shippers.

Packaging: The Federal Marketing Order (No. 945) was changed very late in the season to allow U.S. No. 2 potatoes to be shipped in cartons. This

change was needed to help receivers with highly automated warehouses where 50 lb. bags do not stack well on the racks, Safeguards were enacted so the U.S. No. 1 carton lids cannot be substituted on U.S. No. 2 potato packages.

Euroboxes, approximately 30 lb. containers intended to be displayed right on retail shelves – whether returnable plastic containers or cardboard were used by shippers for a few retailers.

Many shippers packed size A or 5-9 oz minimum potatoes in 5 and 10 lb bags as dehydrators upped the price on U.S. No. 1’s diverted to processing. Around Christmas and January, more chains requested 100 count (6-10 oz) potatoes in small bags. A few even went so far as to specify the count (such as 11-13 potatoes) in a bag.

International Situation: Imports to the U.S. of frozen French fries from Canada continued to expand as potato production increased in the Prairie Provinces. The slower-than-some-expected financial recovery in Southeast Asian markets also dampened fry export sales.

Transportation Trends: Trucks were short of shippers needs from August through New Years. Seventy-Four percent of the shipments were made by truck and 26% by rail. This represented a slight increase in the rail market share.

Final Note: Mosaic (PVY, PVA) was a problem in the 1999 seed crop (used to plant the 2000 commercial crop). Winter grow-out tests showed significant amounts of Idaho seed potatoes that would have been rejected for certification and ineligible for recertification due to high mosaic levels. Some lots that passed subsequent laboratory testing were certified for planting the commercial crop.

**IDAHO SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT &
DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS
POTATOES – 1999 CROP**

TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT & WESTERN IDAHO

	Bld 5 10-lb mshsks Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb mshsks Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	50 lb sks Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S., Two 6 oz min	50 lb sks Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S., Two 10 oz min
1999						
Aug 21	13.00-14.00	12.00-13.00	15.00-17.00	13.50-14.50	-16.00	-18.00
28	11.00-13.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-15.00	11.50-13.50	-16.00	-18.00
Sep 4	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	12.00-13.00	10.50-11.50	-16.00	-18.00

	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 60s	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 70s	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 80s	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 90s	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 100s	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 10/12 oz min
1999						
Aug 21	31.00-32.00	31.00-32.00	27.00-28.00	22.00-24.00	20.00-21.00	-28.00
28	20.00-31.00	20.00-31.00	18.00-28.00	16.00-24.00	14.00-21.00	18.00-28.00
Sep 4	20.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	18.00-19.00	16.00-17.00	-14.00	-18.00

**IDAHO SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT &
DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS
POTATOES – 1999 CROP (Continued)**

UPPER VALLEY, TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT IDAHO

	Bld 5 10-lb mshsks Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb mshsks Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	50 lb sks Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S., Two 6 oz min	50 lb sks Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S., Two 10 oz min
1999						
Sep 1	-9.00	-8.00	-11.00	-9.50	13.00-16.00	15.00-18.00
18	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	10.00-11.00	8.50-9.50	12.00-13.00	14.00-15.00
25	7.50-8.50	6.50-7.50	9.50-10.50	8.00-9.00	-12.00	-14.00
Oct 2	-8.00	-7.00	-10.00	-8.50	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00
9	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	10.00-10.50	8.50-9.00	-10.00	-12.00
16	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	10.00-11.00	8.50-9.50	--	--
23	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	10.00-11.00	8.50-9.50	--	--
30	8.50-9.00	7.50-8.00	10.50-11.00	9.00-9.50	--	--
Nov 6	9.00-9.50	8.00-8.50	11.00-11.50	9.50-10.00	--	--
13	9.00-9.50	8.00-8.50	11.00-11.50	9.50-10.00	--	--
20	-9.00	-8.00	-11.00	-9.50	--	--
27	-9.00	-8.00	-11.00	-9.50	--	--
Dec 4	-9.00	-8.00	-11.00	-9.50	--	--
11	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	10.00-11.00	8.50-9.50	--	--
18	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	10.00-10.50	8.50-9.00	--	--
25	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	10.00-10.50	8.50-9.00	--	--
Jan 1	--	--	--	--	--	--
8	8.50-9.00	7.50-8.00	--	--	--	--
15	8.50-9.00	7.50-8.00	--	--	--	--
22	-8.50	-7.50	--	--	--	--
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**IDAHO SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT &
DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS
POTATOES – 1999 CROP (Continued)**

UPPER VALLEY, TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT IDAHO

	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 50s	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 60s	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 70s	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 80s	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 90s	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 100s	50 lb ctns Per CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 2" or 4-oz 10/12 oz min
1999							
Sep 11	18.00-20.00	18.00-20.00	18.00-20.00	16.00-18.00	14.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	16.00-18.00
18	16.00-18.00	16.00-18.00	16.00-18.00	14.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	14.00-16.00
25	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	13.00-14.00
Oct 2	-15.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-9.00	-13.00
9	-15.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-9.00	-13.00
16	-15.00	-15.00	15.00-16.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	13.00-14.00
23	-16.00	-16.00	-16.00	-14.00	11.00-12.00	-10.00	-14.00
30	16.00-17.00	16.00-17.00	-17.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	14.00-15.00
Nov 6	16.00-17.00	16.00-17.00	-17.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	14.00-16.00
13	16.00-17.00	16.00-17.00	16.00-17.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	14.00-15.00
20	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	13.00-14.00
27	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-13.00
Dec 4	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-13.00
11	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	12.00-13.00
18	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	12.00-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-12.00
25	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	-12.00	-11.00	-10.00	-12.00
Jan 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
8	-14.00	14.00	-14.00	-12.00	-11.00	-10.00	-12.00
15	-14.00	14.00	-14.00	-12.00	-11.00	-10.00	-12.00
22	-14.00	-14.00	-14.00	-12.00	-11.00	-10.00	-12.00
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**IDAHO SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT &
DELIVERED SALES SHIPPING POINT BASIS
POTATOES – 1999 CROP (Continued)**

UPPER VALLEY, TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT IDAHO

	Bld 5 10-lb mshsks Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb mshsks Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	100 lb sks Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	50 lb sks Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S., Two 6 oz min	50 lb sks Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S., Two 10 oz min
1999							
Oct 2	-8.00	-7.00	-10.00	-8.50	-6.00	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00
9	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	10.00-10.50	8.50-9.00	--	-10.00	-12.00
16	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	10.00-11.00	8.50-9.50	-6.00	-10.00	-12.00
23	8.50-9.00	7.50-8.00	10.50-11.00	9.00-9.50	6.50-7.00	-10.00	-12.00
30	-9.00	-8.00	-11.00	-9.50	-7.00	-10.00	-12.00
Nov 6	9.00-9.50	8.00-8.50	11.00-11.50	9.50-10.00	7.00-7.50	-10.00	-12.00
13	9.00-9.50	8.00-8.50	11.00-11.50	9.50-10.00	-7.00	-10.00	-12.00
20	-9.00	-8.00	-11.00	-9.50	6.50-7.00	9.00-10.00	11.00-12.00
27	-9.00	-8.00	-11.00	-9.50	--	-9.00	11.00-11.50
Dec 4	-9.00	-8.00	-11.00	-9.50	--	-9.00	11.00-11.50
11	-9.00	-8.00	-11.00	-9.50	6.50-7.00	-9.00	-11.00
18	-9.00	-8.00	-11.00	-9.50	-6.50	8.00-9.00	10.00-11.00
25	-9.00	-8.00	-11.00	-9.50	-6.50	8.00-9.00	10.00-11.00
Jan 1	8.50-9.00	7.50-8.00	10.50-11.00	9.00-9.50	-6.50	8.00-8.50	10.00-10.50
8	8.50-9.00	7.50-8.00	10.50-11.00	9.00-9.50	-6.50	-8.00	-10.00
15	8.50-9.00	7.50-8.00	10.50-11.00	9.00-9.50	-6.50	7.50-8.00	9.50-10.00
22	-8.50	-7.50	-10.50	-9.00	--	7.00-8.00	9.50-10.00
29	-8.50	-7.50	-10.50	-9.00	--	7.00-8.00	9.50-10.00
Feb 5	-8.50	-7.50	-10.50	-9.00	--	7.00-7.50	9.00-9.50
12	-8.50	-7.50	-10.50	-9.00	--	6.00-7.00	8.50-9.00
19	-8.50	-7.50	-10.50	-9.00	--	6.00-6.50	8.50-9.00
26	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	10.00-10.50	8.50-9.00	--	-6.50	-8.50
Mar 4	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	10.00-10.50	8.50-9.00	--	-6.50	-8.50
11	-8.00	-7.00	-10.00	-8.50	--	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00
18	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	9.50-10.00	8.00-8.50	--	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00
25	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	9.50-10.00	8.00-8.50	--	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00
Apr 1	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	9.50-10.00	8.00-8.50	--	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00
8	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	9.50-10.00	8.00-8.50	--	6.00-6.50	8.00-8.50
15	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	9.50-10.00	8.00-8.50	--	-6.00	-8.00
22	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00	9.50-10.00	8.00-8.50	--	-6.00	-8.00
29	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	9.00-10.00	7.50-8.50	--	5.50-6.00	-8.00

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UPPER VALLEY, TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT IDAHO

	Bld 5 10-lb mshsks Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb mshsks Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	100 lb sks Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S. One 2" or 4-oz Non sz A 40% 5-oz min	50 lb sks Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S., Two 6 oz min	50 lb sks Per CWT Russet Burbanks U.S., Two 10 oz min
May 6	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	9.00-10.00	7.50-8.50	--	5.00-6.00	-8.00
13	-7.00	-6.00	-9.00	-7.50	--	5.00-6.00	-8.00
20	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	--	5.00-6.00	-8.00
27	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	--	5.00-6.00	-8.00
Jun 3	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	--	5.00-6.00	7.50-8.00
10	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	--	5.00-5.50	7.00-8.00
17	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	--	5.00-5.50	7.00-7.50
24	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	--	-5.00	-7.00
Jul 1	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	--	-5.00	-7.00
8	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	--	5.00-5.50	7.00-7.50
15	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50	--	5.00-6.00	7.00-8.00
22	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	8.00-8.50	6.50-7.00	--	6.00-6.50	8.00-8.50
29	-6.00	-5.00	-8.00	-6.50	--	6.50-7.00	8.50-9.00
Aug 5	-6.00	-5.00	-8.00	-6.50	--	-7.00	-9.00
12	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	8.00-9.00	6.50-7.50	--	7.00-8.00	9.00-10.00

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UPPER VALLEY, TWIN FALLS-BURLEY DISTRICT IDAHO

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1999							
Oct 2	--	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	9.00-10.00	-13.00
9	--	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	9.00-10.00	-13.00
16	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	-13.00
23	-16.00	-16.00	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	10.00-11.00	-14.00
30	-17.00	-17.00	-17.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-15.00
Nov 6	-17.00	-17.00	-17.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	14.00-16.00
13	16.00-17.00	16.00-17.00	16.00-17.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-12.00	14.00-16.00
20	15.00-17.00	15.00-17.00	15.00-17.00	13.00-15.00	11.00-13.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-14.00
27	-15.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-13.00
Dec 4	-15.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-13.00
11	-15.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-13.00
18	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	12.00-13.00
25	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-13.00
Jan 1	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	12.50-13.00
8	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	12.00-12.50	-11.00	-10.00	12.00-13.00
15	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	12.00-12.50	-11.00	-10.00	12.00-13.00
22	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	12.00-12.50	-11.00	-10.00	12.00-13.00
29	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	12.00-12.50	-11.00	-10.00	12.00-13.00
Feb 5	-14.00	-14.00	-14.00	-12.00	-11.00	-10.00	12.00-13.00
12	-14.00	-14.00	-14.00	-12.00	-11.00	-10.00	12.00-12.50
19	13.50-14.00	13.50-14.00	13.50-14.00	-12.00	10.50-11.00	-10.00	-12.00
26	13.50-14.00	13.50-14.00	13.50-14.00	-12.00	-11.00	-10.00	-12.00
Mar 4	14.00-14.50	14.00-14.50	14.00-15.00	12.00-12.50	-11.00	-10.00	12.00-13.00
11	14.50-15.00	14.50-15.00	14.50-15.00	12.00-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	12.50-13.00
18	-15.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-13.00
25	-15.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-13.00
Apr 1	-15.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-13.00
8	-15.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-13.00
15	-15.00	-15.00	-15.00	-13.00	-11.00	-10.00	-13.00
22	15.50-16.00	15.50-16.00	15.50-16.00	13.00-13.50	-11.00	-10.00	13.00-14.00
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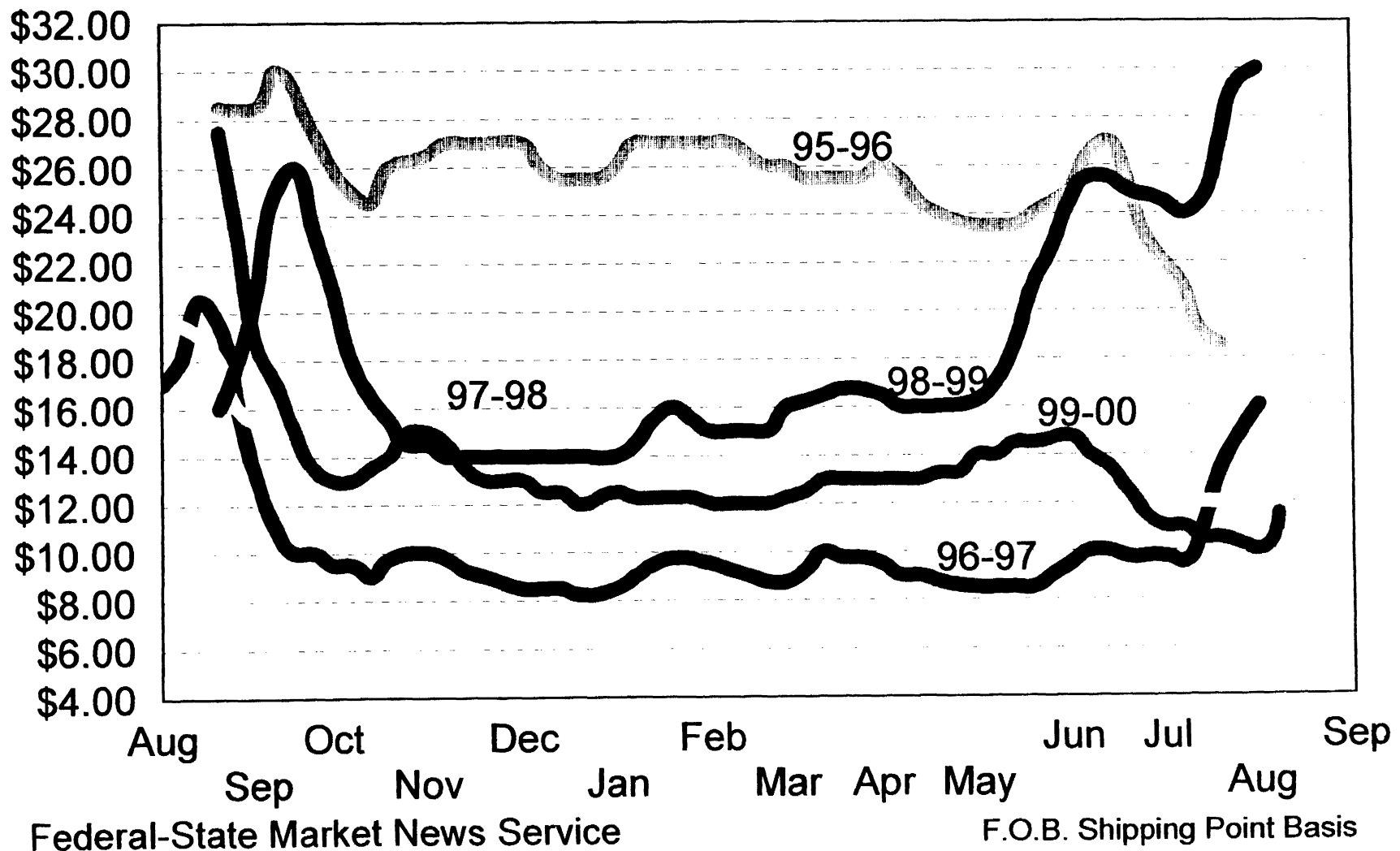
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May 6	-17.00	-17.00	-17.00	-14.00	11.50-12.00	10.00-11.00	14.00-15.00
13	17.00-18.50	17.00-18.50	17.00-18.50	-14.00	-12.00	-11.00	-15.00
20	18.00-18.50	18.00-18.50	18.00-18.50	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	-11.00	15.00-16.00
27	18.00-19.00	18.00-19.00	18.00-19.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	-11.00	15.00-16.00
Jun 3	-19.00	-19.00	-19.00	14.50-15.00	12.00-13.00	-11.00	-16.00
10	17.00-19.00	17.00-19.00	17.00-19.00	13.00-15.00	11.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	15.00-17.00
17	16.00-18.00	16.00-18.00	16.00-18.00	13.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-11.00	14.00-16.00
24	14.00-16.00	14.00-16.00	14.00-16.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-9.50	12.00-14.50
Jul 1	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	12.00-13.00
8	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	-12.00
15	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-9.50	8.00-8.50	11.00-12.00
22	11.50-12.50	11.50-12.50	11.50-12.50	10.00-11.00	-9.00	-8.00	11.00-12.00
29	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-10.50	-9.00	-8.00	11.00-12.00
Aug 5	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	-10.00	-9.00	-8.00	11.00-12.00
12	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	12.00-13.00

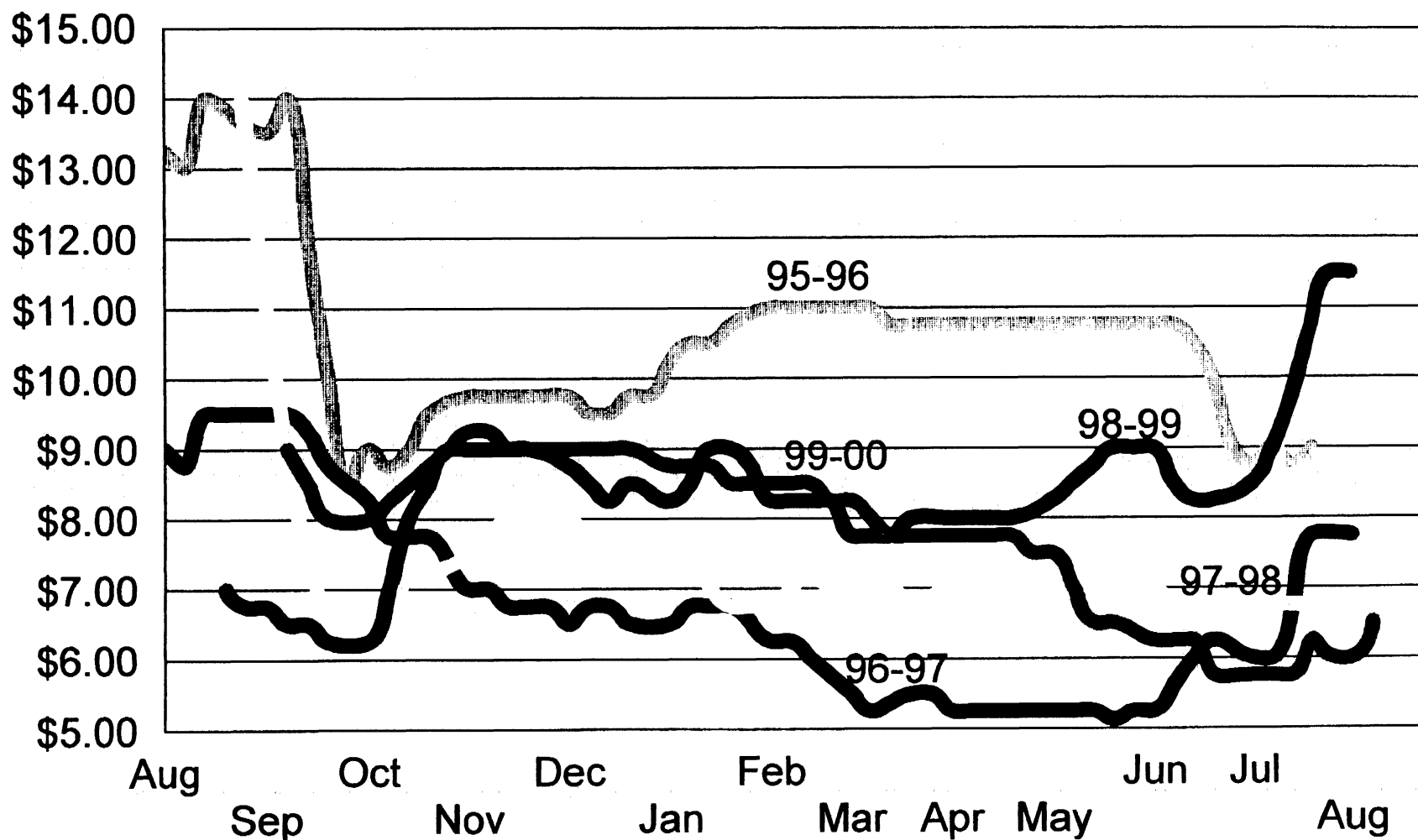
Prices Idaho Russet Potatoes

50 lb cartons, 80 count, U.S. #1 Per cwt



Prices Idaho Russet Potatoes

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



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F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

WEEKLY PRICE RANGE IDAHO POTATOES PAID BY PROCESSORS – 1999-00

*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.*

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OPEN MARKET PRICES PAID BY PROCESSORS:

PERIOD ENDING	TRADING	TO GROWERS				TO SHIPPERS WASHED PROCESSING (DEHYDRATION) QUALITY*
		FRESH PACK QUALITY	FRENCH FRY QUALITY	DIRECT TO DEHYDRATION QUALITY		
				FIELD/STORAGE RUN	DRY ELIMINATORS	
1999						
Sep 13	Fairly Active	--	4.75-5.00 <u>1/</u>	4.50	2.75	--
20	Moderate	5.00-5.25	4.75-5.00	--	2.50 <u>2/</u>	--
27	Active	--	4.75 <u>3/ 4/</u>	--	2.50	2.50 <u>4/</u>
Oct 4	Active	5.00	4.75 <u>3/</u>	2.50	2.50	2.50
12	Active	5.25	5.50	3.00 <u>3/</u>	3.20	2.50 <u>A/</u>
18	Slow	--	5.50	4.00 <u>3/</u>	3.00	2.50 <u>A/</u>
25	Fairly Slow	--	5.50	--	2.50-3.00	2.50 <u>A/</u>
Nov 1	Slow	--	5.25	--	--	2.50-3.00 <u>A/</u>
8	Fairly Slow	5.50-6.00	--	4.00-4.50	--	3.00 <u>B/</u>
15	Inactive	--	--	5.00	--	3.00 <u>C/</u>
22	Fairly Slow	--	5.25	5.25	--	3.00 <u>C/</u>
29	Fairly Slow	--	--	5.00	--	3.00 <u>C/</u>
Dec 6	Fairly Slow	6.00	--	--	--	3.00 <u>C/</u>
13	Slow	6.00	5.25	--	4.00	3.00 <u>C/</u>
20	Fairly Slow	--	--	5.50	--	3.00 <u>C/</u>
27	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--
2000						
Jan 3	Moderate	--	6.00	5.00	--	3.00 <u>C/</u>
10	Fairly Slow	6.00	--	5.00	--	3.00 <u>C/</u>
18	Slow	5.00-5.50	--	4.00 <u>3/</u>	--	3.00 <u>D/</u>
24	Fairly Slow	--	--	4.75-5.25 <u>3/</u>	--	3.00 <u>D/</u>
31	Slow	--	5.25	4.50-5.00	--	3.00 <u>D/</u>
Feb 7	Very Slow	--	--	5.00 <u>3/</u>	--	3.00 <u>D/</u>
14	Very Slow	--	--	4.00 <u>3/</u>	--	3.00 <u>D/</u>
22	Fairly Slow	--	5.50	4.00	--	3.00 <u>A/</u>
28	Slow	5.00 <u>6/</u>	4.50-5.25	4.00	--	3.00 <u>A/</u>
Mar 6	Slow	--	4.75	4.00	--	3.00 <u>A/</u>
13	Very Slow	--	--	3.50-3.75	--	3.00 <u>A/</u>
20	Active	--	<u>7/</u>	3.50	--	3.00 <u>A/</u>
27	Moderate	--	5.00-5.45	4.00	--	3.00 <u>A/</u>
Apr 3	Moderate	--	5.50-6.00	--	--	3.00 <u>A/</u>
10	Active	5.00	5.50-6.00	4.00 <u>3/</u>	--	3.00 <u>A/</u>
17	Active	--	5.45-6.00	3.25 <u>8/</u>	--	3.00
24	Moderate	--	5.75	--	--	3.00
May 1	Fairly Slow	--	5.75	2.00	--	3.00
8	Slow	--	--	3.25 <u>3/</u>	--	2.50
15	Slow	--	5.75	--	--	2.50
22	Fairly Active	--	5.75	--	--	2.50
30	Moderate	--	5.00	--	--	2.50
June 5	Fairly Slow	--	5.00-5.50	2.00 <u>9/</u>	--	2.50
12	Inactive	--	--	--	--	2.00
19	Moderate	3.00 <u>6/</u>	5.00	2.00	--	2.00
26	Inactive	--	--	--	--	1.50-2.00
July 3	Fairly Slow	--	3.50	--	--	1.50
10	Slow	--	--	1.75	--	1.50
17	Fairly Slow	2.00	2.40-3.00	--	--	1.50
26	Fairly Slow	--	3.00	1.75 <u>3/</u>	--	1.50
31	Inactive	--	--	--	--	1.50
Aug 7	Slow	--	--	--	--	1.50
14	Inactive	--	--	--	--	--
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1/ Expected return based on contract; 2/ Russet Norkotahs 2.25 3/ Delivered; 4/ Russet Norkotah 2.00 5/ Buying at out-weight storage contract and terms; 6/ Floor price; 7/ Preseason contract price, some include shrink/storage; 8/Russet Norkotahs; 9/Round Whites

A/\$4.00 for each percent U.S. No. 1 non-size A over 5%; B/\$4.00-4.50 for each percent U.S. No. 1 non-size A over 5%; C/\$4.50 for each percent U.S. No. 1 non-size A over 5%; D/\$5.25 for each percent U.S. No. 1 non-size A over 5%

NOTE: Open-market sales of washed Processing Grade & "dry eliminator" potatoes have declined as contracts have increased compared to former years. This makes open-market sales less reliable as an indicator of value when prices for contract supplies are not transparent.

WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES OF IDAHO POTATOES 1999-00 SEASON
(Mostly Russet Burbanks)

WEEKLY (Monday's)	BOSTON	CHICAGO			NEW YORK	
	50 lb Cartons	50 lb Cartons		5/10 lb	50 lb Cartons	
	70s	80s	90s	Sacks	70s	80s
1999						
Aug 23	21.00	19.50-20.00	17.00-17.50	--	22.00-23.00	21.00-22.00
30						
Sep *7	16.00	13.00	12.00	--	16.00-19.00	15.00-18.00
13	14.00-15.00	13.00	12.00	--	16.00-16.50	15.00-16.00
20	14.00	11.50-12.00	10.50-11.00	--	14.00-15.00	13.00
27						
Oct 4	12.00-12.50	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	--	12.00-14.00	10.00-11.00
*12	12.50	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	--	11.00-13.00	11.00-12.00
18	12.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	--	10.00-12.00	10.00
25	12.00	10.00-10.50	9.00-9.50	--	11.00	10.00
Nov 1	12.50-13.00	11.00	10.00	--	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
8	12.50	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	--	12.00	10.00-11.00
15	11.50-13.00	11.00-12.00	10.00	--	13.00	11.50-12.00
22	12.50	10.50-11.50	9.50-10.00	--	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
29	13.00	10.50-11.50	9.50-10.00	--	11.00-12.00	11.00
Dec 6	12.00	10.50-11.50	9.50-10.00	--	13.00-14.00	12.00
13	12.50	10.00-10.50	9.00-9.50	--	13.00-14.00	12.00
20	12.00	10.00-10.50	9.00-9.50	--	12.00	10.00-11.00
27	12.00-12.50	10.00-10.50	9.00-9.50	--	12.00	10.00-11.00
2000						
Jan 3	12.00	10.00-10.50	9.00-9.50	--	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
10	12.00	10.00-10.50	9.00-9.50	--	13.00	12.00
*18	11.50-12.00	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	--	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00
24	11.50	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	--	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.50
31	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	9.00-10.00	--	10.00-11.00	10.00
Feb 7	11.50	10.00	9.00	--	13.00	12.00
14	11.00	10.00	9.00	--	10.50-12.00	10.00
22*	11.00	9.50-10.00	9.00	--	10.50-11.00	10.00
28	11.00-11.50	9.50-10.00	9.00-9.50	--	11.00	10.00
Mar 6	11.00-11.50	9.50-10.00	9.00-9.50	--	12.00-13.00	11.50-12.00
13	11.50-12.00	9.50-10.00	9.00-9.50	--	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
20	12.00	9.50-10.00	9.00-9.50	--	12.00-13.00	12.00
27	11.50-12.00	10.00	9.00-9.50	--	11.00-13.00	11.00-12.00
Apr 3	12.00	10.00	9.00-9.50	--	11.00-13.00	11.00-12.00
10	12.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-9.50	--	11.00-13.00	11.00-12.00
17	11.50-12.00	10.00-11.00	9.50-10.00	--	11.00-13.00	12.00
24	12.00-12.50	10.00-11.00	9.00-9.50	--	Unavailable	Unavailable
May 1	12.50-13.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-9.50	--	11.00	10.00-11.00
8	12.50	10.50-11.00	9.50-10.00	--	12.50-13.00	12.00
15	12.50	10.50-11.00	9.50-10.00	--	13.00	12.00
22	12.50-13.00	11.00-11.50	9.50-10.00	--	12.00-12.50	11.00
*30	14.00	11.00-11.50	9.50-10.00	--	13.50-14.00	12.00
Jun 5	14.50	11.00-11.50	9.50-10.00	--	14.00	11.50-12.50
12	14.00-14.50	11.00-11.50	10.00	--	13.00-14.00	12.00
19	14.00	11.00-11.50	10.00	--	11.00-13.00	10.00-11.00
26	13.00	11.00-11.50	10.00	--	13.00-14.00	12.00
Jul 3*	--	--	--	--	--	--
10	11.00-11.50	10.00	9.00	--	9.00-11.00	9.00-10.00
17	11.00-11.50	10.00	9.00	--	12.00-14.00	11.00-12.00

*Tuesday price because Monday was Holiday.

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS – IDAHO POTATOES – 1999 CROP

1,000 CWT

Week Ending	Rail	Truck	Weekly Total	Season Total To Date
<u>1999</u>				
Aug 7	0	7	7	7
14	0	48	48	55
21	1	116	117	172
28	19	222	241	413
Sep 4	53	335	388	801
11	71	408	479	1,280
18	122	450	572	1,852
25	137	462	599	2,451
Oct 2	154	396	550	3,001
9	165	584	749	3,750
16	171	548	719	4,469
23	192	516	708	5,177
30	229	493	722	5,899
Nov 6	270	425	695	6,594
13	236	514	750	7,344
20	212	610	822	8,166
27	165	417	582	8,748
Dec 4	296	446	742	9,490
11	243	477	720	10,210
18	192	500	692	10,902
25	189	361	550	11,452
<u>2000</u>				
Jan 1	172	301	473	11,925
8	245	463	708	12,633
15	211	570	781	13,414
22	133	457	590	13,004
29	172	446	618	14,622
Feb 5	167	587	754	15,376
12	206	452	658	16,034
19	149	469	618	16,652
26	170	520	690	17,342

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS – IDAHO POTATOES – 1999 CROP
1,000 CWT
(Continued)

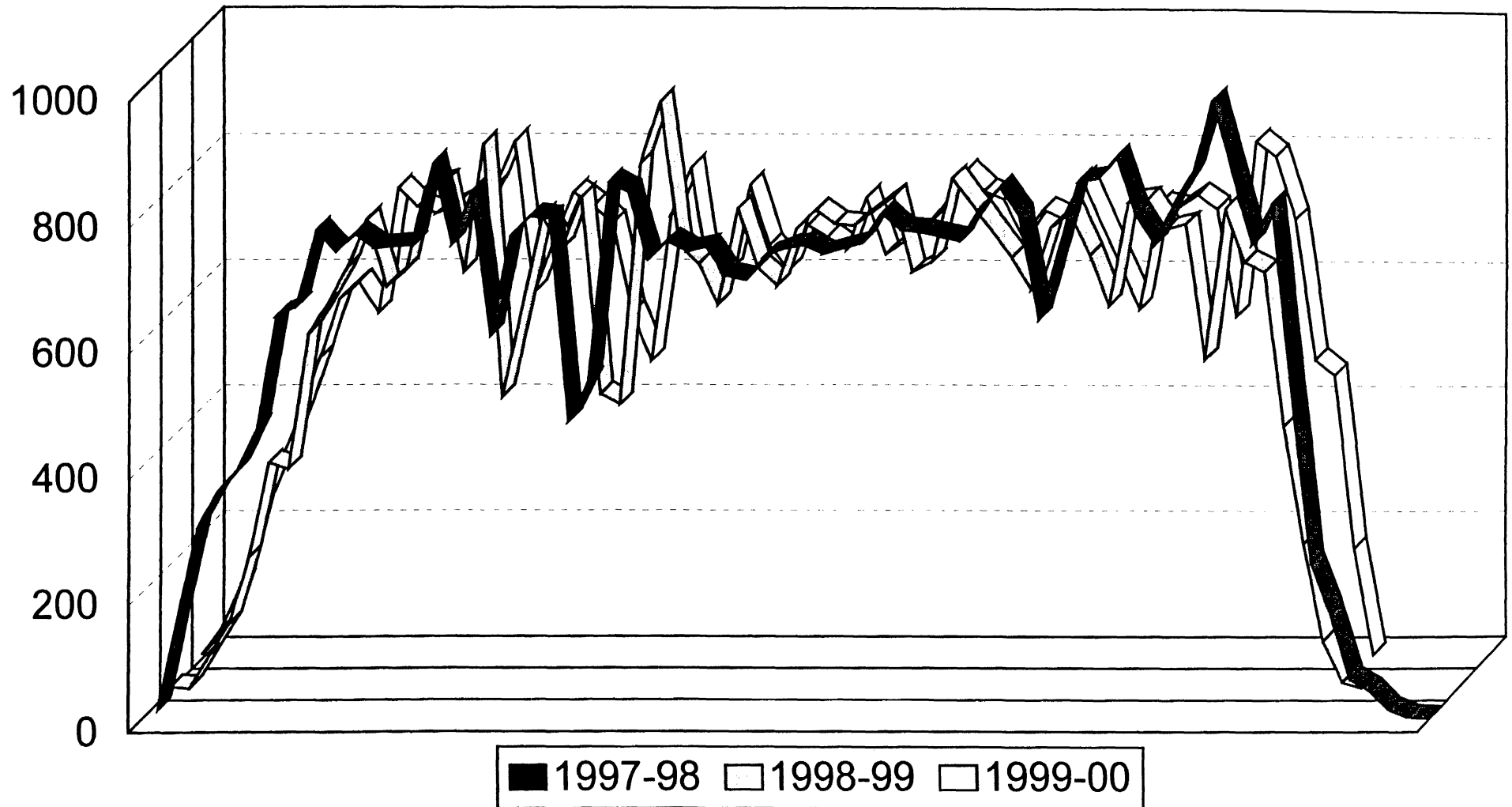
Week Ending	Rail	Truck	Weekly Total	Season Total To Date
Mar 4	165	506	671	18,013
11	187	464	651	18,664
18	172	562	734	19,398
25	165	479	644	20,042
Apr 1	187	498	685	20,727
8	199	524	723	21,450
15	184	591	775	22,225
22	172	573	745	22,970
29	170	562	732	23,702
May 6	174	496	670	24,372
13	143	573	716	25,088
20	175	527	702	25,790
27	192	571	763	26,553
Jun 3	138	419	557	27,110
10	193	532	725	27,835
17	198	521	719	28,554
24	165	575	740	29,294
Jul 1	199	519	718	30,012
8	128	418	546	30,558
15	214	612	826	31,384
22	196	606	802	32,186
29	155	547	702	32,888
Aug 5	113	364	477	33,365
12	86	366	452	33,817
19	28	147	175	33,992
26	0	13	13	34,005
Sep 2	0	6	6	34,011
TOTAL	8,840	25,171	34,011	

Note: August Rail and Truck Shipments are preliminary.

IDAHO POTATOES

Weekly Shipments

1997, 1998, 1999



WEEKLY SHIPMENTS – IDAHO POTATOES – 1998 CROP (REVISED)

1,000 CWT

Week Ending	Rail	Truck	Weekly Total	Season Total To Date
<u>1998</u>				
Aug 1	0	6	6	6
8	0	4	4	9
15	4	52	56	65
22	1	105	106	171
29	35	177	211	383
Sep 5	55	305	361	743
12	36	315	351	1,095
19	83	483	566	1,660
26	138	477	615	2,275
Oct 3	157	516	673	2,948
10	137	611	748	3,696
17	163	478	641	4,337
24	191	477	668	5,005
31	286	515	800	5,805
Nov 7	325	482	807	6,613
14	234	431	665	7,278
21	180	688	868	8,145
28	142	323	465	8,610
Dec 5	277	475	753	9,362
12	220	481	701	10,063
19	206	578	784	10,847
26	90	380	470	11,318
<u>1999</u>				
Jan 2	125	328	453	11,771
9	282	555	837	12,608
16	272	663	936	13,543
23	221	486	707	14,250
30	203	476	678	14,929
Feb 6	161	452	613	15,541
13	142	626	767	16,309
20	136	537	672	16,981
27	161	483	643	17,624

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS – IDAHO POTATOES – 1998 CROP
1,000 CWT
(Continued)

Week Ending	Rail	Truck	Weekly Total	Season Total To Date
Mar 6	204	530	734	18,358
13	204	560	764	19,122
20	182	560	742	19,864
27	156	583	739	20,604
Apr 3	125	661	786	21,389
10	155	510	665	22,054
17	146	536	682	22,736
24	164	651	815	23,551
May 1	125	564	689	24,240
8	136	501	637	24,877
15	172	565	737	25,614
22	166	594	759	26,373
29	149	544	693	27,065
Jun 5	104	508	612	27,677
12	179	599	778	28,455
19	158	623	782	29,237
26	140	594	735	29,971
Jul 3	132	611	743	30,714
10	89	438	526	31,241
17	144	624	768	32,008
24	94	589	683	32,691
31	77	591	667	33,359
Aug 7	53	367	420	33,779
14	11	222	233	34,011
21	5	73	78	34,089
28	0	13	13	34,102
Sep 4	0	4	4	34,106
TOTAL	7,930	26,176	34,106	

MONTHLY IDAHO POTATO SHIPMENTS – 1999 CROP				
	1,000 CWT			
	RAIL & PIGGYBACK	TRUCK	MONTHLY TOTAL	TOTAL TO DATE
1999				
AUGUST	29	527	556	556
SEPTEMBER	465	1,902	2,367	2,923
OCTOBER	820	2,156	2,976	5,899
NOVEMBER	943	2,144	3,087	8,986
DECEMBER	1,032	1,907	2,939	11,925
2000				
JANUARY	766	2,100	2,866	14,791
FEBRUARY	718	2,131	2,849	17,640
MARCH	814	2,238	3,052	20,692
APRIL	756	2,254	3,010	23,702
MAY	718	2,346	3,064	26,766
JUNE	831	2,363	3,194	29,960
JULY	733	2,382	3,115	33,075
AUGUST 1/	215	721	936	34,011
TOTAL	8,840	25,171	34,011	

1/ Preliminary

MONTHLY IDAHO POTATO SHIPMENTS – 1998 CROP REVISED				
	1,000 CWT			
	RAIL & PIGGYBACK	TRUCK	MONTHLY TOTAL	TOTAL TO DATE
1998				
JULY	0	5	5	5
AUGUST	43	420	463	469
SEPTEMBER	379	1,809	2,188	2,657
OCTOBER	863	2,286	3,149	5,805
NOVEMBER	894	2,074	2,968	8,773
DECEMBER	895	2,050	2,945	11,718
1999				
JANUARY	988	2,223	3,210	14,929
FEBRUARY	604	2,097	2,701	17,629
MARCH	800	2,696	3,497	21,126
APRIL	641	2,421	3,062	24,188
MAY	637	2,290	2,928	27,116
JUNE	634	2,667	3,300	30,416
JULY	484	2,459	2,943	33,359
AUGUST	68	679	747	34,106
TOTAL	7,930	26,176	34,106	

WEEKLY POTATO SHIPMENTS FOR MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON – 1999 CROP				
WEEK ENDING	RAIL	TRUCK	WEEKLY TOTAL	TOTAL TO DATE
	1,000 CWT			
Aug 19	0	13	13	13
26	0	9	9	22
Sep 2	1	13	14	36
TOTAL	1	35	36	

Totals may not add exactly due to conversion from 100 cwt units.

IDAHO CHIPPER POTATO SHIPMENTS – 1999 CROP 1,000 cwt					
1999			2000		
WEEK ENDING	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE	WEEK ENDING	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE
Aug 21	5	5	Jan 1	47	663
28	20	25	8	53	716
			15	49	765
			22	45	810
			29	55	865
Sep 4	37	62	Feb 5	36	901
11	35	97	12	45	946
18	28	125	19	67	1,013
25	0	125	26	75	1,088
Oct 2	0	125	Mar 4	55	1,143
9	1	126	11	74	1,217
16	15	141	18	77	1,294
23	22	163	25	72	1,366
30	17	180			
Nov 6	53	233	Apr 1	96	1,462
13	36	269	8	53	1,515
20	72	341	15	11	1,526
27	53	394	22	11	1,537
			29	5	1,542
Dec 4	58	452	May 6	2	1,544
11	52	504			
18	65	569			
25	47	616			
			TOTAL	1,544	

Shipments of Chipper Potatoes - (Idaho & U.S.) – By Months 1,000 cwt										
	1999					2000				
	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
IDAHO	25	63	55	214	222	249	223	278	176	2
U.S.	1,999	2,357	3,413	3,409	3,383	3,556	3,115	3,657	4,398	4,571

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

1993-99

Crop Year	IDAHO, ALL				UNITED STATES			
	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 <u>2/</u>	410	408	338	138,000	1,235.1	1,214.0	356	434,368
1999 <u>1/</u>	395	393	339	133,330	1,203.0	1,166.1	369	429,847

1/ Preliminary 2/ Revised

Source: 1993-99 revised by "Field Crops Final Estimates 1993-99"

Crop Production 1999 Summary – January 2000 – Agriculture Statistics Board, NASS, USDA

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

STATE	1999 CROP			2000 <u>1/</u>	STATE	1999 CROP			2000 <u>1/</u>
	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	200	135	68	100	New York	1,100	1,122	102	1,100
California	1,350	1,278	95	1,000	N. Dakota	22,677	20,737	91	20,963
Colorado	14,833	14,094	95	16,831	Oregon	2,594	2,232	86	2,100
IDAHO	43,500	43,424	100	50,500	Pennsylvania	156	245	157	245
Maine	16,062	16,541	103	14,636	S. Dakota	1,400	893	64	958
Michigan <u>2/</u>	2,600	2,486	96	2,600	Utah	60	60	100	62
Minnesota	13,400	10,323	77	11,000	Washington	2,250	2,309	103	2,300
Montana	10,200	10,042	98	11,777	Wisconsin	10,500	10,509	100	10,500
Nebraska	7,250	6,588	91	5,000	TOTAL	150,132	143,018	95	151,672

1/ Data supplied by State seed certification officials. 2/ 2000 data not available. Estimates carried forward last year.

Source: Crop Production - July 12, 2000 – USDA, NASS

AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICES RECEIVED BY IDAHO FARMERS FOR POTATOES \$ Per cwt.			
	Fresh	Processing	All Uses <u>1/</u>
<u>1999</u>			
July	7.20	5.50	5.95
August	7.80	5.00	5.90
September	4.90	4.80	4.85
October	4.70	4.70	4.70
November	5.10	4.80	4.90
December	5.00	4.80	4.80
<u>2000</u>			
January	5.00	5.00	4.95
February	4.60	5.00	4.80
March	4.60	5.00	5.15
April	4.30	5.00	5.45
May	4.10	5.20	5.60
June	3.70	5.40	4.65

1/ Average monthly price of potatoes sold for uses, including fresh market, processing, seed and livestock feed.

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 <u>1/</u>	4.90	5.05	4.85

Source: "Agricultural Prices" February, 2000

1/ Preliminary. 1999 final "All" data will be published in the September, 2000 Potatoes Summary; Final Fresh & Processing data will be published in "Agricultural Prices" February, 2001

PROCESSING

1,000 cwt

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, ^{1/} EIGHT STATES, 1997-99

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 All Potatoes	1997-98	10,230	18,760	26,880	33,950	41,050	49,470	57,620	65,750	74,730	91,450
	1998-99	10,410	19,190	27,510	34,700	42,670	51,210	60,040	68,550	76,410	92,860
	1999-00	11,620	20,310	27,970	34,990	40,790	49,220	57,820	66,080	74,110	
IDAHO Potatoes	1997-98	6,830	14,010	21,480	27,950	34,490	42,640	50,620	57,970	66,150	82,620
	1998-99	6,990	14,660	22,730	29,390	37,090	45,110	53,150	60,980	67,970	83,390
	1999-00	7,210	14,500	21,820	27,900	33,640	41,590	49,850	57,450	64,990	
Maine ^{2/}	1997-98			1,250	1,720	2,265	2,735	3,355	3,900		5,870
	1998-99			1,430	1,935	2,530	2,985	3,595	4,180	4,705	5,945
	1999-00			1,375	1,670	2,310	2,995	3,640	4,340	4,950	
Wash. & Other Areas, Oregon	1997-98	14,020	21,540	28,580	33,990	38,690	46,400	53,720	59,780		76,930
	1998-99	18,610	26,700	33,630	38,890	45,650	53,290	60,930	67,180	74,190	83,730
	1999-00	19,040	26,820	33,440	39,620	45,500	53,350	61,080	67,230	74,840	
Other States ^{3/}	1997-98			11,645	13,960	17,115	19,905	23,515	26,365		37,842
	1998-99			11,615	14,550	18,150	20,900	24,710	27,855	31,635	37,662
	1999-00			11,785	14,495	17,295	19,970	23,480	25,670	29,320	
TOTAL (8 STATES)	1997-98			68,355	83,620	99,120	118,510	138,210	155,795		212,092
	1998-99			74,185	90,075	109,000	128,385	149,275	167,765	186,940	202,197
	1999-00			74,570	90,275	105,895	125,535	146,020	163,320	183,220	

1/Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Does not include quantities used for potato chips in Maine, Mich., Minn., N. Dak. or Wis. 2/Includes Maine grower potatoes only. 3/Mich., Minn., N. Dak. and Wis.

Source: Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA - "Idaho Potatoes" June 14, 2000

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1994-99 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 <u>2/</u>
IDAHO								
1994	138,801	100,500	89,500	78,000	68,000	55,000	39,500	
1995	132,657	96,000	85,000	73,500	62,500	49,500	36,000	
1996	142,800	102,000	92,000	82,000	70,000	56,000	41,000	
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500	
1998 <u>2/</u>	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
1999 <u>1/</u>	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000	21,000
15 STATES								
1994	410,839	273,290	238,560	202,470	169,570	129,825	87,600	
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,585	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998 <u>2/</u>	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999 <u>1/</u>	420,567	274,370	238,160	205,780	170,050	127,570	85,670	46,670

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Revised

Source: Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA - "Idaho Potatoes" June 14, 2000

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF PROCESSED POTATOES

1,000 lbs.

End of Month.

	1999 1/ JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
French Fries	900,347	928,193	1,002,245	1,073,381	1,019,535	945,637
Other Frozen	241,931	241,619	233,301	234,450	234,996	219,752
TOTAL FROZEN	1,142,278	1,169,812	1,235,546	1,307,831	1,254,531	1,165,389
	2000 2/ JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
French Fries	912,149	1,026,138	1,022,723	967,474	986,652	929,810
Other Frozen	228,065	243,371	270,358	271,744	263,711	256,500
TOTAL FROZEN	1,140,214	1,269,509	1,293,081	1,239,218	1,250,363	1,186,310

1/ Revised 2/ Preliminary – will be updated by Cold Storage Annual Summary released February, 2001

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											
1991	770	787	782	831	830	913	955	670	624	732	843	820
1992	742	756	776	831	818	855	870	728	704	714	822	821
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 1/	948	959	1,005	1,015	977	981	966	900	928	1,002	1,073	1,020
2000	946	1,023	967	987	930							

1/ Revised.

Source: *Cold Storage – 1999 Summary – February 2000 - Agricultural Statistics Board, NASS, USDA*

**POTATOES: TOTAL STOCKS HELD BY GROWERS AND LOCAL DEALERS
FALL STATES, 1998 & 1999 CROPS**

CROP YEAR AND STATE	1998 DEC 1	1999 JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1 <u>3/</u>
	1,000 cwt						
1998 <u>2/</u>							
California	2,800	2,400	2,000	1,600	1,200	900	600
Colorado	19,000	16,500	14,200	12,000	9,300	6,600	2,900
IDAHO	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
Maine	14,100	12,500	10,500	8,450	6,000	3,800	1,900
Michigan	9,100	7,500	5,400	4,100	2,200	800	
Minnesota	13,500	12,000	10,500	8,900	6,700	4,300	2,500
Montana	3,050	2,980	2,850	2,650	1,740	290	<u>1/</u>
Nebraska	4,700	3,900	2,900	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
New York	3,400	2,300	1,500	800	350	75	<u>1/</u>
N. Dakota	20,500	17,500	15,000	12,800	10,500	7,500	4,500
Ohio	260	150	90	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Oregon	20,000	17,500	15,800	13,000	10,500	7,000	4,200
Pennsylvania	2,000	1,500	900	700	420	130	<u>1/</u>
Washington	49,000	43,500	36,500	29,500	21,500	14,500	7,500
Wisconsin	20,000	17,000	14,000	11,000	7,800	4,800	3,000
Other				2,150	1,010	200	170
TOTAL 15 STATES	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270

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

Source: Potatoes 1998 Summary – September 1999

CROP YEAR AND STATE	1999 DEC 1	2000 JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1 <u>3/</u>
	1,000 cwt						
1999 <u>1/</u>							
California	3,200	2,500	2,200	1,800	1,400	1,100	700
Colorado	19,500	17,300	15,100	12,900	10,100	7,400	3,700
IDAHO	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000	21,000
Maine	14,500	13,000	11,300	9,400	7,200	4,400	2,300
Michigan	8,800	7,100	5,800	4,200	2,700	1,300	
Minnesota	10,000	8,500	7,100	6,200	4,700	2,800	1,900
Montana	3,220	3,120	3,000	2,700	1,650	300	
Nebraska	5,300	4,320	3,250				
New York	3,700	2,600	1,500	800	350	40	
N. Dakota	16,500	13,000	10,500	8,300	6,200	3,600	1,500
Ohio	250	120	80				
Oregon	22,800	20,500	18,600	15,900	13,500	9,500	6,000
Pennsylvania	1,600	1,200	850	750	560	450	
Washington	48,000	41,000	35,000	28,000	20,500	14,500	7,000
Wisconsin	21,500	17,900	15,000	11,700	7,300	3,700	2,100
Other	0	0	0	2,400	1,410	580	470
TOTAL 15 STATES	274,870	238,160	205,780	170,050	127,570	85,670	46,670

1/ Preliminary – will be updated by Potatoes Annual Summary released September, 2000.

Source: Idaho Potatoes (Monthly Issues)

**FALL POTATOES: PERCENT OF ACREAGE PLANTED BY TYPE OF POTATOES,
11 MAJOR STATES, 1999-2000**

STATE	Potato Types 1/					
	REDS		WHITES		RUSSETS	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Percent					
Colorado	4	5	4	10	92	85
Idaho			8	6	92	94
Maine	4	4	65	59	31	37
Michigan	3	3	77	82	20	15
Minnesota	24	25	14	13	62	62
New York			100	100		
N. Dakota	18	19	39	37	43	44
Oregon	2	4	14	13	84	83
Pennsylvania			100	100		
Washington	3	2	10	15	87	83
Wisconsin	8	10	29	29	63	61
TOTAL	5	5	23	23	72	72

1/ Predominant type shown may include small portion of other type(s) constituting less than 1% of state's total.

Source: NASS, USDA – July 12, 2000

POTATOES, TABLE SHIPMENTS (1,000 CWT)			
CALENDAR YEAR	IDAHO	US	IDAHO'S % OF US
1979	19,206	102,959	18.7%
1980	18,961	100,793	18.8%
1981	18,095	100,357	18.0%
1982	19,203	101,581	18.9%
1983	22,609	105,279	21.5%
1984	19,204	103,849	18.5%
1985	18,108	100,888	17.9%
1986	19,604	103,448	19.0%
1987	26,628	106,578	25.0%
1988	28,002	109,004	25.7%
1989	29,315	106,035	27.6%
1990	25,567	103,896	24.6%
1991	31,109	112,293	27.7%
1992	33,418	111,546	30.0%
1993	30,929	110,620	28.0%
1994	33,526	114,054	29.4%
1995	34,418	110,871	31.0%
1996	35,097	110,813	31.7%
1997	36,579	115,501	31.7%
1998	39,230	117,245	33.5%
1999	26,160	113,087	23.1%

Prepared by the Federal-State Market News Service,
Data based on USDA, AMS, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable
Shipments, 1979-1999 calendar years

POTATOES: SELECTED U.S. IMPORTS, BY TYPE, 1976-99 1/							
Year	Fresh	Seed	Frozen	Dehydrated 2/	Dried	Flour	Starch
	--- 1,000 pounds ---						
1976	16,400	36,900	--	--	63	112	18,693
1977	80,800	25,600	--	--	75	167	14,191
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

-- = Not available.

1/ Imports of processed potatoes are in product weight as reported by Canada. 2/ Includes flakes and granules.

POTATOES: SELECTED U.S. EXPORTS, BY TYPE, 1976-99 1/							
Year	Fresh 2/	Frozen			Flakes & Granules	Chips 3/	Dried 4/
		Total	Fries	Other			
	—1,000 pounds—						
1976	1361,474	--	--	--	156,361	12,832	44,742
1977	693,379	--	--	--	112,919	16,886	43,604
1978	406,629	53,099	42,025	11,074	68,432	15,461	28,934
1979	414,667	66,654	55,281	11,373	80,985	13,976	26,297
1980	274,631	84,544	73,328	11,216	102,337	13,232	10,175
1981	398,578	102,435	86,711	15,723	58,816	11,474	7,924
1982	305,156	109,719	95,302	14,417	65,634	13,342	8,555
1983	283,237	121,352	106,051	15,302	42,219	9,138	8,433
1984	360,325	140,435	123,134	17,300	42,372	8,599	7,984
1985	329,885	145,828	127,697	18,131	30,739	7,836	9,207
1986	340,607	195,066	171,756	23,310	42,624	8,802	8,978
1987	363,214	246,004	212,982	33,022	48,778	12,408	11,068
1988	421,985	309,109	265,636	43,473	58,829	16,582	12,519
1989	467,876	363,318	319,770	43,548	46,067	20,658	5,838
1990	327,333	421,597	385,884	35,712	41,192	44,222	6,389
1991	341,682	409,779	377,808	31,971	63,800	54,568	10,737
1992	537,939	463,826	429,166	34,659	72,138	84,369	13,505
1993	539,345	527,749	482,543	45,206	57,944	110,252	14,482
1994	655,026	638,062	596,025	42,037	81,368	155,107	8,581
1995	583,938	834,179	778,566	55,613	117,869	135,759	14,416
1996	564,010	857,557	800,473	57,084	85,581	128,758	13,505
1997	670,270	959,435	903,999	55,436	85,432	136,274	17,373
1998	650,917	1,037,775	991,077	46,698	71,755	245,529	15,644
1999	598,574	1,076,636	1,023,884	52,752	264,324	236,405	13,621

-- = Not available.

1/ Exports of processed potatoes in product weight as reported by the Bureau of the Census. 2/ Includes fresh seed. Data for 1978 to 1989 incorporate data on Canadian imports of U.S. Potatoes. 3/ Includes corn chips prior to 1978. 4/ Excludes flour and starch.

Source: Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce. Vegetables and Specialties, USDA, ERS July 2000

POTATOES: U.S. PER CAPITA UTILIZATION, BY CATEGORY, 1976-2000 ^{1/}							
Year	Total	Fresh	Processing				
			Total	Freezing	Chips & Shoestrings	Dehydrating	Canning
	--- Pounds, farm weight ---						
1976	125.2	49.4	75.8	41.8	15.8	16.3	1.9
1977	122.1	50.1	72.0	42.2	16.2	11.4	2.2
1978	119.6	46.0	73.6	42.6	16.6	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	115.1	47.1	68.0	38.6	17.1	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	126.0	48.8	77.2	46.3	18.2	10.9	1.8
1987	126.0	47.9	78.1	47.9	17.6	10.8	1.8
1988	122.4	49.5	72.8	43.3	17.2	10.4	1.9
1989	127.0	50.0	77.0	46.8	17.4	10.8	2.0
1990	124.1	46.8	77.3	46.5	16.4	12.6	1.8
1991	134.5	50.4	84.1	51.2	17.3	13.9	1.7
1992 r	130.6	48.6	82.0	50.1	17.2	12.9	1.8
1993 r	137.7	50.5	87.2	53.9	17.8	13.8	1.7
1994 r	138.3	50.2	88.1	56.3	16.7	13.4	1.7
1995 r	138.8	49.9	88.9	56.9	16.6	13.4	2.0
1996 r	147.2	50.7	96.5	61.1	16.7	16.9	1.8
1997 r	141.4	48.5	92.9	59.3	15.9	15.9	1.8
1998 r	140.9	47.8	93.1	59.7	14.9	16.9	1.6
1999 p	141.9	48.3	93.6	62.5	15.7	13.6	1.8
2000 f	143.8	47.4	96.4	62.8	15.5	16.4	1.7

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

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

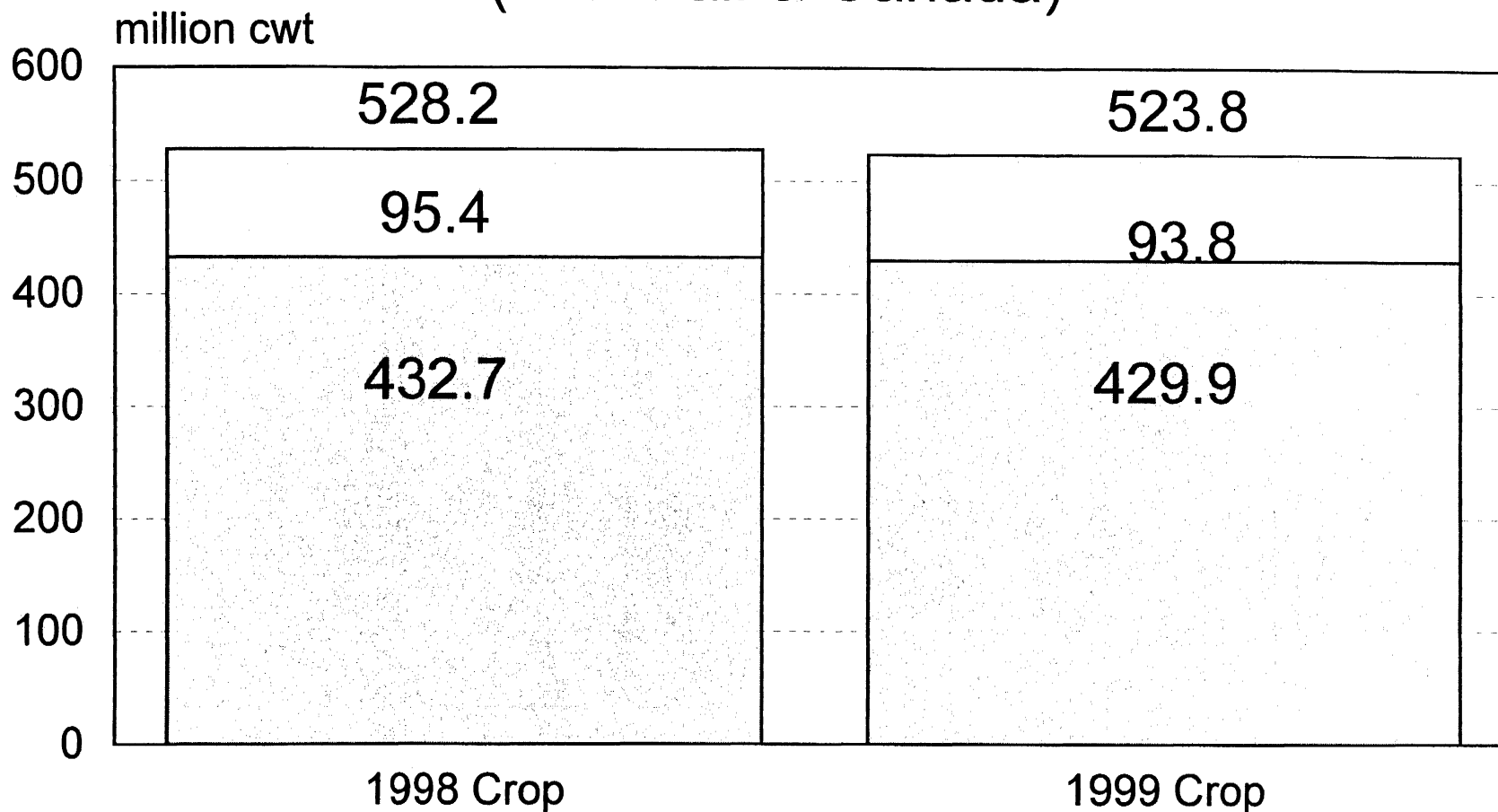
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Vegetables and Specialties, USDA, ERS, July 2000

CANADIAN POTATO PRODUCTION				
	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	Total Production
	Acres	Acres	Cwts/acre	Cwts
1999				
Canada	392,700	384,700	243.7	93,761,000
Nfld	700	500	126.0	63,000
PEI	113,000	110,000	260.0	28,600,000
NS	5,100	4,800	210.0	1,008,000
NB	56,000	55,000	250.0	13,750,000
Que	44,200	43,500	233.1	10,141,000
Ont	43,500	42,500	190.0	8,075,000
Man	71,000	70,000	225.0	15,750,000
Sask	8,000	7,900	250.0	1,975,000
Alta	43,000	42,300	290.0	12,267,000
B.C.	8,200	8,200	260.0	2,132,000

Source: Statistics Canada – July 2000

North American Potato Stocks

(U.S. Fall & Canada)



Source: USDA, NASS & AAFC

U.S. Canada

Last Updated: U.S. 1/12/00 & Canada 7/21/00

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
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		<i>34,011</i>
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
1995	0	292	1,462	3,033	2,998	2,862	3,113	2,765	2,983	3,105	3,272	3,231	3,387	666	0	33,169

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
1999 <u>1/</u>	37.3	10.0	9.5	11.5	15.0	14.0	15.0	21.0	133.3
1998 <u>2/</u>	40.1	10.5	11.5	11.5	14.0	15.0	14.0	23.0	139.7

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

1/ Preliminary – subject to revision September 22, 2000. 2/ Revised.

Source: Derived from Potato Stocks, USDA reports, 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
1999 <u>1/</u>	145.7	36.7	32.4	35.7	42.5	41.9	39.0	46.2	420.6
1998 <u>2/</u>	143.9	34.7	36.6	38.1	41.3	42.5	37.6	50.1	424.9

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

1/ Preliminary – subject to revision September 22, 2000. 2/ Revised.

Source: Derived from Potato Stocks, USDA reports, 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
1999 <u>1/</u>	7,210	7,290	7,320	6,080	5,740	7,950	8,260	7,600	7,540		
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
1994	7,930	5,930	7,340	7,470	7,330	6,900	7,480	7,690	7,620	15,760	81,450

1/ Preliminary.

Source: Derived from Idaho Agricultural Statistics Services Idaho Potatoes reports.

THE TOP TEN IDAHO POTATOES

Fresh Shipping Seasons		
		1,000 cwt
1.	1997 Crop	39,024
2.	1994 Crop	36,670
3.	1996 Crop	35,923
4.	1998 Crop	34,106
5.	1999 Crop	34,011 1/
6.	1995 Crop	33,169
7.	1991 Crop	33,101
8.	1992 Crop	32,933
9.	1990 Crop	30,312
10.	1993 Crop	29,699
(Federal-State Market News Service)		

1/ Preliminary

Maine Potatoes *1999 season*

According to the New England Agricultural Statistics Service, 1999 potato production in Maine was estimated at 17.8 million cwt., a slight decline from the previous season's total of 18.0 million cwt. The December 1 production forecast placed harvested acreage at 62,500 compared to 64,500 the prior year. An estimated 2500 acres was abandoned due to wet conditions during harvest. However, yields improved to 285 cwt. per acre, above the 5-year average of 256 cwt. per acre.

Results from the annual Potato Objective Yield Survey conducted by NASS, again placed the Russet Burbank (for processing) as the leading variety planted in the state, comprising 26 percent of the total acreage, a 3% gain from the 1998 season. Next was the Ontario at 17%, an old Round white table stock variety making a slight comeback with improved characteristics. Closely behind was the Shepody, a long white variety also used primarily for processing, at 15%. The table stock variety Superior dropped another percentage point from the previous season and was only 8% planted, a drop of over 40% from the 1995 season.

Maine fresh potato shipments totaled 3,811,574 hundredweight (through May) for the 1999 season, compared to 4,656,601 cwt. for the same period in 1998, according to the Market News Service. Tablestock export loads were negligible this season, compared to 10,656 cwt. sent last season. The Maine Inspection Department reported processing easement loads sent to Canada were 295,000 cwt. through May, a significant drop from last season's total of 510,928 cwt. for the same time period. Chipping potato volume closely resembled the previous season at 1,944,975 cwt. compared to 1998 final of 1,901,811 cwt. Frito-Lay was the predominate buyer of chip stock in the state and extended the storage shipping season into mid-June, an additional four weeks more than last year. No open market prices were reported during the season, as most supplies were contracted prior to the start of the season. However, a few growers reported that some contract supplies were left unsold at the end of the shipping season, both fry processing and chipstock, after options were released on these supplies late in the season.

Warm, dry spring weather conditions allowed growers to start planting about one week earlier than normal, near May 1. By mid-month, planting progress was well ahead of schedule with 60% of fields finished, compared to the 5-year average of 20%. Most planting was completed by June 1. Warm, dry conditions with occasional showers through July had growers optimistic for a high-quality, high yielding crop. Late blight seemed to be kept in check; however, there was evidence of insect damage, namely the Colorado potato beetle. As fall harvest gained momentum in northern Maine by mid-September, a prolonged stretch of rainy weather settled in. Harvest was slowed to a crawl as farmers were forced to wait for fields to dry out before they could re-enter fields. An estimated 2,500 acres were abandoned due to wet conditions near the end of October.

The marketing season got underway in early October for most growers with fob shipping point prices on U.S. One 2" minimum Round White 10 lb. sacks loose reported at the high for the season of mostly .95 and baled 10 5-lb. film bags mostly \$5.50, according to the Market News Service. The Round white market was slow the entire shipping season, which was the bulk of the Maine shipments. There were some quality and storage concerns early in the marketing season after the wet and cool harvest. Some growers were slow to start packing and momentum was lost early; November and December shipments fell sharply behind the previous season's movement. Fewer holiday promotional sales slowed distribution, although peak movement occurred in December and January. January shipments were 29% below the 1998 season alone. Russet Norkotah pricing remained steady for much of the season. The first fob shipping point prices issued at the end of October reported U.S. One 2" or 4 oz minimum baled 10 5-lb filmbags at mostly \$10.50 per hundredweight, and fluctuated in the \$10.00-10.50 range for the remainder of the season in mid-April. Premium packs of 5-9 ounce Russets brought mostly \$11.50-12.00 cwt. or more during the season. One of the key reasons why the Russet market remained at a standstill during most of the season was the lack of processor buying. This kept fresh market offerings plentiful across the nation, and prices slightly stifled. Shrink and cullage were higher than normal by March due to the wet and cool conditions which beset growers at harvest time. Light shipments were being reported by the Maine Department of Agriculture Inspection Service through June.

Major consumer packages for Maine Round whites were 2-inch minimum loose 10-lb. sacks and baled 10 5-lb filmbags. Some growers with premium chain-store accounts packed 2 1/4" minimum size during the season and were rewarded with higher returns. Some growers continued to pack potatoes in 50 lb. bags or shipped bulk to major cities such as New York and Boston for re-packing to avoid Maine inspection laws and fees. Inspections were not mandatory on these loads. Both Russet Norkotah and Round Whites were primarily sold in baled 5 and 10-lb. film bags for East Coast distribution or sent for repackaging. Some shortages of large size tubers were noted in the late winter and spring time, thus trading was fairly active for 50 lb. bags of large size (Chefs) Round Whites, which were delivered to foodservice buyers along the East Coast.

Maine's potato stocks on hand December 1, 1999 totaled 14.5 million cwt., 3 per cent above 1998's December 1 holdings. Disappearance in the state was reported at 3.3 million cwt. compared to 4 million cwt. the previous year. Storage accounted for 81 per cent of Maine's total production. Round white varieties accounted for 50 per cent, Russets 37 per cent, long whites 10 per cent and 3 per cent were red varieties. The May 1 potato stocks showed Maine holdings were up 16% from one year earlier.

Truck shortages posed critical problems in January and February this season as diesel fuel prices skyrocketed to over 2.00 gallon along the East Coast. This could not have been at a worse time for the industry, as these months are key fresh movement months. Many independent truckers were forced to park their vehicles as they could not afford fuel. With the harvest late and demand for Round whites fairly light all season, transportation shortages affected movement even more. Heavy seed shipments at this

time also competed for available trucks. On a year around basis, trucks to Boston and New York were mostly adequate, except for special holiday or promotional activities. Major destinations for the 1999 crop (through May) were Massachusetts (namely Boston) with approximately 2,048 loads, New York 1,394 loads, Pennsylvania 905 loads, New Jersey 602 loads and Maryland 490 loads, according to the MNS.

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY MAINE
POTATOES - 1999 SEASON**

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS
Prices Represent "Mostly" Price Range
U.S. One

BALED 10 5-LB FILMBAGS
YELLOW TYPE YUKON GOLD
2" MIN

-----50 LB SACKS-----
-----ROUND WHITES-----
SIZE A LARGE

DATE

Nov. 27	-	-	4.25-4.50
Dec. 4	-	-	4.25-4.50
Dec. 11	-	-	-
Dec. 18	6.50-7.00	-	4.00
Dec. 25	6.50-7.00	-	4.00
Jan. 1	6.50-7.00	-	4.00
Jan. 8	6.50-7.00	3.25-3.50	4.00
Jan. 15	6.50-7.00	3.25	4.00
Jan. 22	6.50-7.00	3.25	4.00
Jan. 29	6.50-7.00	3.25	4.00
Feb. 5	6.50-7.00	3.25	4.00
Feb. 12	6.50-7.00	3.25	4.00
Feb. 19	6.50-7.00	3.25	4.00
Feb. 26	6.50-7.00	3.25	4.00
Mar. 4	-	3.25	4.00
Mar. 11	-	3.25	4.00
Mar. 18	-	3.25	4.00-4.25
Mar. 25	-	3.25	4.25
Apr. 1	-	3.25	4.25
Apr. 8	-	3.25	4.00-4.25
Apr. 15	-	3.25	4.25
Apr. 22	-	3.25	4.25
Apr. 29	-	3.25	4.00-4.25
May 6	-	-	4.25-4.50
May 13	-	-	4.25-4.50

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY MAINE
POTATOES - 1999 SEASON**

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS
Prices Represent "Mostly" Price Range

ROUND WHITES - U.S. ONE

DATE	BALED 10 5-LB FILMBAGS 2" MIN	10 LB SACKS LOOSE 2 1/4" MIN	10 LB SACKS LOOSE 2" MIN
Oct. 2	5.50	1.05-1.10	.95
Oct. 9	5.50	1.05-1.10	.95
Oct. 16	5.25-5.50	1.00-1.05	.90-.95
Oct. 23	5.25-5.50	.95-1.05	.85-.95
Oct. 30	5.00-5.25	.95-1.00	.85-.90
Nov. 6	5.00-5.25	.95	.85-.88
Nov. 13	5.00-5.25	.95	.85-.88
Nov. 20	5.00-5.25	.95	.85-.90
Nov. 27	5.00-5.25	.95	.85
Dec. 4	5.00-5.25	.95	.85
Dec. 11	4.75-5.00	.95	.80-.85
Dec. 18	4.75-5.00	.95	.80-.85
Dec. 25	4.75-5.00	.95	.80-.85
Jan. 1	4.75-5.00	.95	.80-.85
Jan. 8	4.75-5.00	.95	.80-.85
Jan. 15	4.75-5.00	.90-.95	.80
Jan. 22	4.25-5.00	.90-.95	.75-.80
Jan. 29	4.25-4.50	.90-.95	.75-.80
Feb. 5	4.25-4.50	.90-.95	.75-.80
Feb. 12	4.25-4.50	.90-.95	.75-.80
Feb. 19	4.25-4.50	.90-.95	.75-.80
Feb. 26	4.25-4.50	.90-.95	.75-.80
Mar. 4	4.25	.90-.95	.70-.75
Mar. 11	4.25	.90-.95	.70-.75
Mar. 18	4.25	.85-.90	.70-.75
Mar. 25	4.25	.85-.90	.70-.75
Apr. 1	4.25	.85-.90	.70-.75
Apr. 8	4.25	.85-.90	.70-.75
Apr. 15	4.25	.85-.90	.70-.75
Apr. 22	4.25	.85-.90	.70-.75
Apr. 29	4.25-5.00	.85-1.00	.70-.80
May 6	5.00-5.50	.95	.80-.85
May 13	5.00-5.50	.95	.80-.85

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY MAINE
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DATE	BALED 5 10-LB FILMBAGS	BALED 10 5-LB FILMBAGS		ROUND WHITE
	RUSSET NORKOTAH - PER CWT	2" OR 4 OZ MIN	5-9 OZ	2 1/4" MIN
Oct. 2	-	-	-	6.00
Oct. 9	-	-	-	6.00
Oct. 16	-	-	-	5.75-6.00
Oct. 23	-	-	-	5.75-6.00
Oct. 30	9.50	10.50	-	5.50-5.75
Nov. 6	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	-	5.50-5.75
Nov. 13	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	5.50-5.75
Nov. 20	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	5.50-5.75
Nov. 27	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	5.50-5.75
Dec. 4	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	5.50-5.75
Dec. 11	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	5.50
Dec. 18	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	5.50
Dec. 25	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	5.50
Jan. 1	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	5.50
Jan. 8	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	5.50
Jan. 15	9.50	10.50	11.50-12.00	5.25-5.50
Jan. 22	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	5.25-5.50
Jan. 29	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	-	5.25-5.50
Feb. 5	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	-	5.25-5.50
Feb. 12	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	-	5.25-5.50
Feb. 19	9.50	10.50	-	5.25-5.50
Feb. 26	9.50	10.50	-	5.25-5.50
Mar. 4	9.50	10.50	-	5.25
Mar. 11	9.00-9.50	10.50	-	5.25
Mar. 18	9.00-9.50	10.50	-	5.25-5.50
Mar. 25	9.00-9.50	10.50	-	5.25-5.50
Apr. 1	9.00-9.50	10.50	-	5.25-5.50
Apr. 8	9.00-9.50	10.50	-	5.25-5.50
Apr. 15	-	-	-	5.25-5.50
Apr. 22	-	-	-	5.25-5.50
Apr. 29	-	-	-	5.25-5.50
May 6	-	-	-	5.50-5.75
May 13	-	-	-	5.50-5.75

MAINE POTATO SHIPMENTS 1996-1999 SEASON								
	1999	1999	1999	1999	1998	1998	1998	1998
MONTH	TABLE	CHIP	SEED	TOTAL	TABLE	CHIP	SEED	TOTAL
AUG	7,089	127,860	0	134,949	8,303	108,973	0	117,276
SEP	155,661	144,439	0	300,100	99,188	103,399	0	202,587
OCT	250,953	133,499	0	384,452	381,772	190,309	0	572,081
NOV	476,407	214,978	30,830	722,215	591,611	172,820	43,670	808,101
DEC	593,550	297,480	83,765	974,795	677,466	255,527	58,709	991,702
JAN	535,589	205,229	140,383	881,201	754,773	186,255	243,662	1,184,690
FEB	508,469	171,934	257,976	938,379	575,943	167,500	255,017	998,460
MAR	541,583	200,806	446,611	1,189,000	690,126	227,991	491,747	1,409,864
APR	483,733	170,700	347,025	1,001,458	523,467	336,025	402,547	1,262,039
MAY	266,357	211,828	113,627	591,812	347,402	153,012	101,039	601,453
JUN	63,212	66,222	20,094	149,528	102,716	0	7,037	109,753
TOTAL	3,882,603	1,944,975	1,440,311	7,267,889	4,752,767	1,901,811	1,603,428	8,258,006

	1997	1997	1997	1997	1996	1996	1996	1996
MONTH	TABLE	CHIP	SEED	TOTAL	TABLE	CHIP	SEED	TOTAL
AUG	11,301	75,619	0	86,920	0	92,521	0	92,521
SEP	109,871	112,337	0	222,208	118,900	118,057	0	236,957
OCT	289,155	254,674	0	543,829	400,300	188,838	0	589,138
NOV	500,366	226,087	0	726,453	670,200	196,228	51,840	918,268
DEC	603,843	271,304	136,710	1,011,857	210,800	210,734	174,103	595,637
JAN	674,525	241,746	297,690	1,213,961	766,300	228,168	325,913	1,320,381
FEB	614,830	214,673	263,444	1,092,947	582,400	154,275	324,516	1,061,191
MAR	804,128	250,132	501,681	1,555,941	750,400	148,391	429,306	1,328,097
APR	760,673	213,729	581,771	1,556,173	661,000	238,926	402,309	1,302,235
MAY	551,363	7,832	88,164	647,359	490,500	118,873	67,151	676,524
JUN	187,648	0	20,579	208,227	109,400	0	13,690	123,090
TOTAL	5,107,703	1,868,133	1,890,039	8,865,875	4,760,200	1,695,011	1,788,828	8,244,039

DATA COLLECTED BY THE MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Maine Chipping Potatoes								
1999-2000 season								
W/ending	CWT.	TTD-CWT	MO-TTL.	98 SSN	TTD-98 SN	TD -97 SN	1999	
7-Aug				16,701	16,701		EXPORT	DESTIN
14-Aug	36,311	36,311		26,199	42,900	14,418		
21-Aug	34,977	71,288		32,462	75,362	48,456		
28-Aug	56,572	127,860	127,860	33,611	108,973	75,619		
4-Sep	35,959	163,819		24,955	133,928	99,727		
11-Sep	32,480	196,299		24,683	158,611	125,161		
18-Sep	40,000	236,299		27,838	186,449	150,796		
25-Sep	36,000	272,299	144,439	25,932	212,372	187,956		
2-Oct	28,500	300,799		41,621	253,993	238,001		
9-Oct	14,500	315,299		36,815	290,808	297,208		
16-Oct	17,459	332,758		11,986	302,794	339,099		
23-Oct	31,108	363,866		46,085	348,879	394,984		
30-Oct	41,932	405,798	133,499	53,802	402,681	442,630	900	CR
6-Nov	55,597	461,395		33,421	436,102	491,794	1250	CR
13-Nov	52,866	514,261		41,291	477,393	544,660	1950	CR
20-Nov	56,554	570,815		51,139	528,532	609,553	1800	CR
27-Nov	49,961	620,776	214,978	46,969	575,501	668,717	900	CR
4-Dec	56,014	676,790		47,600	623,101	718,955	2700	CR
11-Dec	55,598	732,388		56,149	679,250	783,363	1000	CR
18-Dec	61,409	793,797		63,712	742,962	848,227	1350	CR
25-Dec	54,324	848,121		46,920	789,882	900,991	1700	CR
1-Jan	70,135	918,256	297,480	41,146	831,028	940,021	850	CR
8-Jan	60,709	978,965		44,166	875,194	1,002,606	500	CR
15-Jan	60,496	1,039,461		56,505	931,699	1,075,967	1500	CR
22-Jan	40,919	1,080,380		39,063	970,762	1,134,418	2000	CR
29-Jan	43,105	1,123,485	205,229	46,521	1,017,283	1,181,767	1500	CR
5-Feb	39,071	1,162,556		40,839	1,058,122	1,224,103	500	CR
12-Feb	41,849	1,204,405		46,215	1,104,337	1,281,215	500	CR
19-Feb	46,179	1,250,584		41,972	1,146,309	1,328,807	0	
26-Feb	44,835	1,295,419	171,934	38,474	1,184,783	1,396,440	0	
4-Mar	35,965	1,331,384		43,257	1,228,040	1,461,462	0	
11-Mar	42,865	1,374,249		51,257	1,279,297	1,522,676	0	
18-Mar	37,458	1,411,707		63,174	1,342,471	1,573,325	0	
25-Mar	38,977	1,450,684		70,303	1,412,774	1,646,572	0	
1-Apr	45,541	1,496,225	200,806	45,385	1,458,159	1,732,519	0	
8-Apr	45,386	1,541,611		82,417	1,540,576	1,830,306	0	
15-Apr	43,000	1,584,611		63,283	1,603,859	1,845,785	0	
22-Apr	45,217	1,629,828		60,000	1,663,859	1,860,301	0	
29-Apr	37,097	1,666,925	170,700	84,940	1,748,799	1,860,301	0	
6-May	37,097	1,704,022		97,323	1,846,122		0	
13-May	55,783	1,759,805		55,689	1,901,811		0	
20-May	60,488	1,820,293					0	
27-May	58,460	1,878,753	211,828				0	
3-Jun	37,640	1,916,393					0	
10-Jun	28,582	1,944,975					0	
TOTAL	1,944,975	1,944,975			1,901,811	1,860,301	20,900	

Maine Seed Potatoes

1999 season

The Maine Seed Inspection Department was responsible for certifying and collecting seed shipments by variety and destination for the industry. Acreage for the 1999 season totaled 16,539 acres, down 4% from the previous season. Top varieties included Atlantics at 2,534 acres, Superior 1,848, Frito chipping varieties 1,348, and Russet Burbank at 1,030 acres. Volume of Frito varieties increased 16% and Burbanks were up 63% over the previous year's seed production. The increase in demand for FL varieties is the company's decision to replace the Snowden as the primary storage variety. The increase in contracts by McCain's for French fries intensified the need for additional supplies of Burbank seed.

Shipments began in late November to Florida and finished mid-June for the 1998 season. A total of 1.44 million cwt. was recorded for the 1999 season compared to the previous year's final of 1.6 million cwt. Major destinations for Maine seed were Florida with 316,529 cwt., down from the previous season's figure of 350,639 cwt.; North Carolina received 262,703 and New York 210,797 cwt. each down slightly from the previous season.. Pennsylvania and Canada both received just over 100,000 cwt. for planting. Florida's continued decline in potato acreage affected seed growers in Maine again this season. Although Florida and North Carolina were the biggest seed customers in January and February, peak volume was again reported in March and April, when New York, Pennsylvania and several other Mid-Atlantic States received heavy shipments. Destinations included 35 states and/or countries this season. The major varieties shipped by Maine growers were Atlantics at 402,139 cwt. followed by Superiors at 137,366 cwt., Norwis at 109,338 cwt. and closely followed by Snowdens at 108,155 cwt. Seventy-nine varieties of seed were shipped this season.

The Market News Service issued the first weekly Seed Potato report on January 5, 2000. Open market trading was slow throughout the entire season as most movement filled previously committed sales made in the fall. Many seed varieties, especially Russet varieties, were much lighter in volume this season due to virus and bacterial problems in North America. Thus, there were less open market offerings during the shipping season. Chipping varieties, namely Atlantics were plentiful as southern states contracts had been cut for spring deliveries. This had a profound effect on the Maine seed market as most of their business goes to the southern states for spring planting. Light trading and interest in Atlantics held prices at the \$5.50-6.00 mark in January. The last pricing report for Atlantics in late February saw weak prices as low as \$5.00 and few sales. Red LaSoda and LaRouge sales for Florida delivery sales brought \$9.00-10.00. Russet Burbank supplies were tight all season and brought \$9.50 for Nuclear 4 early in trading. Round white Norwis were also light and brought from \$11.00-12.00 in January for March delivery to mostly Long Island. Superior supplies were more manageable this season: April delivery for Superiors was reported at mostly \$10.00. Very few Snowdens were available for late selling. By late-February, Kennebec supplies were light and open market trading was strong at \$11.00 per cwt. in 50 lb. bags. Many of these supplies were shipped for home garden use. Few supplies were available in early March; thus, the last seed report of the season was issued on March 23, 2000. Prior sales shipments continued until mid-June.

Transportation pressures were a critical concern to shippers and dealers this season as diesel fuel prices along the East Coast climbed over the \$2.00 gallon price during the heaviest shipping months (January-March). Many independent truckers were forced to park their vehicles as they could not absorb any of the additional costs and continue to meet monthly expenses. The truck crunch was a nightmare for many seed destinations as back hauls were not available.

MAINE SEED POTATO SHIPMENTS 1999 SEASON								
	1999	1999	1999	1998	1998	1998	1997	1996
WEEK	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	TOTAL	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
ENDING	TOTAL	TOTAL	TO DATE	TOTAL	TOTAL	TO DATE	TO DATE	TO DATE
	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT	CWT
13-Nov	23,770	23,770	23,770	29,420	29,420	29,420	0	9,000
20-Nov	5,740	29,510	29,510	4,910	34,330	34,330	0	20,900
27-Nov	1,320	30,830	30,830	9,340	43,670	43,670	0	51,840
4-Dec	5,310	5,310	36,140	19,355	19,355	63,025	0	78,590
11-Dec	22,645	27,955	58,785	14,000	33,355	77,025	98,630	111,640
18-Dec	15,085	43,040	73,870	15,710	49,065	92,735	119,430	156,848
25-Dec	12,290	55,330	86,160	9,644	58,709	102,379	136,710	225,943
1-Jan	28,435	83,765	114,595	39,617	39,617	141,996	189,010	285,548
8-Jan	27,480	27,480	142,075	41,727	81,344	183,723	249,395	321,908
15-Jan	52,385	79,865	194,460	67,361	148,705	251,084	311,820	406,111
22-Jan	26,051	105,916	220,511	43,031	191,736	294,115	370,580	467,086
29-Jan	34,467	140,383	254,978	51,926	243,662	346,041	434,400	551,856
5-Feb	56,101	56,101	311,079	49,072	49,072	395,113	499,110	618,778
12-Feb	61,046	117,147	372,125	78,256	127,328	473,369	554,948	690,942
19-Feb	61,852	178,999	433,977	74,046	201,374	547,415	614,533	789,217
26-Feb	78,977	257,976	512,954	53,643	255,017	601,058	697,844	876,372
4-Mar	92,302	92,302	605,256	76,992	76,992	678,050	812,102	973,863
11-Mar	86,673	178,975	691,929	71,888	148,880	749,938	937,937	1,066,028
18-Mar	108,866	287,841	800,795	81,264	230,144	831,202	1,075,595	1,191,885
25-Mar	71,215	359,056	872,010	120,359	350,503	951,561	1,199,525	1,305,678
1-Apr	87,555	446,611	959,565	141,244	491,747	1,092,805	1,352,754	1,437,910
8-Apr	115,897	115,897	1,075,462	126,628	126,628	1,219,433	1,503,543	1,527,075
15-Apr	112,886	228,783	1,188,348	123,692	250,320	1,343,125	1,628,312	1,604,099
22-Apr	63,797	292,580	1,252,145	86,084	336,404	1,429,209	1,714,341	1,670,867
29-Apr	54,445	347,025	1,306,590	66,143	402,547	1,495,352	1,781,296	1,707,987
6-May	48,737	48,737	1,355,327	50,595	50,595	1,545,947	1,826,950	1,750,010
13-May	18,960	67,697	1,374,287	24,663	75,258	1,570,610	1,847,088	1,767,840
20-May	36,218	103,915	1,410,505	13,962	89,220	1,584,572	1,865,985	1,768,840
27-May	9,712	113,627	1,420,217	11,819	101,039	1,596,391	1,869,460	1,775,138
3-Jun	7,296	7,296	1,427,513	7,037	7,037	1,603,428	1,872,546	1,783,438
10-Jun	5,401	12,697	1,432,914				1,873,812	1,788,828
17-Jun	7,397	20,094	1,440,311				1,880,454	
TOTAL	1,440,311	20,094	1,440,311	1,603,428		1,603,428	1,890,039	1,788,828

**MAINE SEED POTATOES
1999-2000 SEASON
STATE**

STATES	NOV	DEC	TTD	JAN	TTD	FEB	TTD	MAR	TTD	APR	TTD	MAY	TTD	JUN	TTD
ALABAMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,715	8,715	450	9,165	116	9,281	0	9,281
ARKANSAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40	0	40
CALIFORNIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	900	900	820	1,720
CONNECTICUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	162	167	3	170
DELAWARE	0	0	0	0	0	450	450	29,620	30,070	28,105	58,175	13,313	71,488	47	71,535
FLORIDA	30,830	83,765	114,595	127,393	241,988	74,541	316,529	0	316,529	0	316,529	0	316,529	0	316,529
GEORGIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	150	200
IDAHO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,550	2,550	1,200	3,750	0	3,750	0	3,750
INDIANA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,065	11,065	7,855	18,920	1,135	20,055	327	20,382
IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KENTUCKY	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	1,111	1,136	0	1,136	235	1,371	0	1,371
MAINE	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,200	2,200	9,234	11,434	46,754	58,188	16,266	74,454	5,310	79,764
MARYLAND	0	0	0	0	0	17,800	17,800	28,145	45,945	597	46,542	261	46,803	0	46,803
MASSACHUSETTS	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	13,870	13,970	21,443	35,413	8,636	44,049	227	44,276
MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,710	9,710	6,720	16,430	1,136	17,566	236	17,802
MINNESOTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	450	0	450	0	450
MISSOURI	0	0	0	0	0	4,050	4,050	0	4,050	0	4,050	0	4,050	0	4,050
MONTANA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEBRASKA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW HAMPSHIRE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	947	947	1,055	2,002	3	2,005
NEW JERSEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,083	17,083	4,580	21,663	398	22,061	111	22,172
NEW YORK	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	98,549	99,549	95,467	195,016	13,877	208,893	1,904	210,797
NORTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	11,870	11,870	132,349	144,219	115,371	259,590	750	260,340	1,392	261,732	971	262,703
NORTH DAKOTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,200	2,200	0	2,200	0	2,200
OHIO	0	0	0	0	0	300	300	11,156	11,456	11,270	22,726	3,701	26,427	1,018	27,445
OKLAHOMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	49	0	49
OREGON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,800	1,800	0	1,800	0	1,800	0	1,800
PENNSYLVANIA	0	0	0	0	0	1,159	1,159	17,356	18,515	61,217	79,732	17,524	97,256	3,853	101,109
RHODE ISLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,606	3,606	5,357	8,963	2,225	11,188	565	11,753
SOUTH CAROLINA	0	0	0	0	0	2,700	2,700	1,350	4,050	0	4,050	0	4,050	0	4,050
SOUTH DAKOTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TENNESSEE	0	0	0	0	0	3,500	3,500	3,690	7,190	938	8,128	1,435	9,563	1,032	10,595
TEXAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VERMONT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	200	0	200	594	794
VIRGINIA	0	0	0	0	0	14,877	14,877	24,805	39,682	3,624	43,306	1,513	44,819	412	45,231
WASHINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	1,350	1,350	0	1,350	120	1,470	0	1,470	0	1,470
WEST VIRGINIA	0	0	0	0	0	1,675	1,675	12,530	14,205	501	14,706	471	15,177	61	15,238
WISCONSIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
WYOMING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BAHAMAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BERMUDA	0	0	0	120	120	0	120	0	120	0	120	0	120	0	120
CANADA	0	0	0	0	0	900	900	25,290	26,190	45,280	71,470	27,737	99,207	2,450	101,657
DOM. REPUBLIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUERTO RICO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RUSSIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
URUGUAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	30,830	83,765	114,595	140,383	254,978	257,976	512,954	446,611	959,565	347,025	1,306,590	113,627	1,420,217	20,094	1,440,311

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1999-2000 SEASON
VARIETY**

VARIETIES	NOV	DEC	TTD	JAN	TTD	FEB	TTD	MAR	TTD	APR	TTD	MAY	TTD	JUN	TTD
NL ATLANTIC 36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NL ATLANTIC 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,650	6,650	1,450	8,100	0	8,100	0	8,100
NL RUSSET BURBANK 350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NL RUSSET BURBANK 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,650	2,650	1,550	4,200	0	4,200
NL SHEPODY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	300	0	300	0	300
NL SUPERIOR	0	0	0	0	0	900	900	1,864	2,764	0	2,764	100	2,864	0	2,864
NL SUPERIOR 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,200	3,200	80	3,280	100	3,380	0	3,380
NLP RUSSET BURBANK 129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	125	150	275	0	275
NLP RUSSET BURBANK 350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,100	1,100	0	1,100
NLP RUSSET BURBANK 82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	650	650	0	650
NLY HI-LITE RUSSET 46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NLY RUSSET BURBANK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NLY RUSSET BURBANK 101	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,550	1,550	0	1,550
NLY RUSSET NORKOTAH 24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NLY SHEPODY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NLY SHEPODY 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	500	0	500	0	500
NLY SHEPODY 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	450	0	450	0	450
NLY SNOWDEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORVALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,100	3,100	2,000	5,100	2,500	7,600	0	7,600
NORWIS	0	0	0	0	0	250	250	44,789	45,039	52,602	97,641	11,487	109,128	210	109,338
NY103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONAWAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	450	0	450	0	450	0	450
ONTARIO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	230	230	0	230	0	230
ONTARIO G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	400	0	400	0	400
ONTARIO T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0	1,500
PIKE	0	0	0	0	0	250	250	2,500	2,750	4,950	7,700	900	8,600	0	8,600
PURPLE VIKING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
QUAGGY JOE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RANGER RUSSET	200	0	200	0	200	1,350	1,550	1,800	3,350	450	3,800	0	3,800	0	3,800
REBA	0	0	0	0	0	6,500	6,500	23,550	30,050	23,977	54,027	8,400	62,427	0	62,427
RED CLOUD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	126	35	161	37	198
RED LA SODA	13,430	11,365	24,795	6,220	31,015	3,180	34,195	350	34,545	0	34,545	9	34,554	0	34,554
RED PONTIAC	0	0	0	325	325	2,422	2,747	5,049	7,796	1,101	8,897	1,514	10,411	167	10,578
RED RUBY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROSE FINN APPLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	17
ROSE GOLD	0	0	0	0	0	450	450	0	450	0	450	0	450	0	450
RUSSET BURBANK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,345	8,345	1,217	9,562	0	9,562
RUSSET BURBANK NL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,200	2,200	0	2,200	0	2,200
RUSSET NORKOTAH	220	0	220	0	220	450	670	1,405	2,075	450	2,525	740	3,265	650	3,915
SANTE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SHEPODY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	650	650	3,204	3,854	0	3,854
SHEPODY NEW LEAF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SNOWDEN	0	0	0	900	900	10,100	11,000	35,265	46,265	45,125	91,390	15,145	106,535	1,620	108,155
SNOWDEN NEWLEAF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUNRISE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,175	1,175	550	1,725	9	1,734	0	1,734
SUPERIOR	0	0	0	6,450	6,450	26,110	32,560	62,212	94,772	34,244	129,016	6,281	135,297	1,619	136,916
W1005R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40
WF 31-4	0	0	0	0	0	2,850	2,850	3,350	6,200	0	6,200	450	6,650	0	6,650
YUKON GOLD	0	450	450	2,380	2,830	3,836	6,666	7,689	14,355	2,894	17,249	1,522	18,771	2,631	21,402
WEEKLY TOTALS	30,830	83,765	114,595	140,383	254,978	257,976	512,954	446,611	959,565	347,025	1,306,590	113,627	1,420,217	20,094	1,440,311

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VARIETIES	NOV	DEC	TTD	JAN	TTD	FEB	TTD	MAR	TTD	APR	TTD	MAY	TTD	JUN	TTD
A8495-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	0	100
ADORA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,150	1,150	0	1,150	0	1,150	0	1,150
AF1437-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	0	20
AF875-15	0	0	0	0	0	250	250	0	250	0	250	0	250	0	250
ALL BLUE	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	9	27	201	228	99	327	206	533
ALL RED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	154	154
ALLEGANY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANDOVER	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	3,000	30,805	33,805	20,732	54,537	1,750	56,287	0	56,287
ATLANTIC	1,000	48,525	49,525	84,566	134,091	120,631	254,722	85,256	339,978	46,086	386,064	13,638	399,702	2,437	402,139
B0178-34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40
B0178-4	0	0	0	0	0	450	450	0	450	0	450	0	450	0	450
B0564-8	0	0	0	0	0	40	40	0	40	0	40	0	40	280	320
BANANA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
BELRUS	0	0	0	0	0	40	40	2,950	2,990	0	2,990	0	2,990	0	2,990
CANASTOTA (ORGANIC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAROLA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	250	415	665
CENTURY RUSSET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHERRY RED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	250	0	250
CHIEFTAIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30	1,307	1,337	937	2,274	192	2,466
CHIPPEWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,255	2,255	0	2,255
COBBLER	0	0	0	150	150	1,133	1,283	826	2,109	243	2,352	846	3,198	42	3,240
CONESTOGA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,900	2,900	900	3,800	0	3,800	0	3,800
DARK RED NORLAND	0	0	0	2,250	2,250	8,705	10,955	12,761	23,716	12,052	35,768	4,307	40,075	823	40,898
EARLY BLUE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18
ELBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	80
EVA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,020	2,020	200	2,220	375	2,595	0	2,595
FL 795	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FL 1533	0	0	0	0	0	7,100	7,100	5,850	12,950	4,175	17,125	450	17,575	0	17,575
FL 1625	0	0	0	8,010	8,010	12,200	20,210	37,100	57,310	7,200	64,510	980	65,490	0	65,490
FL 1833	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,480	1,480	1,300	2,780	0	2,780
FL 1887	0	0	0	6,300	6,300	22,450	28,750	4,250	33,000	2,500	35,500	1,260	36,760	0	36,760
FL 1879	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,550	3,550	0	3,550	0	3,550
FL 1900	0	0	0	0	0	450	450	3,430	3,880	0	3,880	0	3,880	0	3,880
FL 1988	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FRONTIER RUSSET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GOLDRUSH	0	0	0	120	120	620	740	1,510	2,250	0	2,250	1,000	3,250	117	3,367
GREEN MOUNTAIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	209	214	695	909	78	987
HI-LITE RUSSET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KANONA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,975	5,975	8,900	14,875	4,700	19,575	450	20,025
KATAHDIN	0	0	0	0	0	1,048	1,048	5,620	6,668	14,265	20,933	7,606	28,539	3,539	32,078
KENNEBEC	0	0	0	845	845	13,213	14,058	24,685	38,743	6,778	45,519	5,072	50,591	2,968	53,559
KRANTZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	41
LA CHIPPER	1,350	18,085	19,435	17,777	37,212	4,920	42,132	2,600	44,732	0	44,732	0	44,732	0	44,732
LA ROUGE	14,630	5,340	19,970	4,090	24,060	3,060	27,120	0	27,120	900	28,020	0	28,020	0	28,020
LEMHI RUSSET	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	120	0	120	0	120	0	120
MAINESTAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450	450	450	900	976	1,876	0	1,876
MONONA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,670	2,670	27,430	30,100	5,880	35,980	1,183	37,163
ND2224-5R	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	141	120	261	268	529	26	555
NL ATLANTIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,250	5,250	0	5,250	0	5,250	0	5,250
NL ATLANTIC 31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,850	3,850	0	3,850	0	3,850	0	3,850
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Michigan Potatoes *1999 season*

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Michigan growers harvested 47,500 acres in 1999, an increase of 1,000 acres from the previous year. Potato yields for Michigan remained at a healthy 315 hundred weight per acre, the same as last season. Production increased slightly to 14,963,000 cwt., up from last season's final of 14,648,000 cwt. Variety breakdown was as follows: Round whites – 77%, Russets – 20% and Reds – 3%. Approximately one-third of the state's production is devoted to table stock varieties. The Market News Service reported fresh movement of 1.73 million cwt. compared to 1.76 million cwt. the previous season, a decrease of approximately 54 loads.

Planting of the summer Onaway crop (approximately 2,500-3,000 acres) in east central Bay County and some small acreage of Russets (650 acres) in southern St. Joseph County was underway by April 1. Favorable temperatures and adequate moisture conditions accelerated those plantings to nearly 50% completion by mid-April. Planting was stalled the following week however due to several days of rain. By the end of the month, Onaway planting was generally completed in Bay County. In northern Michigan, dry soil conditions stalled initial plantings slightly until early May. Mild warm weather and low precipitation prevailed in May; the end of the month brought some much-needed rainfall to most production areas. By the end of May, 88% of the potato crop was planted, compared to the 5-year average of 86%. Growing conditions were generally reported as nearly ideal, as warm temperatures and some very timely rains in some areas dominated the early summer growing season. Insect damage was minimal, although some vine rot was reported in late July due to hot, humid conditions. By mid-August, some moisture stress was reported as temperatures remained high with little precipitation relief.

The northern regions started harvest of Russets and Round White varieties near Labor Day. Harvest finished on schedule in late October in the northernmost regions of the state under normal, although slightly dry harvest conditions.

According to the Market News Service, f.o.b. shipping point prices for the summer Round White Onaway variety were the highest at the onset of the season in mid-July as U.S. One Size A 10 lb. open window paper sacks sold from \$1.15-1.25. By mid-August, prices had slipped to .90-.95 cents and continued on a gradual slide to finish the summer crop at .85-.90. Shipments peaked for the 1999 crop in August and September during the Onaway harvest. The best white demand of the 1999 season occurred during the first half of the season. Prices for storage supplies (primarily the Superior variety) in December through mid-January peaked at \$1.00-1.10 as holiday demand improved. However, prices dropped sharply by the end of January to .85-.90. Light demand for whites kept prices at this level for the remainder of the shipping season in late April.

The first fob shipping point prices for Russet Norkotah/Goldrush was reported in early November with a range of .95-1.10, and varied very little for most of the season. Shipments peaked for Russets in December and January. By late January, market prices settled at a "mostly" range of .90-1.00 while special premium size packs brought as high as 1.10 for the remainder of the reported season the end of April. Without ad and promotional sales, day-to-day business was slow, as Russets supplies were plentiful in the Western states. Michigan growers felt increased competition this season from growing supplies of Russets in Nebraska and a huge crop in neighboring Wisconsin. A warm fall season and mild winter had a negative impact on some potatoes in storage. Shrink and loss was reported as higher than normal by the spring. There were reports of 150-200 loads of potatoes being dumped in Northern Michigan.

Michigan's potato stocks on hand December 1, 1999 totaled 8.8 million cwt., 3% below 1998's December 1 holdings. Storage accounted for 59% of Michigan's total production. Round white varieties accounted for 87%, Russets 11% and 2% Red varieties. The May 1 potato stocks showed Michigan holdings up sharply by 63% from a year ago, as some chip growers were holding contracted Round white supplies for May and June deliveries.

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 around the 15-lb. film bag Russet and an 8-lb. film bag of premium Round whites for a major chain store buyer in the state throughout the season. Competitive prices nationwide limited Michigan's marketability to nearby locales, particularly for Russets. Minimal truck transportation problems were noted during the season.

**POTATOES
1999 SEASON**

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

Prices Represent "Mostly" Price Range

(U.S. One - Size A)

DATE	-----MICHIGAN-----		-----CENTRAL MICHIGAN-----	
	10 LB SACKS LOOSE ROUND WHITE	10 LB FILMBAGS LOOSE RUSSET NORKOTAH	10 LB SACKS LOOSE ROUND WHITE ONAWAY	10 LB SACKS LOOSE ROUND WHITE
Jul. 17	-	-	1.15-1.25	-
Jul. 24	-	-	1.05-1.15	-
Jul. 31	-	-	.95-1.05	-
Aug. 7	-	-	.95-1.00	-
Aug. 14	-	-	.90- .95	-
Aug. 21	-	-	.90- .95	-
Aug. 28	-	-	.90	-
Sept. 4	-	-	.90	-
Sept. 11	-	-	.90	-
Sept. 18	-	-	.85- .90	-
Sept. 25	-	-	.85- .90	-
Oct. 2	-	-	.85- .90	.85- .90
Oct. 9	-	-	-	.85- .90
Oct. 16	-	-	-	.85
Oct. 23	.85	-	-	-
Oct. 30	.85- .90	-	-	-
Nov. 6	.85- .90	.95-1.10	-	-
Nov. 13	.85- .90	.95-1.10	-	-
Nov. 20	.85- .90	.95-1.10	-	-
Nov. 27	.85- .90	1.10	-	-
Dec. 4	.85-1.10	1.10	-	-
Dec. 11	1.00-1.10	1.10	-	-
Dec. 18	1.00-1.10	1.10	-	-
Dec. 25	1.00-1.10	1.10	-	-
Jan. 1	1.00-1.10	1.10	-	-
Jan. 8	1.00-1.10	1.10	-	-
Jan. 15	1.00-1.10	.90-1.10	-	-
Jan. 22	.85- .92	.90-1.00	-	-
Jan. 29	.85- .92	.90-1.00	-	-
Feb. 5	.90	.90-1.00	-	-
Feb. 12	.90	.90-1.00	-	-
Feb. 19	.90	.90-1.00	-	-
Feb. 26	.90	.90-1.00	-	-
Mar. 4	.90	.90-1.00	-	-
Mar. 11	.90	.90-1.00	-	-
Mar. 18	.90	.90-1.00	-	-
Mar. 25	.90	.90-1.00	-	-
Apr. 1	.90	.90-1.00	-	-
Apr. 8	.90	.90-1.00	-	-
Apr. 15	.90	.90-1.00	-	-
Apr. 22	.90-1.10	.90-1.00	-	-
Apr. 29	-	.90-1.00	-	-

MICHIGAN TABLESTOCK POTATOES				
WEEKLY SHIPMENTS - 1999 SEASON				
	<i>in 10,000 pound units</i>			
W/Ending	10K	TOTAL	98 SSN	
10-Jul	113	113	136	
17-Jul	272	385	189	
24-Jul	296	681	357	
31-Jul	669	1350	687	
7-Aug	740	2090	767	
14-Aug	398	2488	791	
21-Aug	583	3071	442	
28-Aug	531	3602	280	
4-Sep	559	4161	529	
11-Sep	629	4790	668	
18-Sep	333	5123	454	
25-Sep	292	5415	291	
2-Oct	261	5676	281	
9-Oct	295	5971	210	
16-Oct	317	6288	191	
23-Oct	275	6563	182	
30-Oct	245	6808	300	
6-Nov	344	7152	470	
13-Nov	353	7505	395	
20-Nov	544	8049	455	
27-Nov	397	8446	386	
4-Dec	244	8690	299	
11-Dec	394	9084	357	
18-Dec	357	9441	534	
25-Dec	387	9828	332	
1-Jan	399	10227	312	
8-Jan	485	10712	505	
15-Jan	440	11152	467	
22-Jan	334	11486	507	
29-Jan	386	11872	478	
5-Feb	386	12258	304	
12-Feb	442	12700	264	
19-Feb	388	13088	317	
26-Feb	346	13434	363	
4-Mar	291	13725	384	
11-Mar	380	14105	457	
18-Mar	469	14574	323	
25-Mar	255	14829	375	
1-Apr	247	15076	353	
8-Apr	292	15368	438	
15-Apr	437	15805	339	
22-Apr	342	16147	327	
29-Apr	219	16366	260	
6-May	384	16750	339	
13-May	267	17017	285	
20-May	236	17253	213	
27-May	41	17294	0	
TOTAL	17,294	17,294	17,593	

Michigan Chipping Potatoes *1999 season*

The 1999 Michigan chipping potato production increased again as the Market News Service reported shipments for the 1999 season at 8,398,363 hundred weight, up nearly 14 per cent from last seasons total of 7,379,477 cwt. The increase over the 1998 crop year was attributed to good yields and improved marketing conditions, which supported more contracts being honored and less cullage than the previous season. Chipping varieties have dominated production in Michigan for the last several years. Predominant varieties included Atlantics, Snowdens, Pikes and FL numbered selections. Contracted acreage was comparable to the previous season.

Planting of nearly 4000 acres of Atlantics began April 1 in south central St. Joseph County and progressed rapidly due to mild weather. By mid-month, some Atlantics were also planted in east central Bay County, as well a few storage varieties in St. Joseph County. Heavy rains mid-month, however, stalled progress for several days. By May 1, planting of storage varieties was well underway across the central regions of the state, the heart of chipping production. By the end of May, 88% of the potato crop was planted, compared to the 5-year average of 86%. Growing conditions were reported as nearly ideal as warm temperatures and some timely rains dominated the early summer growing season. However, by mid-August, some moisture stress was observed as above normal temperatures were recorded into early September with little rainfall. Cooler, more seasonable temperatures returned mid-month through harvest.

The season started with out-of-the field Atlantic supplies in mid-July from southern St. Joseph County and continued into mid-October. Summer open market sales were sluggish as buyers were finishing contracts in other growing regions of the country. Open market sales during August were mostly \$2.50 cwt. and remained from \$1.75-2.50 cwt. for Atlantics until late September. Some out-of-the-field Snowdens were also shipped with Atlantics in early October for \$3.00 cwt. Shipments of storage varieties (notably Snowdens and Pikes) boosted market prices in November to the \$4.50-5.00 range through January. By mid-February, however, open sales prices slid due to the volume of uncontracted offerings in the Midwest. Contracted movement through the winter and early spring months was moderate but steady as major buyers focused on heavier holdings around the Midwest and Red River Valley. The Florida chipping season was slightly earlier than normal, and threatened to significantly reduce remaining storage shipments. Most buyers attempted to clean up additional offerings from their major growers before the shift to new crop supplies. In fact, some uncommitted supplies were purchased here in mid-April when some spuds in the Valley and Wisconsin failed to meet fry specifications. By late April, Market News reported the final open market sales of the season from mostly \$2.50-3.50 cwt. Contracted movement continued well into June with a major chip company with measured success. This was the longest chipping season on record, and should be continued in future seasons as spring contracts in the south have decreased in volume. Shrink and loss were significant specifically to some varieties and/or growers and some uncontracted supplies went unsold. Approximately 300,000 cwt. of storage potatoes were culled by the end of the season.

**POTATOES - CHIPPER
1999 SEASON**

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

PRICES REPRESENT "MOSTLY" PRICE RANGE

(Bulk - Per CWT - 85% or Better U.S. One - 1 7/8" min)

DATE	MICHIGAN -STORAGE- SNOWDENS	----- CENTRAL MICHIGAN ----- ----- OUT OF FIELD -----	
		ATLANTIC	SNOWDENS
Aug. 14	-	2.50	-
Aug. 21	-	2.50	-
Aug. 28	-	2.50	-
Sept. 4	-	2.50	-
Sept. 11	-	2.00-2.50	-
Sept. 18	-	1.75-2.50	2.50
Sept. 25	-	3.00	3.00
Oct. 2	-	3.00	3.00
Oct. 9	-	3.00	3.00
Oct. 16	-	-	-
Oct. 23	3.00	-	-
Oct. 30	3.00	-	-
Nov. 6	4.25-4.50	-	-
Nov. 13	4.25-4.50	-	-
Nov. 20	4.50-5.00	-	-
Nov. 27	4.75-5.00	-	-
Dec. 4	4.75-5.00	-	-
Dec. 11	4.75-5.00	-	-
Dec. 18	4.75-5.25	-	-
Dec. 25	4.75-5.00	-	-
Jan. 1	-	-	-
Jan. 8	4.75-5.00	-	-
Jan. 15	4.75-5.00	-	-
Jan. 22	4.75-5.00	-	-
Jan. 29	-	-	-
Feb. 5	4.75	-	-
Feb. 12	4.50-4.75	-	-
Feb. 19	4.25-4.75	-	-
Feb. 26	4.25-4.75	-	-
Mar. 4	4.25-4.50	-	-
Mar. 11	4.00-4.25	-	-
Mar. 18	3.75-4.25	-	-
Mar. 25	3.50-4.00	-	-
Apr. 1	3.50-4.00	-	-
Apr. 8	3.50-3.75	-	-
Apr. 15	3.00-3.50	-	-
Apr. 22	2.50-3.50	-	-
Apr. 29	2.50-3.50	-	-

MICHIGAN CHIP POTATOES 1999-2000 SSN						
WEEK	CWT	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
ENDING	TOTAL	TO DATE	98 SSN	TD 98 SN	97 SSN	TD 97 SN
17-Jul	4,721	4,721	0	0	5,953	5,953
24-Jul	49,167	53,888	77,704	77,704	66,799	72,752
31-Jul	119,945	173,833	110,770	188,474	126,817	199,569
7-Aug	139,474	313,307	132,804	321,278	138,514	338,083
14-Aug	173,475	486,782	180,508	501,786	192,784	530,867
21-Aug	146,100	632,882	187,892	689,678	203,984	734,851
28-Aug	199,001	831,883	188,131	877,809	206,383	941,234
4-Sep	197,141	1,029,024	197,152	1,074,961	146,805	1,088,039
11-Sep	169,527	1,198,551	173,317	1,248,278	174,406	1,262,445
18-Sep	193,869	1,392,420	180,043	1,428,321	190,118	1,452,563
25-Sep	214,714	1,607,134	211,979	1,640,300	191,429	1,643,992
2-Oct	193,580	1,800,714	206,420	1,846,720	176,503	1,820,495
9-Oct	291,998	2,092,712	226,642	2,073,362	171,060	1,991,555
16-Oct	213,276	2,305,988	188,969	2,262,331	178,391	2,169,946
23-Oct	206,591	2,512,579	170,663	2,432,994	165,522	2,335,468
30-Oct	176,006	2,688,585	174,569	2,607,563	152,360	2,487,828
6-Nov	186,120	2,874,705	178,769	2,786,332	166,372	2,654,200
13-Nov	204,777	3,079,482	191,546	2,977,878	178,468	2,832,668
20-Nov	218,552	3,298,034	205,159	3,183,037	198,028	3,030,696
27-Nov	160,694	3,458,728	146,088	3,329,125	133,883	3,164,579
4-Dec	196,353	3,655,081	203,646	3,532,771	197,894	3,362,473
11-Dec	217,405	3,872,486	189,490	3,722,261	144,201	3,506,674
18-Dec	221,572	4,094,058	175,670	3,897,931	198,174	3,704,848
25-Dec	177,233	4,271,291	146,232	4,044,163	154,243	3,859,091
1-Jan	208,455	4,479,746	182,268	4,226,431	143,856	4,002,947
8-Jan	165,915	4,645,661	185,225	4,411,656	209,178	4,212,125
15-Jan	168,537	4,814,198	207,258	4,618,914	211,739	4,423,864
22-Jan	153,809	4,968,007	178,608	4,797,522	145,645	4,569,509
29-Jan	158,939	5,126,946	176,075	4,973,597	200,476	4,769,985
5-Feb	177,567	5,304,513	154,256	5,127,853	154,199	4,924,184
12-Feb	186,259	5,490,772	151,730	5,279,583	178,004	5,102,188
19-Feb	155,474	5,646,246	168,772	5,448,355	177,135	5,279,323
26-Feb	173,344	5,819,590	172,564	5,620,919	223,572	5,502,895
4-Mar	207,095	6,026,685	181,014	5,801,933	248,082	5,750,977
11-Mar	194,672	6,221,357	195,897	5,997,830	194,686	5,945,663
18-Mar	196,746	6,418,103	217,521	6,215,351	236,938	6,182,601
25-Mar	245,862	6,663,965	258,817	6,474,168	201,644	6,384,245
1-Apr	233,383	6,897,348	197,893	6,672,061	189,201	6,573,446
8-Apr	209,516	7,106,864	199,542	6,871,603	120,557	6,694,003
15-Apr	231,641	7,338,505	129,446	7,001,049	50,792	6,744,795
22-Apr	237,231	7,575,736	143,229	7,144,278	50,932	6,795,727
29-Apr	185,441	7,761,177	102,595	7,246,873	37,880	6,833,607
6-May	153,928	7,915,105	100,104	7,346,977		
13-May	101,942	8,017,047	15,485	7,362,462		
20-May	98,135	8,115,182	17,015	7,379,477		
27-May	108,816	8,223,998				
3-Jun	89,473	8,313,471				
10-Jun	79,642	8,393,113				
17-Jun	5,250	8,398,363				
TOTAL	8,398,363	8,398,363	7,379,477	7,379,477	6,833,607	6,833,607

MARKETING THE 1999 BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA CROP

GROWING CONDITIONS: The Big Lake district which stretches from the Big Lake area (Sherburne County) north and west to Long Prairie, Minnesota had pretty much ideal growing conditions.

HARVESTING: Harvest started the last week of July. Most of the growers of Reds had finished digging by the first week in September with few delays.

MARKETING: Shipping point prices for Round Reds U.S. No. 1 size A in 50-lb paper sacks, started the first week of August at \$10.00 per cwt. During the four weeks of the Red potato marketing season, prices ranged from a low of \$9.50 to a high of \$10.00 per cwt for the 50-lb paper sacks.

Russet Norkotah price reporting started the week of August 15th, earlier than the 1996, 1997 and 1998 seasons. The last Norkotah price report was issued September 25th, making the Russet marketing season 6 weeks long. There was also some Goldrush Russets marketed.

Russet Norkotahs U.S. No. 1 baled 10-lb film bags opened at \$10.50-11.00 the first week of September. Prices declined steadily and finished in late September as low as \$8.00-9.00 per cwt for the 10-lb film bags.

70-count Russet Norkotahs prices opened at \$24.00-26.00 per cwt in 50-lb cartons and closed at \$12.00-14.00 per cwt.

SHIPMENTS: Recorded shipments for the season totaled 1,272,000 cwt, a decrease of 7% from the 1998 crop. Shipments were collected through the cooperation of individual shippers by the Idaho Falls, Idaho, Market News Service. All shipments were truck. Shipments started in late July, peaked in August and ended the last week in October.

ACREAGE & PRODUCTION: The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported planted acreage for all of Minnesota at 70,000 acres in 1999 with 53,000 acres harvested. In 1999, the Census of Agriculture reported 5,300 acres (down 18% from 1998) in Sherburne County, Minnesota.

PACKAGING: The major packs for Round Red potatoes were 100-lb sacks or at least, this package is still used by shippers as the base price for pricing size A 50-lb paper sacks 10 & 5-lb film bags. The packaging for Norkotah or Goldrush Russets was size A and non-size A in 100 lb sacks, 10-lb and 5-lb film bags; 50-lb cartons of count size potatoes.

1999 Crop
BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

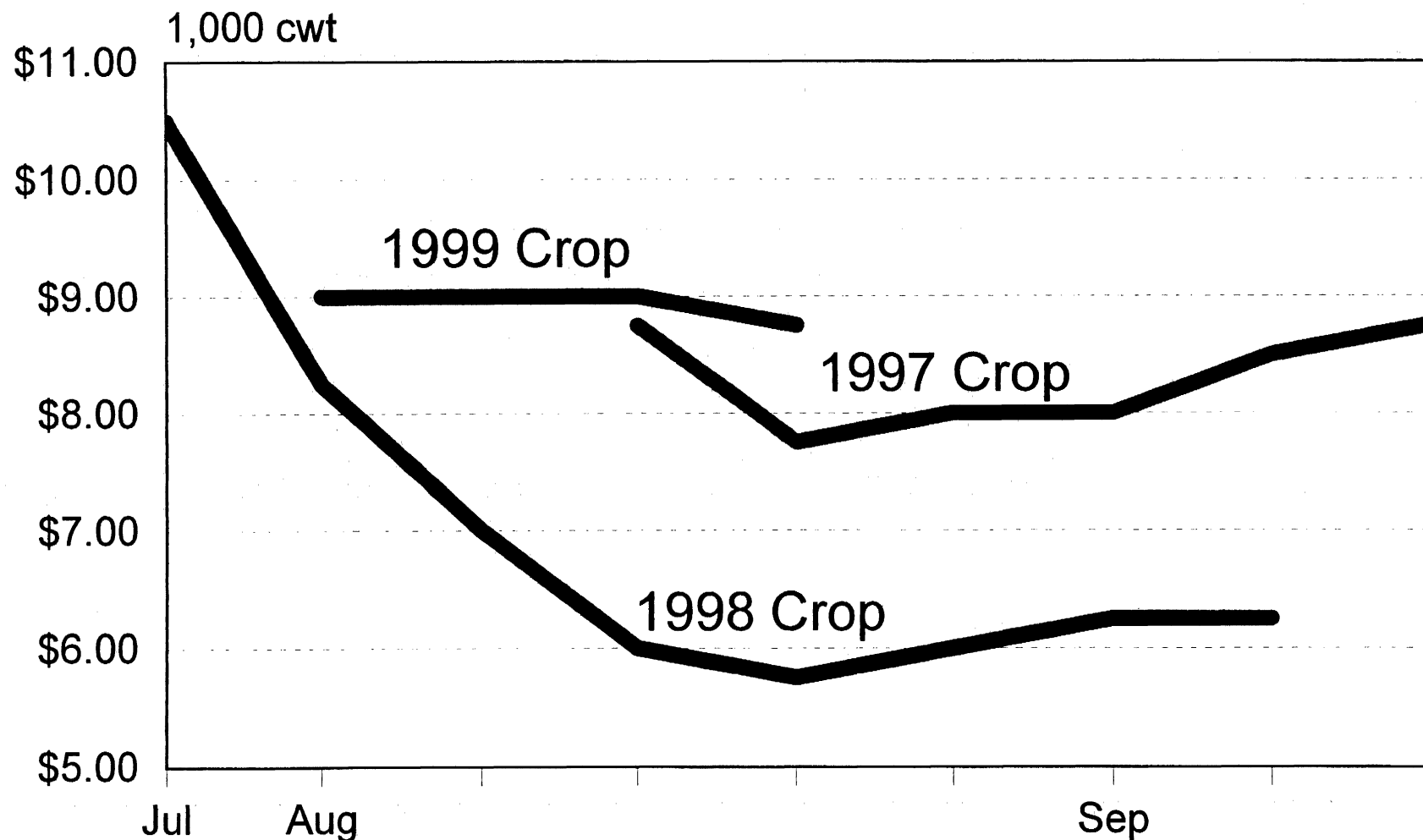
WEEK ENDING	100 lb sks ROUND RED U.S. One Size A	50 lb paper sks PER CWT ROUND RED U.S. One Size A	50 lb paper sks PER CWT ROUND RED U.S. One Size B	50 lb cartons PER CWT ROUND RED U.S. One Size B	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs PER CWT ROUND RED U.S. One Size A	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs PER CWT ROUND RED U.S. One Size A
<u>1999</u>						
Aug 7	9.00	10.00	18.00-20.00	19.00-22.00	11.50	12.50
14	9.00	10.00	20.00-25.00	22.00-27.00	11.00-11.50	12.00-12.50
21	9.00	10.00	23.00-26.00	24.00-26.00	11.50	12.50
28	8.50-9.00	9.50-10.00	24.00-25.00	26.00-27.00	11.50	12.50

WEEK ENDING	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs PER CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One Size A	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs PER CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One Size A	100 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. One Non Sz A	100 lb sks Russet Norkotah U.S. One Sz A
<u>1999</u>				
Aug 21	10.50-11.00	11.50-12.00	8.00-8.50	
28	10.50	11.50	8.00	8.00
Sep 4	10.00	11.00	--	8.00
11	9.00-10.00	10.00-11.00	--	7.50-8.00
18	9.00-10.00	10.00-11.00	--	7.00-7.50
25	8.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00	--	--

WEEK ENDING	50 lb cartons PER CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 60s	50 lb cartons PER CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 70s	50 lb cartons PER CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 80s	50 lb cartons PER CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 90s	50 lb cartons PER CWT Russet Norkotah U.S. One 100s
<u>1999</u>					
Aug 21	--	24.00-26.00	22.00-24.00	20.00-22.00	18.00-20.00
28	--	18.00-24.00	18.00-22.00	14.00-20.00	12.00-18.00
Sep 4	18.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00-14.00
11	16.00-18.00	16.00-18.00	14.00-16.00	14.00	12.00
18	13.00-16.00	13.00-16.00	12.00-15.00	11.00-14.00	10.00-12.00
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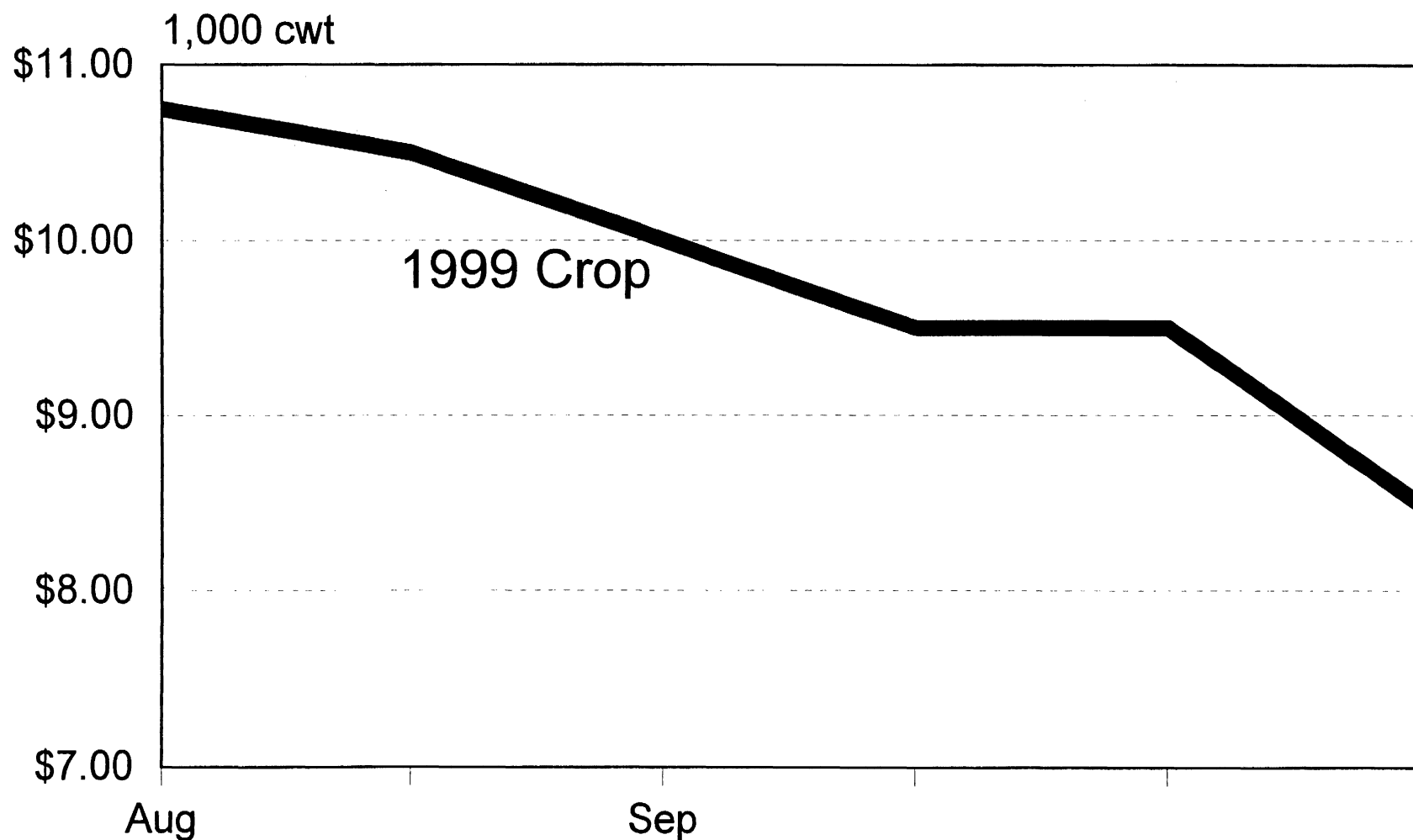
BIG LAKE, MN POTATO PRICES

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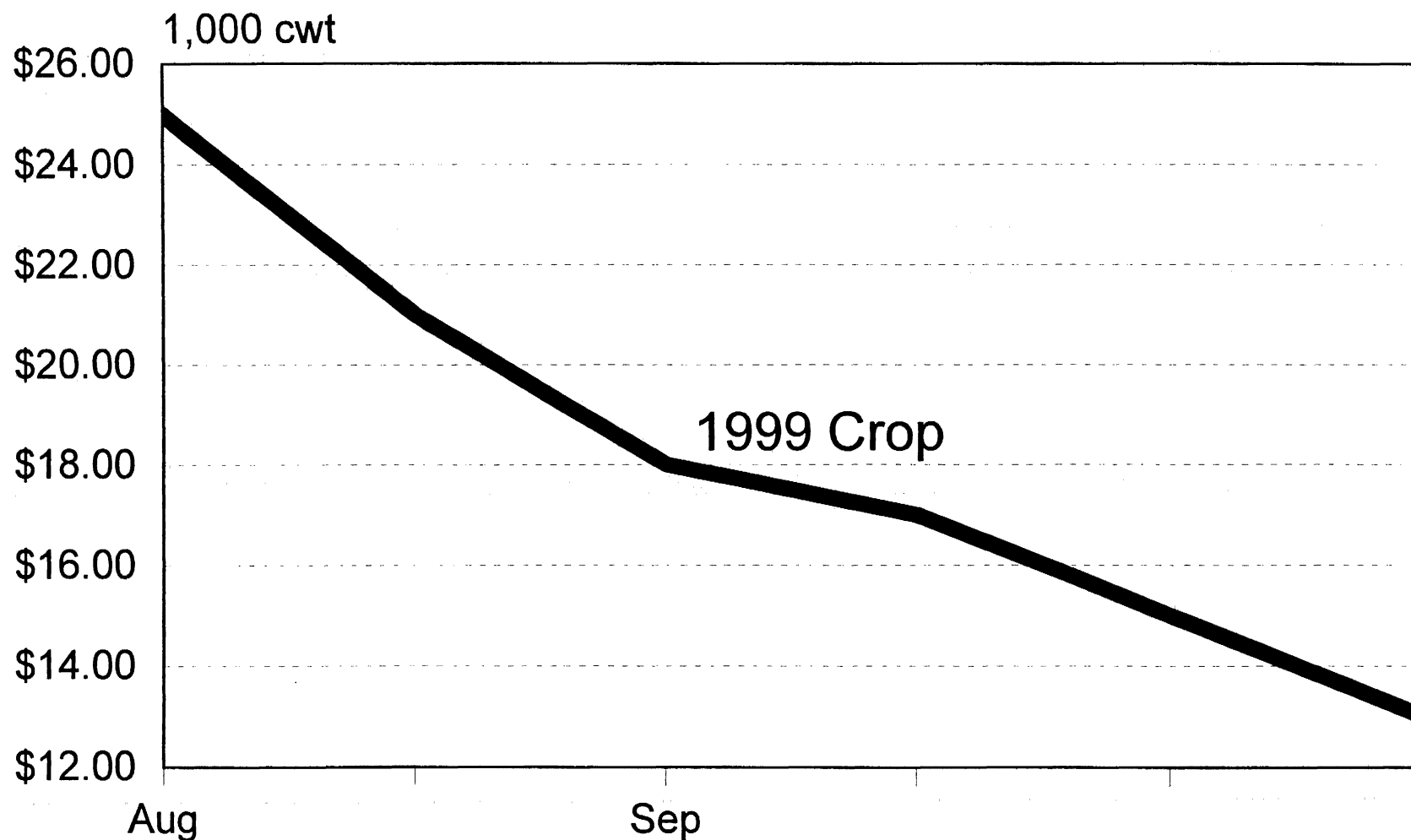
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10 lb Film Bags, Size A, U.S. # 1 cwt



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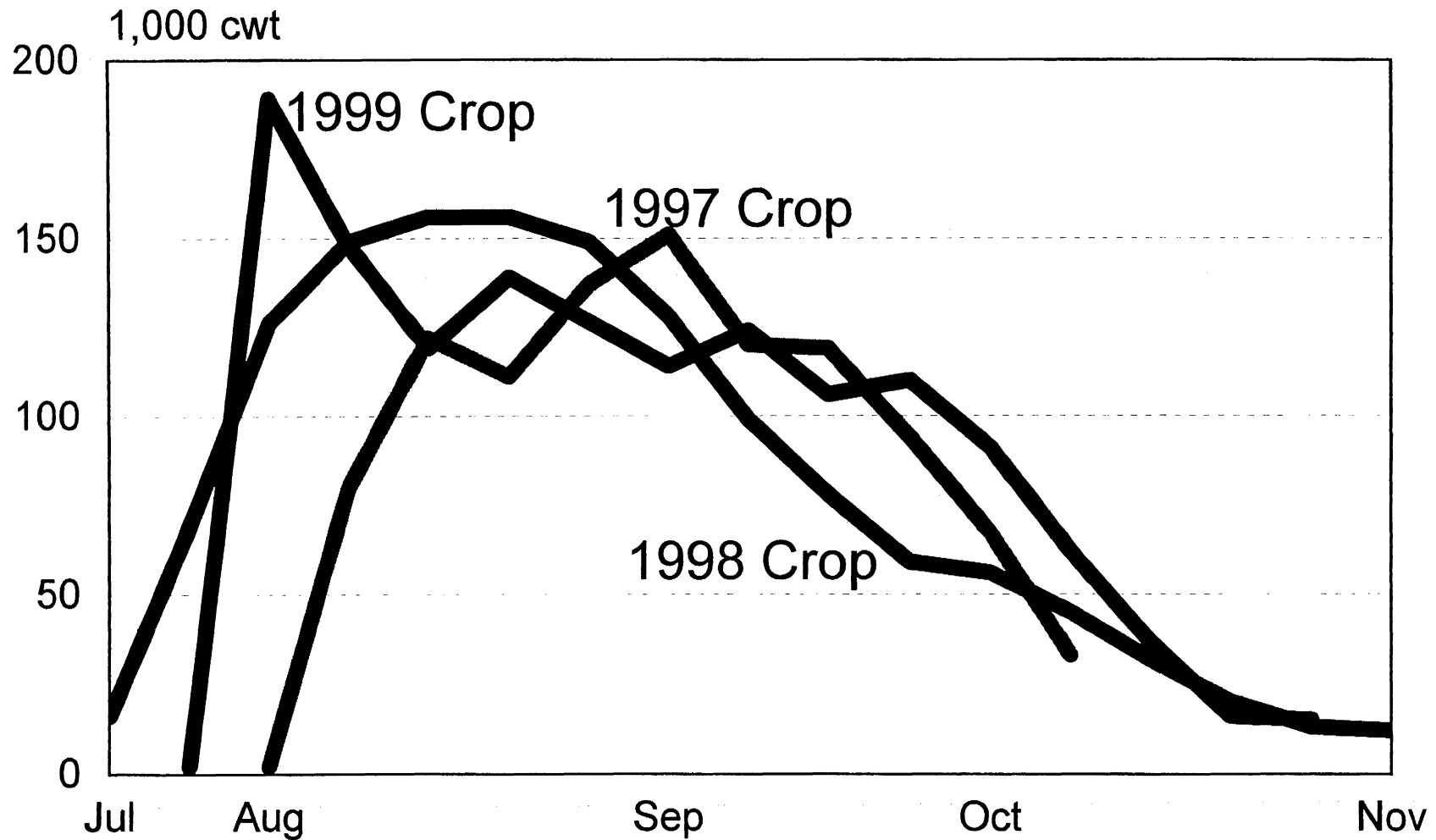
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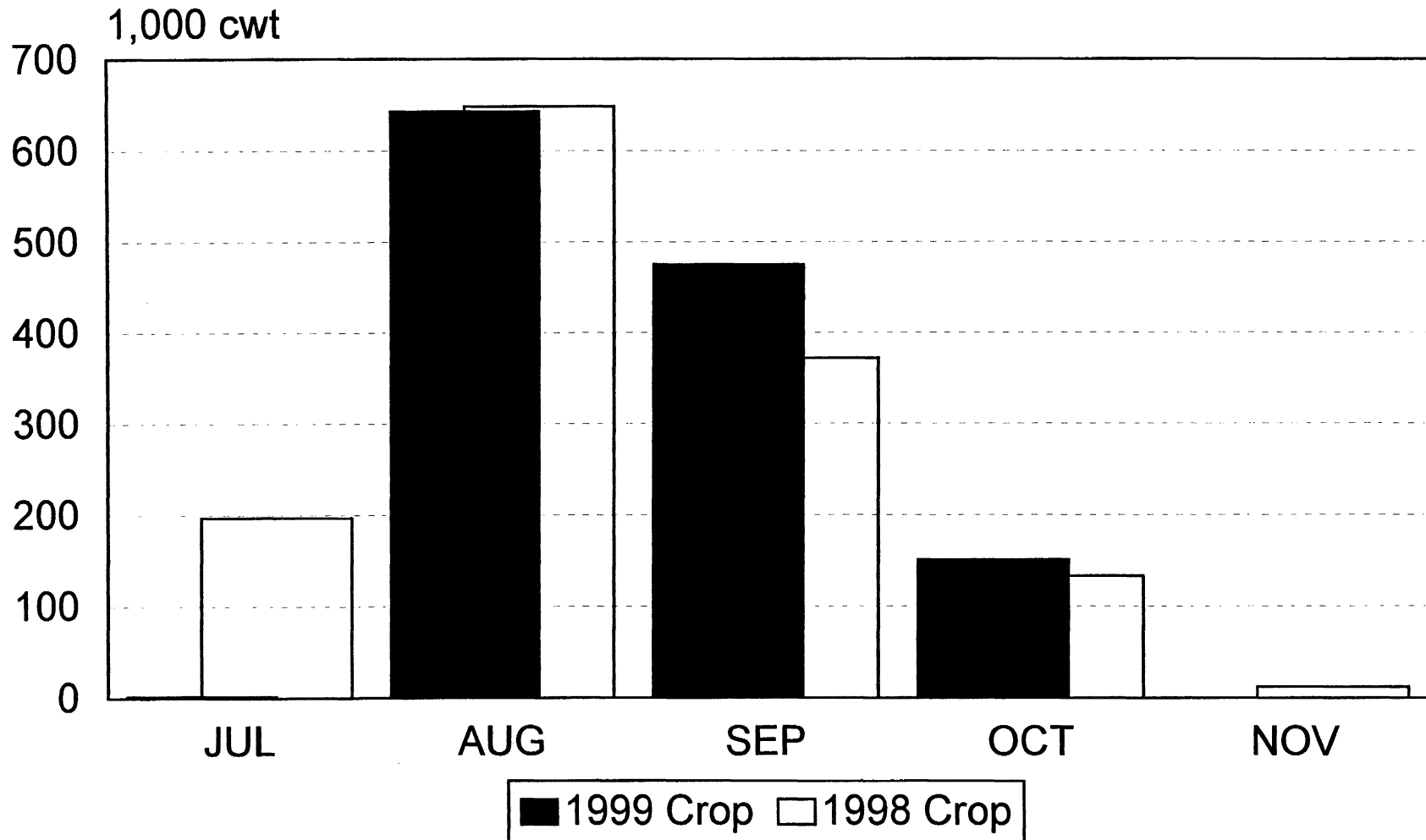
BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA
1999 CROP SHIPMENTS
1,000 CWT

WEEKLY			MONTHLY		
WEEK ENDING	TRUCK	TOTAL TO DATE	MONTH	TRUCK	TOTAL TO DATE
<u>1999</u>			<u>1999</u>		
Jul 31	2	2	July	2	2
Aug 7	189	191	August	643	6,45
14	148	339			
21	119	458	September	475	1,121
28	139	597			
			October	151	1,272
Sep 4	114	711			
11	124	835			
18	106	941			
25	110	1,051			
Oct 2	91	1,142			
9	62	1,204			
16	37	1,241			
23	16	1,257			
30	15	1,272			
TOTAL	1,272			1,272	

BIG LAKE, MN WEEKLY POTATO SHIPMENTS



BIG LAKE, MN MONTHLY POTATO SHIPMENTS



MARKETING THE 1999 RED RIVER VALLEY POTATO CROP

ACREAGE & PRODUCTION: Minnesota – North Dakota production was down a total of 8% compared to last year according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. North Dakota growers produced 26,400,000 cwt down from 28,670,000 cwt. Minnesota growers produced 20,400,000 cwt, down from 21,170,000 for the 1998 crop. The two-state area also experienced higher yields of 290 cwt/acre-combined average. There were 19,000 acres that were planted, but not harvested. Planted acreage in Minnesota-North Dakota was 191,000 acres. Although exact figures aren't published, chip-stock acreage continued to decline. Chip-stock perhaps accounted for about 40% of production, with Reds about 17% and Russets 43%.

PLANTING: Planting for 1999 began later than the previous year due to a wet Spring throughout the planting period, progress was delayed by frequent rainfall especially in the Northern Central area. Planting progress was brought to a halt the first two weeks of May by heavy rains that saturated soils across the region.

GROWING CONDITIONS: Many areas experienced localized drown-outs in parts of the valley from strong storms particularly in East Grand Forks and Buxton areas. Irrigated and dryland areas suffered with late blight and excess moisture. Growing conditions varied from excellent to poor, depending on the location, with one of the best growing region being North of Grand Forks in the Grafton area. Strong thunderstorms throughout the month of June brought heavy rain, hail and wind damage.

HARVESTS: Harvest weather was warm in September and frequently interrupted by showers. In October repeated weather fronts further saturated the soil, with a few fields not being harvested this season. Harvest was nearly completed for table-stock by the end of October.

MARKETING: Growers and shippers in the valley experienced some good and bad dependent on location and mother nature. All aspects of the industry: fresh, process, seed and chip experienced disease pressure and losses. Early in the storage season late blight or water rot problems were affecting quality at destination. After dumping of many problem lots, quality improved. The first report of the season was issued on October 4th and

the last on April 28th. Prices for 100-lb sacks Round Reds U.S. No. 1 Size A opened at \$9.00-9.50. This was much higher than the 1998 season, which opened up at \$7.00-7.50. Prices continued to remain high as Reds from the valley were projected to be in short supply. In December and January prices for 100-lb sacks were \$11.00-12.00. Prices for 100-lb sacks held steady in the \$11.00-12.00 range through the second week in February. Only a few of the small sheds were finished by late February. Marketing continued even after new-crop Reds were available from spring crop areas. 100 lb sacks, Size A finished the season at \$9.00-10.00 the last week of April.

The customary trade practice in this district is to use the 100-lb sack size A for Round Reds U.S. No. 1 as a base price. Baled 10-lb film bags were usually up-charged \$2.50 per cwt premium and 5-lb film bags up-charged \$3.50 per cwt from the 100-lb sack price. 50-lb paper sacks were \$1.00 per cwt over the 100-lb sack base price. Round Reds were also available from many shippers in 2,000 lb canvas tote bags.

SHIPMENTS: Daily shipments were collected with the voluntary cooperation of the Red River Valley shippers by Idaho Falls, Idaho, Market News Service.

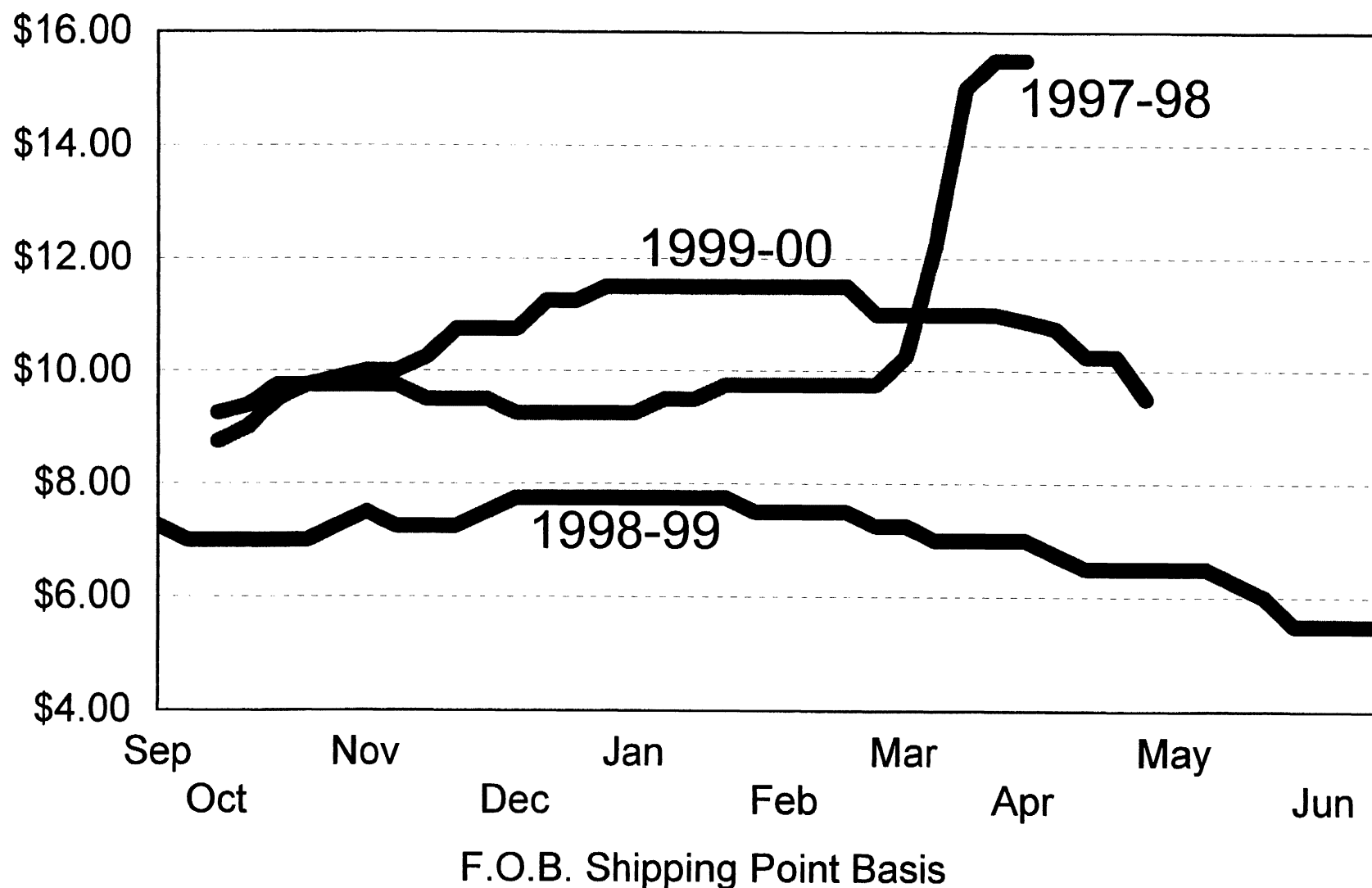
Fresh market shipments of Round Reds began in August and continued into the following June. Fresh shipments totaled 3,102,000 cwt for the season. December was the peak-shipping month, a month earlier than the 1998 January peak. Movement for the first 6 months was well ahead of the 1998 shipments as shippers were not wanting to hold the potatoes longer than necessary.

TRANSPORTATION TRENDS: The Valley often experiences more transportation problems than most other shipping areas because of its location and the lack of back hauls. The truck shortages that other segments of the produce industry experienced this year also plagued the Red River Valley. Trucks were in tight supply by late-October and shortages continued through December. This had a few shippers looking to use rail cars, but trucks hauled 97% of the fresh shipments.

1999 Crop MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA (RED RIVER VALLEY) Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis					
WEEK ENDING	100 lb sks	50 lb paper sks	50 lb paper sks	Bld 5 10-lb flmbgs	Bld 10 5-lb flmbgs
	ROUND RED	PER CWT	PER CWT	PER CWT	PER CWT
	U.S. One	ROUND RED	ROUND RED	ROUND RED	ROUND RED
	Size A	Size A	Size B	Size A	Size A
1999					
Oct 9	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	19.00-20.00	11.50-12.00	12.50-13.00
16	9.25-9.50	10.25-10.50	19.00-20.00	11.75-12.00	12.75-13.00
23	9.50-10.00	10.50-11.00	19.00-20.00	12.00-12.50	13.00-13.50
30	9.50-10.00	10.50-11.00	19.00-20.00	12.00-12.50	13.00-13.50
Nov 6	10.00	11.00	20.00	12.50	13.50
13	10.00	11.00	20.00	12.50	13.50
20	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	18.00-20.00	12.50-13.00	13.50-14.00
27	10.50-11.00	11.50-12.00	19.00-20.00	13.00-13.50	14.00-14.50
Dec 4	10.50-11.00	11.50-12.00	18.00-19.00	13.00-13.50	14.00-14.50
11	10.50-12.00	11.50-13.00	17.00-18.00	13.00-14.50	14.00-15.50
18	10.50-12.00	11.50-13.00	16.00-17.00	13.00-14.50	14.00-15.50
25	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	16.00	13.50-14.50	14.50-15.50
2000					
Jan 1	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	16.00	13.50-14.50	14.50-15.50
8	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	14.00-16.00	13.50-14.50	14.50-15.50
15	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	14.00-15.00	13.50-14.50	14.50-15.50
22	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	14.00-16.00	13.50-14.50	14.50-15.50
29	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	15.00-16.00	13.50-14.50	14.50-15.50
Feb 5	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	14.00-16.00	13.50-14.50	14.50-15.50
12	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	14.00	13.50-14.50	14.50-15.50
19	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	13.00-14.00	13.50-14.50	14.50-15.50
26	11.00	12.00	13.00-14.00	13.50	14.50
Mar 4	11.00	12.00	13.00-14.00	13.50	14.50
11	11.00	12.00	13.00-14.00	13.50	14.50
18	11.00	12.00	14.00	13.50	14.50
25	11.00	12.00	13.00-14.00	13.50	14.50
Apr 1	10.75-11.00	11.75-12.00	14.00	13.25-13.50	14.25-14.50
8	10.50-11.00	11.50-12.00	12.00-14.00	13.00-13.50	14.00-14.50
15	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	12.00-13.00	12.50-13.00	13.50-14.00
22	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	12.00-13.00	12.50-13.00	13.50-14.00
29	9.00-10.00	10.00-11.00	12.00-13.00	11.50-12.50	12.50-13.50

RED RIVER VALLEY POTATO PRICES

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

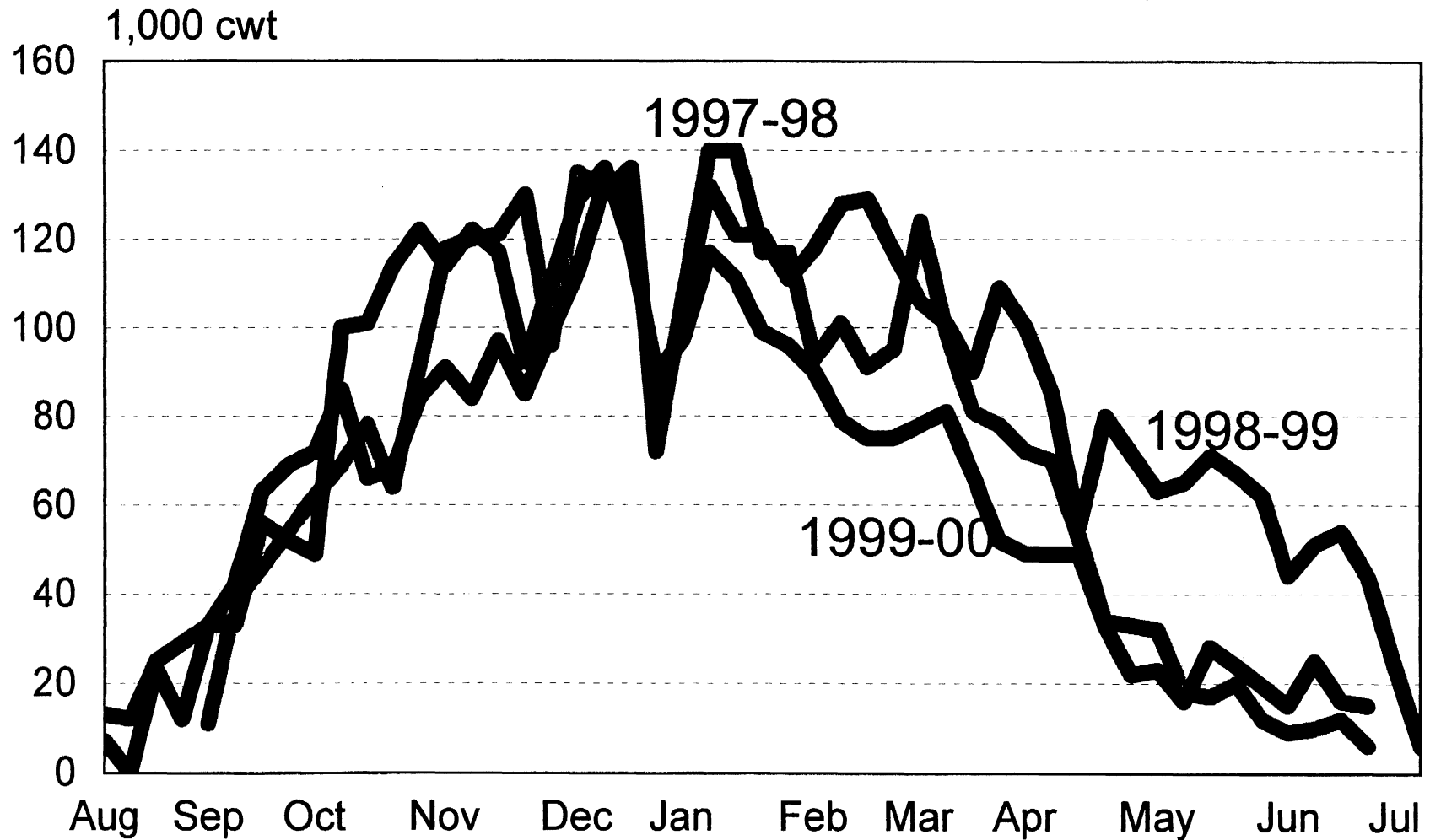


**RED RIVER VALLEY
WEEKLY POTATOES, TABLE SHIPMENTS
1999 CROP**

Week Ending	MINNESOTA		NORTH DAKOTA		COMBINED WEEKLY TOTAL	TOTAL TO DATE
	RAIL	TRUCK	RAIL	TRUCK		
	1,000 cwt					
1999						
Aug 7	0	7	0	0	7	7
14	0	0	0	0	0	7
21	0	23	0	0	23	30
28	0	12	0	0	12	42
Sep 4	0	20	0	13	33	75
11	0	15	0	18	33	108
18	0	29	0	27	56	164
25	0	26	0	26	52	216
Oct 2	0	23	0	26	49	265
9	0	33	0	67	100	365
16	0	30	0	71	101	466
23	0	30	0	84	114	580
30	0	25	0	97	122	702
Nov 6	0	32	0	82	114	816
13	0	37	0	85	122	938
20	0	30	0	87	117	1,055
27	0	26	0	66	92	1,147
Dec 4	0	34	14	81	129	1,276
11	0	35	16	85	136	1,412
18	0	34	8	77	119	1,531
25	0	34	12	44	90	1,621
2000						
Jan 1	0	25	6	66	97	1,718
8	0	31	16	70	117	1,835
15	0	35	6	70	111	1,946
22	0	19	4	76	99	2,045
29	0	24	2	70	96	2,141
Feb 5	0	21	1	68	90	2,231
12	0	20	2	57	79	2,310
19	0	19	0	56	75	2,385
26	0	18	0	57	75	2,460
Mar 4	0	17	0	61	78	2,538
11	0	18	0	63	81	2,619
18	0	14	0	53	67	2,686
25	0	14	0	38	52	2,738
Apr 1	0	18	0	31	49	2,787
8	0	13	0	36	49	2,836
15	0	12	1	36	49	2,885
22	0	6	0	27	33	2,918
29	0	2	0	20	22	2,940
May 6	0	3	1	19	23	2,963
13	0	3	0	13	16	2,979
20	0	6	0	22	28	3,007
27	0	4	0	20	24	3,031
Jun 3	0	5	0	10	15	3,046
10	0	4	0	21	25	3,071
17	0	6	0	10	16	3,087
24	0	4	0	11	15	3,102
TOTAL	0	896	89	2,117	3,102	

RED RIVER VALLEY

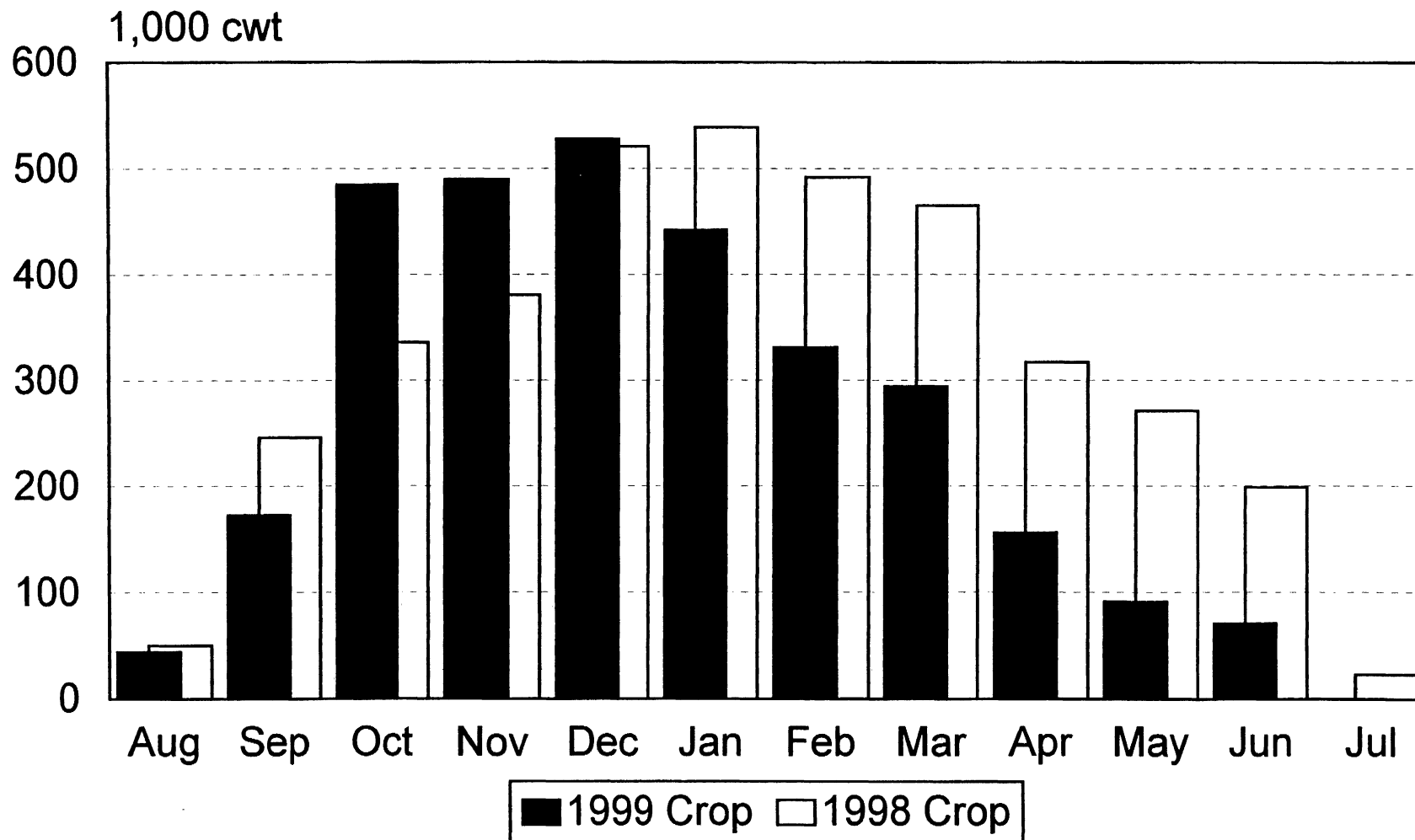
Weekly Potatoes, Table Shipments



**RED RIVER VALLEY
MONTHLY POTATOES, TABLE SHIPMENTS
1999 CROP**

Month	MINNESOTA		NORTH DAKOTA		COMBINED MONTHLY TOTAL	TOTAL TO DATE
	RAIL	TRUCK	RAIL	TRUCK		
	1,000 cwt					
<u>1999</u>						
August	0	44	0	0	44	44
September	0	89	0	84	173	217
October	0	140	0	345	485	702
November	0	139	0	351	490	1,192
December	0	148	55	322	525	1,717
<u>2000</u>						
January	0	114	29	299	442	2,159
February	0	80	3	248	331	2,490
March	0	74	0	220	294	2,784
April	0	33	1	122	156	2,940
May	0	16	1	74	91	3,031
June	0	19	0	52	71	3,102
TOTAL	0	896	89	2,117	3,102	

RED RIVER VALLEY MONTHLY POTATOES-TABLE SHIPMENTS



RED RIVER VALLEY WEEKLY CHIPPER, POTATOES 1999 CROP

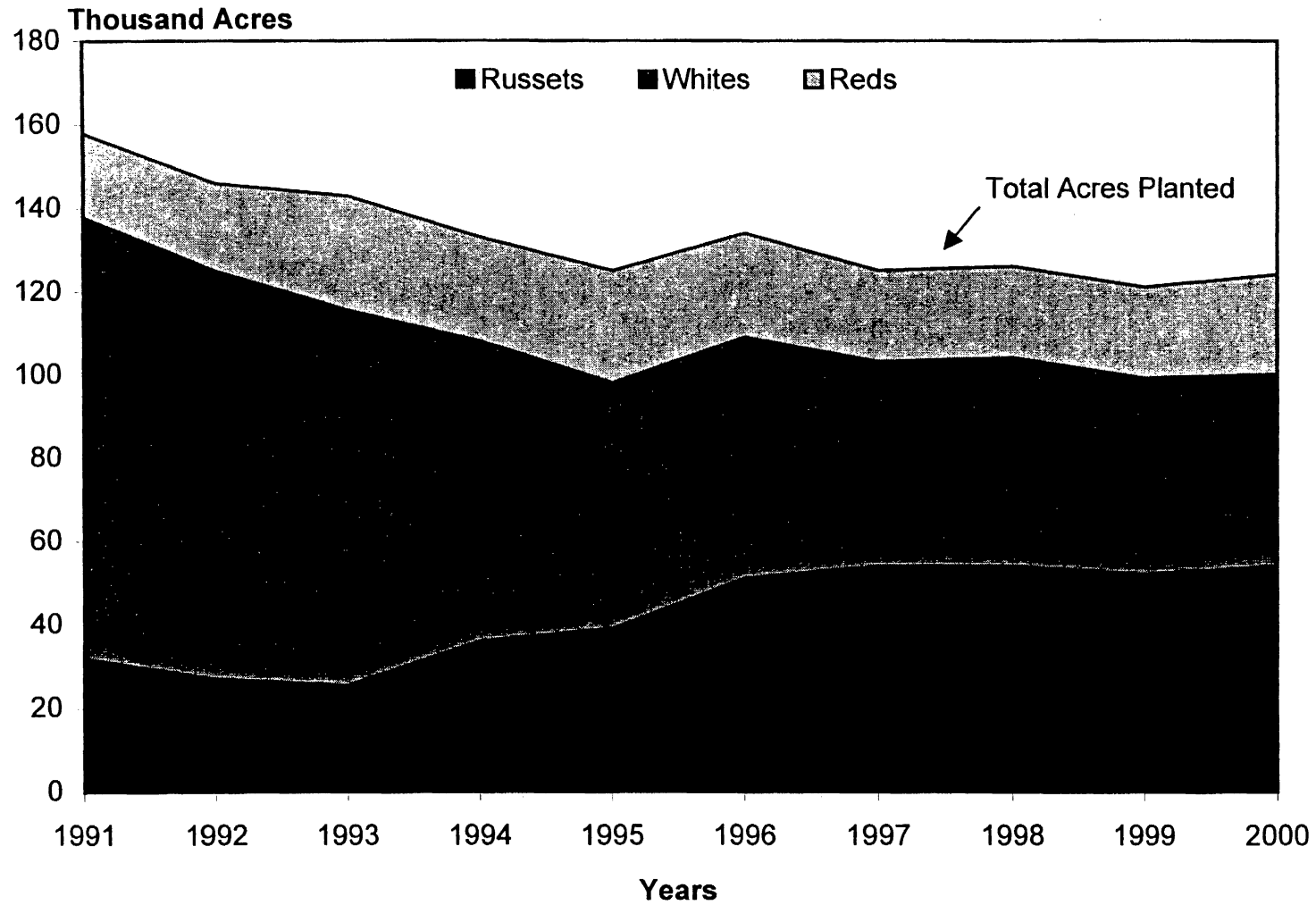
Week Ending	Minnesota	North Dakota	Combined Total	Total To Date	Week Ending	Minnesota	North Dakota	Combined Total	Total To Date
1,000 cwt					1,000 cwt				
1999					2000				
Aug 7	7	0	7	7	Jan 1	38	67	105	1,707
14	0	0	0	7	8	47	80	127	1,834
21	4	9	13	20	15	48	83	131	1,965
28	6	11	17	37	22	57	82	139	2,104
Sep 5	28	5	33	70	29	64	96	160	2,264
11	19	8	27	97	Feb 5	45	76	121	2,385
18	9	17	26	123	12	29	39	68	2,453
25	12	19	31	154	19	25	47	72	2,525
Oct 2	6	12	18	172	26	7	10	17	2,542
9	52	20	72	244	Mar 4	6	10	16	2,558
19	57	67	124	368	11	10	15	25	2,583
23	51	77	128	496	18	16	24	40	2,623
30	9	77	86	582	25	17	26	43	2,666
Nov 6	9	15	24	606	Apr 1	28	45	73	2,739
13	49	73	122	728	8	13	20	33	2,772
20	59	90	149	877	15	18	27	45	2,817
27	47	73	120	997	22	7	10	17	2,834
Dec 4	68	99	167	1,164	29	12	18	30	2,864
11	53	93	146	1,310	May 6	11	16	27	2,891
18	65	98	163	1,473	13	2	3	5	2,896
25	51	78	129	1,602	20	3	4	7	2,903
					27	0	1	1	2,904
Total						1,164	1,740	2,904	

RED RIVER VALLEY MONTHLY CHIPPER, POTATOES 1999 CROP

Month	Minnesota	North Dakota	Combined Total	Total To Date	Week Ending	Minnesota	North Dakota	Combined Total	Total To Date
1,000 cwt					1,000 cwt				
1999					2000				
August	17	20	37	37	January	254	408	662	2,264
September	68	49	117	154	February	106	172	278	2,542
October	175	253	428	582	March	49	75	124	2,666
November	164	251	415	997	April	78	120	198	2,864
December	237	368	605	1,602	May	16	24	40	2,904
Total						1,164	1,740	2,904	

Potato Acres Planted

North Dakota



NEBRASKA
WEEKLY POTATOES, TABLE SHIPMENTS
1999 CROP

WEEK ENDING	RAIL	RAIL TO DATE	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE	WEEKLY TOTAL	SEASON TO DATE
1,000 CWT						
1999						
Aug 7	0	0	1	1	1	1
14	0	0	60	61	60	61
21	0	0	86	147	86	147
28	0	0	60	207	60	207
Sep 4	0	0	62	269	62	269
11	0	0	67	336	67	336
18	0	0	72	408	72	408
25	0	0	62	470	62	470
Oct 2	0	0	62	532	62	532
9	0	0	67	599	67	599
16	0	0	62	661	62	661
23	0	0	66	727	66	727
30	0	0	85	812	85	812
Nov 6	0	0	90	902	90	902
13	0	0	110	1,012	110	1,012
20	0	0	104	1,116	104	1,116
27	0	0	83	1,199	83	1,199
Dec 4	3	3	94	1,293	97	1,296
11	4	7	116	1,409	120	1,416
18	10	17	115	1,524	125	1,541
25	0	17	69	1,593	69	1,610
2000						
Jan 1	0	17	70	1,663	70	1,680
8	0	17	85	1,748	85	1,765
15	4	21	83	1,831	87	1,852
22	2	23	72	1,903	74	1,926
29	0	23	168	2,071	168	2,094
Feb 5	0	23	75	2,146	75	2,169
12	1	24	72	2,218	73	2,242
19	0	24	76	2,294	76	2,318
26	0	24	75	2,369	75	2,393
Mar 4	0	24	68	2,437	68	2,461
11	1	25	71	2,508	72	2,533
18	2	27	47	2,555	49	2,582
25	10	37	49	2,604	59	2,641
Apr 1	2	39	65	2,669	67	2,708
8	4	43	59	2,728	63	2,771
15	1	44	50	2,778	51	2,822
22	1	45	48	2,826	49	2,871
29	0	45	51	2,877	51	2,922
May 6	2	47	44	2,921	46	2,968
13	2	49	68	2,989	70	3,038
20	0	49	25	3,014	25	3,063
27	6	55	12	3,026	18	3,081
Jun 3	0	55	10	3,036	10	3,091
10	1	56	8	3,044	9	3,100
17	0	56	6	3,050	6	3,106
24	0	56	0	3,050	0	3,106
Jul 1	2	58	0	3,050	2	3,108
TOTAL	58		3,050		3,108	

NEBRASKA
MONTHLY POTATOES, TABLE SHIPMENTS
1999 CROP

	RAIL	RAIL TO DATE	TRUCK	TRUCK TO DATE	MONTHLY TOTAL	SEASON TO DATE
	1,000 CWT					
<u>1999</u>						
August	0	0	207	207	207	207
September	0	0	263	470	263	470
October	0	0	342	812	342	812
November	0	0	418	1,230	418	1,230
December	17	17	433	1,663	450	1,680
<u>2000</u>						
January	6	23	408	2,071	414	2,094
February	1	24	298	2,369	299	2,393
March	15	39	235	2,604	250	2,643
April	6	45	273	2877	279	2,922
May	10	55	149	3026	159	3,081
June	3	58	24	3050	27	3,108
TOTAL	58		3,050		3,108	

Long Island Potatoes *1999 Season*

According to the New York Agricultural Statistics Service, New York growers harvested 25,500 acres of potatoes for the 1999 season, 1,500 acres less than the 1998 season. Production figures were reduced to 6,758,000 hundredweight, a decrease of 532,000 cwt. from last season's figure of 7,290,000 cwt. Statewide yields were reported at 265 cwt. per acre, a slight decrease from 270 cwt. the previous year. Yields on Long Island were reported at normal range of 320-330 cwt. per acre. from last season's disappointing 260-270 cwt. per acre. Unofficial sources have reported planted acreage of potatoes between 5,000-6000 acres on Long Island.

Planting began on schedule April 1 and finished by the third week in April. Slightly below normal temperatures and cloudier skies slowed emergence slightly. Although excellent planting weather, growers were concerned with dry soil conditions which was prevalent through the summer months and irrigated where necessary. Planting finished on schedule near April 20th. Warmer temperatures arrived by mid-May.

Harvest began in early August with shipments peaking late August through mid-October with out-of-field Round White supplies (mostly Superior and Reba varieties). Most growers preferred the Norwis and Reba later-season varieties for storage; the Norwis tuber produced a higher percentage of large size potatoes (up to 50% some years) and increased yields. Harvest was completed on schedule.

Although harvest began in early August, most growers and shippers were reluctant to pack as the market was dull and had ample supplies and competition from neighboring Delaware. The first fob shipping point sales were issued by the Market News Service the last week in August with U.S. One size A 10-lb. sacks loose Round Whites at a season high of 1.05-1.10 and 50 pound bags at \$4.50. September pricing leveled off at mostly \$1.00 for 10s and \$4.25 for 50s. The 50 pound large market maintained a .50-1.00 spread above the Size A market the entire season. Prior to Thanksgiving, market prices hit their lows for the season and remained at these levels through January. During this time, Size A 50s were mostly \$4.00 and loose 10s brought mostly .90. Demand for Whites remained at light levels the entire season. The last fob report issued the end of February showed a slight increase on 50s to \$4.25 and large size from \$4.75-5.00. The MNS reported shipments from Long Island of approximately 2,270 loads for the season, up 12% from the previous season's movement of 2,020 loads, but a decrease from the 1997 season of nearly 22%. However, shipments were collected for nearly a month longer (March 9) this season, as production levels returned to more normal expectations. Some quality problems were noted by shippers near the end of the shipping season.

The major pack on the island remained the 50-lb. sack. Many growers and brokers delivered to repackers and wholesalers in New York City, Florida and North Carolina, and large size potatoes to foodservice accounts along the East Coast. Trucking was a major headache for most shippers during the season, especially after the holidays, when diesel fuel prices climbed sharply to \$2.25-2.60 per gallon in the greater New York area. Southern destinations were primarily affected, as product for haul-back was also limited.

BENTON HARBOR - LONG ISLAND NEW YORK

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

POTATOES - 1999 Season

Prices represent "mostly" price range

bld 5 10-lb flmbgs	bld 10 5-lb flmbgs	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	10 lb sks lse
ROUND WHITE	ROUND WHITE	ROUND WHITE	ROUND WHITE	ROUND WHITE
U.S. One	U.S. One	U.S. One	U.S. One	U.S. One
sz A	sz A	sz A	lge	sz A

21-AUG-1999	-	-	-	-	-
28-AUG-1999	-	-	-4.50	-	1.05-1.10
04-SEP-1999	5.00-5.75	6.00-6.75	4.25-4.50	5.25-5.75	1.00-1.05
11-SEP-1999	-5.25	-6.25	-4.25	-5.25	-1.00
18-SEP-1999	-5.25	-6.25	-4.25	-5.25	-1.00
25-SEP-1999	-5.25	-6.25	-4.25	-5.25	-1.00
02-OCT-1999	-5.25	-6.25	-4.25	-5.25	-1.00
09-OCT-1999	-5.25	-6.25	-4.25	-5.25	-1.00
16-OCT-1999	-5.25	-6.25	-4.25	4.75-5.00	-.95
23-OCT-1999	-5.25	-6.25	-4.25	-4.75	-.95
30-OCT-1999	-5.25	-6.25	-4.25	-4.75	-.95
06-NOV-1999	-5.25	-6.25	-4.25	-4.75	-.95
13-NOV-1999	5.00-5.25	6.00-6.25	4.00-4.25	4.50-4.75	.90-.95
20-NOV-1999	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	4.50-4.75	.90-.95
27-NOV-1999	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	-4.50	-.90
04-DEC-1999	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	-4.50	-.90
11-DEC-1999	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	-4.50	-.90
18-DEC-1999	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	-4.50	-.90
25-DEC-1999	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	-4.50	-.90
01-JAN-2000	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	-4.50	-.90
08-JAN-2000	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	-4.50	-.90
15-JAN-2000	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	-4.50	-.90
22-JAN-2000	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	-4.75	-.90
29-JAN-2000	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	-4.75	-.90
05-FEB-2000	-5.00	-6.00	-4.00	-4.75	-.90
12-FEB-2000	-5.00	-6.00	4.00-4.25	-4.75	-.90
19-FEB-2000	-5.00	-6.00	-4.25	-4.75	-
26-FEB-2000	-	-	-4.25	4.75-5.00	-
04-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-

LONG ISLAND TABLESTOCK					
WEEKLY POTATO SHIPMENTS - 1999 SEASON					
		<i>in 10,000 pound units</i>			
	W/Ending	Domestic	Export	TOTAL	98 SSN
	7-Aug	32	36	68	126
	14-Aug	83	95	178	278
	21-Aug	102	113	215	223
	28-Aug	230	100	330	343
	4-Sep	206	78	284	404
	11-Sep	225	77	302	382
	18-Sep	292	50	342	424
	25-Sep	406	59	465	305
	2-Oct	261	41	302	351
	9-Oct	338	41	379	465
	16-Oct	345	5	350	443
	23-Oct	345	28	373	396
	30-Oct	358	28	386	404
	6-Nov	334	47	381	363
	13-Nov	410	55	465	425
	20-Nov	513	46	559	380
	27-Nov	451	37	488	256
	4-Dec	453	54	507	436
	11-Dec	391	64	455	401
	18-Dec	355	37	392	315
	25-Dec	356	36	392	313
	1-Jan	253	40	293	218
	8-Jan	307	49	356	355
	15-Jan	224	55	279	298
	22-Jan	158	42	200	264
	29-Jan	197	28	225	223
	5-Feb	301	41	342	166
	12-Feb	222	49	271	123
	19-Feb	181	36	217	
	26-Feb	168	21	189	
	4-Mar	150	4	154	
	11-Mar	102	9	111	
	TOTAL	8,749	1,501	10,250	9,080

New York Chipping Potatoes *1999 Season*

According to the New York Agricultural Statistics Service, New York growers harvested 25,500 acres of potatoes for the 1999 season, 1,500 acres less than the previous season. Production figures were reduced to 6,758,000 hundredweight, a decrease of 532,000 cwt from the 1998 crop final of 7,290,000 cwt. Statewide yields were reported at 265 cwt. per acre, a slight decrease from 270 cwt. reported the previous season. The heart of the chip production is located in Western New York with an unofficial estimated acreage of 8000-9,000 acres and yields which range from 250-300 cwt per acre. Soil conditions range from gravel-like loam on rocky hillsides to rich muck land.

Chip production for the 1999 season totaled 1.8 million hundredweight, a decrease of 3 per cent from the previous season, according to the Market News Service. The shipping season began in mid-August and peaked with out-of-the-field supplies mid-September. Major varieties included Atlantic, Andover and Pike for early volume, and Snowden for storage supplies. There were several dominant buyers and brokers in New York, including Wise Foods, EK Bare, Utz Quality Foods, Stowe Potato Sales, Agricultural Commodities, Inc. and Frito-Lay.

The marketing season got underway by mid-August with early movement mostly pre-season contracted sales. By mid-September, some open market offerings of out-of-field Atlantics brought mostly \$3.50-4.00 cwt. and Snowdens \$4.00 cwt. Harvest of Atlantics was generally completed by early October, although some out-of-the-field offerings of Snowdens were sold for \$4.00 cwt. through mid-October. In early December, storage Snowdens sold from \$5.50-6.00 cwt. on the open market. However, market prices eased slightly by early January to mostly \$5.50-5.75 cwt, and continued to slide to the \$5.00-5.50 cwt. range near the end of February. With the threat of early supplies from Florida and competition from Midwestern chip offerings, trading for the remaining uncommitted supplies was sluggish and market prices fell to lows of \$4.00-4.50 cwt. to finish the buying season from mid-March into early April. According to trade sources, close to 50 loads of uncommitted supplies were culled. "It could have been worse", a buyer commented; however, one of the major chip companies bought open market offerings in from their growers in Michigan. Other buyers in need of last-minute supplies had to turn to New York growers for potatoes. Contracted supplies were shipped through April.

NEW YORK CHIP POTATOES 1999-2000 SSN						
WEEK	CWT.	TOTAL	WEEK	TOTAL	WEEK	TOTAL
ENDING	TOTAL	TO DATE	1998 SN	TD 98 SN	1997 SN	TD 97 SN
14-Aug			0	0	0	0
21-Aug	28,006	28,006	14,608	14,608	23,914	23,914
28-Aug	52,928	80,934	52,054	66,662	44,360	68,274
4-Sep	66,747	147,681	61,424	128,086	43,469	111,743
11-Sep	77,119	224,800	56,417	184,503	74,968	186,711
18-Sep	116,917	341,717	159,387	343,890	117,364	304,075
25-Sep	116,377	458,094	142,044	485,934	107,903	411,978
2-Oct	109,739	567,833	101,637	587,571	89,093	501,071
9-Oct	72,369	640,202	72,342	659,913	96,943	598,014
16-Oct	59,207	699,409	73,971	733,884	90,393	688,407
23-Oct	38,140	737,549	40,594	774,478	89,918	778,325
30-Oct	55,586	793,135	67,277	841,755	71,846	850,171
6-Nov	68,208	861,343	77,396	919,151	75,360	925,531
13-Nov	58,309	919,652	70,304	989,455	70,489	996,020
20-Nov	47,169	966,821	61,682	1,051,137	51,744	1,047,764
27-Nov	33,665	1,000,486	56,368	1,107,505	38,246	1,086,010
4-Dec	38,851	1,039,337	39,466	1,146,971	48,058	1,134,068
11-Dec	40,469	1,079,806	33,996	1,180,967	55,724	1,189,792
18-Dec	46,337	1,126,143	47,856	1,228,823	65,109	1,254,901
25-Dec	35,563	1,161,706	39,156	1,267,979	35,534	1,290,435
1-Jan	37,477	1,199,183	38,736	1,306,715	25,874	1,316,309
8-Jan	33,293	1,232,476	45,894	1,352,609	47,768	1,364,077
15-Jan	29,065	1,261,541	44,258	1,396,867	50,179	1,414,256
22-Jan	39,726	1,301,267	40,645	1,437,512	49,665	1,463,921
29-Jan	42,712	1,343,979	42,400	1,479,912	28,060	1,491,981
5-Feb	37,876	1,381,855	36,317	1,516,229	26,411	1,518,392
12-Feb	40,595	1,422,450	31,877	1,548,106	29,358	1,547,750
19-Feb	31,963	1,454,413	32,441	1,580,547	25,898	1,573,648
26-Feb	25,416	1,479,829	40,974	1,621,521	27,956	1,601,604
4-Mar	30,959	1,510,788	33,000	1,654,521	33,265	1,634,869
11-Mar	38,500	1,549,288	29,000	1,683,521	36,159	1,671,028
18-Mar	43,000	1,592,288	29,000	1,712,521	48,000	1,719,028
25-Mar	49,000	1,641,288	33,474	1,745,995	50,500	1,769,528
1-Apr	42,000	1,683,288	34,458	1,780,453	52,500	1,822,028
8-Apr	40,500	1,723,788	24,000	1,804,453	25,500	1,847,528
15-Apr	39,500	1,763,288	31,500	1,835,953	6,500	1,854,028
22-Apr	28,500	1,791,788	22,000	1,857,953		
29-Apr	26,500	1,818,288	18,500	1,876,453		
6-May						
13-May						
20-May						
TOTAL	1,818,288	1,818,288	1,876,453	1,876,453	1,854,028	1,854,028

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA
Sales FOB Shipping Point Basis
Potatoes – 1999 Crop

	50 lb sks ROUND RED U.S. One sz A	50 lb sks ROUND RED U.S. One sz B	50 lb sks ROUND WHITE U.S. One sz A
<u>1999</u>			
Jun 22	8.00	11.00	6.00
23	8.00	11.00	6.00
24	8.00	11.00	6.00
25	8.00	11.00	6.00
28	8.00	11.00	6.00
29	8.00	11.00	6.00
30	8.00	11.00	6.00
Jul 1	8.00	11.00	6.00
2	8.00	11.00	6.00
6	8.00	11.00	6.00
7	8.00	11.00	6.00
8	8.00	11.00	6.00
9	8.00	11.00	6.00
12	8.00	11.00	6.00
13	8.00	11.00	6.00
14	8.00	11.00	6.00
15	8.00	11.00	6.00
16	8.00	11.00	6.00
19	8.00	11.00	6.00
20	8.00	11.00	6.00
21	8.00	11.00	6.00
22	8.00	11.00	6.00
23	8.00	11.00	6.00

REVIEW OF THE HEREFORD HI-PLAINS AND EASTERN NEW MEXICO 1999 POTATO SEASON

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS:

According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service 8600 acres of summer potatoes were planted in Texas for the 1999 season and 8000 acres were harvested. This compares to 9100 planted and 8200 harvested acres in 1998. The yield was 370 cwt. and produced 3.0 million cwt. in 1999. The 1998 crop yielded 380 cwt. and produced 3.1 million cwt.

The New Mexico summer potato producers planted 4300 acres and harvested 4300 acres in 1999. The yield was 290 cwt. and produced 1.2 million cwt. compared to 4300 planted and 3700 harvested acres yielding 260 cwt. and producing 1.0 million cwt. in 1998. Final 1999 estimates of summer potatoes placed the crop at 19.0 million cwt, down 2 per cent from 1998. Total U.S. planted summer acres was 68,800, and harvested acres were 63,900 down 6 percent from 1998. The average yield was 295 cwt. per acre compared to 278 cwt. in 1998.

Texas High Plains producers shipped 1279 (45,000 lb.) truckloads for fresh market which includes reds and russets. This compares to 1659 truckloads shipped in 1998. The peak week of shipments was July 18-24 when 264 loads were shipped and a single day shipment of 54 loads on July 24, 1999.

GROWING CONDITIONS:

Planting began in late February and continued into March and early April. Mid-April brought some sub-freezing temperatures. Late April and early May showed good emergence in spite of cool temperatures. There was some isolated hail during mid May, but no significant damage. Late May continued with cooler temperatures, high winds, and some isolated hail. Good progress was made in early June, but rain, hail and high winds in mid June did hurt some fields.

HARVEST:

Harvesting of Round Reds began in mid - late June and early July. They began their seasonal decline in mid-July. The Russet crop, which consists of mostly Norkotahs, some Norgolds and Centuries, began in mid-July and were mostly completed by mid August. Quality was good and yields generally good in spite of being down slightly from the previous season.

PACKAGING AND MARKETING:

The first F.O.B. report on Round Reds was July 7, 1999 with 100-lb sacks Size A at \$10.00. The demand was light for the first few weeks of the season and improved as season was near completion. The last report was July 26 with Size A bringing \$8.00-8.50 per 100-lb sack. The first report on Russets was July 26, 50-lb carton 70s \$16.00, 80s \$14.00, 90s \$12.00 and 100s \$10.00, 10 oz minimum \$15.00 and 100-lb sacks Non Size A \$13.00-14.00. The demand was good early, except for Non Size A and gradually declined. The last report was August 19, 70s \$13.00-14.00, 80s \$11.00-12.00, 90s

\$10.00, 100s \$8.00, 10 oz minimum supplies in too few hands to quote, Non Size A \$8.00.

Reds are packed in 100-lb burlap bags and 50-lb cartons or sacks. Russets are packed in 100-lb sacks for Non Size A. 50-lb cartons are used for packing 70-80-90-100 counts and 10 oz minimum and some are also baled for consumer packs in 10/5# or 5/10#. Dry bulk or washed bulk is shipped to many repacker receivers as well.

TRANSPORTATION TRENDS:

Trucks were short to start the season, but became more adequate as the season progressed with occasional shortages to the southeast.

**MARKETING HEREFORD HI-PLAINS AND EASTERN NEW MEXICO
POTATOES**

1999 SEASON

WEEKLY F.O.B. PRICES

**RUSSET NORGOLD, NORKOTAH, AND VARIOUS OTHER RUSSET
VARIETIES**

WEEK ENDING	100 LB SACKS	50-LB CARTONS
	NON SIZE A	10 OZ MINIMUM
July 31	12.00-14.00	15.00-16.00
August 7	10.00-12.00	15.00-16.00
14	9.00-10.00	13.00-15.00
20	8.00	INSUFQ

WEEK ENDING	50-LB. CARTONS			
	70s	80s	90s	100s
July 31	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00
August 7	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00
14	15.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	8.00-10.00
20	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	10.00	8.00

MARKETING HEREFORD HI-PLAINS AND EASTERN NEW MEXICO

POTATOES

1999 SEASON

WEEKLY F.O.B. PRICES

U.S.#1 50-LB CARTONS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

ROUND REDS

WEEK ENDING	100# SACKS	2 ½-3 ½"	SIZE A	SIZE B
	SIZE A			
July				
10	10.00	8.00-9.00	7.00	7.00-8.00
17	8.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.50-7.00	7.00-8.00
24	8.00-9.00	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	7.00-8.00
31	8.00-8.50	7.00	6.00-6.50	8.00

COLUMBIA BASIN WASHINGTON AND UMATILLA BASIN, OREGON

GENERAL COMMENTS - 1999 Crop

WEATHER, GROWING & HARVESTING: Unlike the 1998 season, the 1999 season was cool, very cool. Most crops were 10-14 days behind schedule.

In late March-early April planting began, although temperatures throughout the Northwest were generally below average. Frost was not so much a problem as not getting sufficient heat for plant development. In the first 2 weeks of May average temperatures throughout the area ranged 8-12F below normal. Although it warmed slightly by the end of the month there was a wide range in accumulation of growing degree days(base 60F) from plus three to a minus 21 in the coldest spots. By the week ending 23-May emergence was at 51% compared to the 5-year average of 73%.

By mid-June rows were closing in the Umatilla Basin and emergence was finally at 100%. Although the crop caught up somewhat the pace of harvest for fresh market generally compared to the 5-year average, even picking up the pace in the fall. By the first week in August most areas were going fairly strong, except Northwestern WA which was beginning to desiccate plants. By mid-August harvest was in full swing.

The pace continued though September except for some slow downs in mid-September due to higher afternoon temps in the lower portions of the Columbia Basin and heavy rains in Skagit County. By beginning of October the harvest was 65% complete compared to the 5-year average of 56%

The harvest continued into October, and by mid-month was generally completed. Growers were preparing their fields for fall and beginning end of the season irrigation.

PRODUCTION: FOR WASHINGTON STATE: The National Agricultural Statistics Service set the production for the 1999 season at 95,200,000 cwt compared to 93,225,000 cwt produced in 1998(an increase of about 2%). Growers harvested 170,000 acres compared to 165,000 acres in 1998(an increase of about 3%). Yields were down from 565 cwt/acre in 1999 to 560 cwt/acre in 1999.

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 1999 crop totaled 11392 compared to 10,228 1998, and 11,632 in 1997. Distribution of shipments for the 1999 season was as follows: 617 rail, 9,551 truck-domestic, 1,224 truck-export. Shipments peaked the week ending August 14th when 5400 were shipped.

UMATILLA BASIN OREGON: Umatilla Basin growers shipped 1,395 in 1999 compared to 2,594 in 1998. Peak shipments the weeks went out the ending September 11th when 92 were shipped. Shipments break down as follows: 77 rail, 1,233 truck-domestic, and 85 truck-export.

MARKETING: COLUMBIA BASIN WASHINGTON AND UMATILLA BASIN OREGON RUSSETS

(All prices per cwt for carton 70s) The first FOB for Norkotahs was issued the week ending July 31st at \$15.00. . The market dropped to \$13.00-15.00 by mid-August as harvest picked up. With ample supplies coming in and other competing areas beginning to harvest the market continued to slip and by the end of August was at \$9.00-10.00. With good supplies in most growing regions the market continued to slide in September finally bottoming out at \$5.50 at the end of the month. The market was generally unchanged in October as harvests were completed and shippers awaited production figures.

In November the market picked up slightly to \$6.50 in response to the added holiday demand. However it dropped off again as the season went on. The market dropped to \$6.00 in February and was generally unchanged until mid-March when it began to slide again. By early April the market was at the season low of \$5.00. Prices ranged from \$5.00-5.50 from late March through late May. Prices rose slightly here, as there was a small gap prior to new crop potatoes starting to come in from California. In mid-June the market peaked again at \$6.50-7.00. As the season ran into July prices fell again as sheds began cleaning up for the season.

MARKETING: COLUMBIA BASIN, WA AND UMATILLA BASIN, OR RUSSETS - Continued

(All prices per 50-lb master for 5-10 lb. film bales) The starting price on bales was \$6.00 as harvest was getting underway in late July. As harvest picked up, the price dropped to \$4.00 in late August, bottoming out in mid-September at \$3.50. The market was generally unchanged through October. With added demand for the holidays the market moved up slightly to \$3.50-4.00 in November. The market was unchanged through the holidays and rose slightly to \$4.00 after the New Year, but slipped back to \$3.50-4.00 in early February. As movement continued to be slow, the market leveled out at \$3.50 for most of March and into April. In mid-April the market began slipping again and by the end of May was at \$2.75-3.00. As sheds tried to clean up the 1999 crop the prices continued to slide and finished out the season at \$2.50-2.75 in July.

LOWER YAKIMA VALLEY, WASHINGTON

ROUND REDS

(All prices per carton for 50-lb cartons) The first potato FOB on Round Reds was issued for the week ending July 24th at \$8.00 for size A, and \$9.00 for size B. The size A price ranged from \$7.00-8.00 through the short season rising slightly in mid-August to finish out at \$7.50-8.00. The market for size B rose to \$9.00-10.00 and was unchanged for the remainder of the season.

YUKON GOLDS

(All prices per carton for 50-lb cartons) The first FOB was issued in late July at \$12.00 for both Size A and B. As volume picked up the market for Size A dropped to \$10.00-12.00 and finally settled at \$9.00-10.00 in mid-August as the season closed. The Size B dropped through the short season ending in mid-August at \$8.00-9.00.

NORTHWESTERN WASHINGTON

ROUND REDS

(All prices per carton for 50-lb cartons) The first FOB was issued in early September at \$11.00-12.00 for size A. As harvest picked up the size A market dropped to \$9.00-10.00 in mid-September and \$8.00-9.00 in early October. Despite the fall holidays the market continued to decline in early November bottoming out at \$7.00-8.00. The market did rise slightly in late January to \$9.00 as offerings were in to few hands to continue reporting.

YUKON GOLDS

(All prices per carton for 50-lb cartons) The first FOB was issued in mid-September at \$10.00 for size A. As harvest picked up the size A market dropped slightly to \$9.00-10.00 in late September and settled at \$9.00 in mid-October. After the Thanksgiving holiday the market firmed slightly to \$9.00-10.00 and was generally unchanged through the end of the year.

COLUMBIA BASIN, WASHINGTON & UMATILLA BASIN, OREGON

POTATOES - 1999 Season Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

Russet Norkotah U.S. One 50 lb Cartons Price per carton

W/E	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s
31-JUL	-	-15.00	14.00-15.00	-15.00	-	-	-
07-AUG	-	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00
14-AUG	-	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00
21-AUG	10.00-11.00	10.00-13.00	11.00-13.00	11.00-13.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00
28-AUG	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00
04-SEP	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00
11-SEP	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	5.50-7.00	5.00-6.00
18-SEP	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	-5.00
25-SEP	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-6.00	-5.00	-5.00
02-OCT	-5.50	-5.50	-5.50	-5.50	5.00-5.50	-5.00	4.50-5.00
09-OCT	-5.50	-5.50	-5.50	-5.50	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00
16-OCT	-5.50	-5.50	-5.50	-5.50	-5.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00
23-OCT	-5.50	-5.50	-5.50	-5.50	-5.00	4.50-5.00	-4.50
30-OCT	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00	4.50-5.00	-4.50
06-NOV	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00
13-NOV	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
20-NOV	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
27-NOV	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	-6.00	-5.50	4.50-5.00
04-DEC	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	-6.00	-5.50	4.50-5.00
11-DEC	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
18-DEC	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
25-DEC	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
01-JAN	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
08-JAN	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
15-JAN	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
22-JAN	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
29-JAN	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
05-FEB	-6.00	-6.00	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
12-FEB	-6.00	-6.00	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
19-FEB	-6.00	-6.00	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
26-FEB	-6.00	-6.00	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
04-MAR	-6.00	-6.00	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
11-MAR	-6.00	-6.00	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
18-MAR	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
25-MAR	-5.50	-5.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
01-APR	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
08-APR	-5.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	-5.50	-5.00	-4.50
15-APR	-5.00	-5.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	-5.50	-5.00	-4.50
22-APR	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	-5.50	-5.00	-4.50
29-APR	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	-5.50	-5.00	4.50-5.00
06-MAY	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	-6.00	-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00
13-MAY	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	-6.00	-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00
20-MAY	-5.50	-5.50	-6.00	-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50
27-MAY	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	-6.00	-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50
03-JUN	-6.00	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50
10-JUN	-6.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50
17-JUN	-6.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.50-7.00	-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50
24-JUN	-6.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	-5.50	4.50-5.00	-4.50
01-JUL	5.50-6.00	-6.00	-6.00	-6.00	-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50
08-JUL	5.50-6.00	-6.00	-6.00	-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50
15-JUL	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	-4.00
22-JUL	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	-4.00

COLUMBIA BASIN, WASHINGTON & UMATILLA BASIN, OREGON

POTATOES - 1999 Season
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis Price per 50 lbs.

W/E	US ONE		US TWO	
	Non Size A 2 inch or 4 oz min.		10 oz minimum	
	5 10-lb	10 5-lb	50 lb ctns	50 lb sks
31-JUL-1999	-6.00	-7.00	-	-
07-AUG-1999	5.50-6.00	6.50-7.00	-	-
14-AUG-1999	5.00-6.00	6.00-7.00	12.00-13.00	-8.00
21-AUG-1999	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	10.00-12.00	-8.00
28-AUG-1999	-4.00	-5.00	8.00-10.00	7.00-8.00
04-SEP-1999	-4.00	-5.00	7.00-8.00	-7.00
11-SEP-1999	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	-7.00	5.00-7.00
18-SEP-1999	-3.50	-4.50	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00
25-SEP-1999	-3.50	-4.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
02-OCT-1999	-3.50	-4.50	-5.50	-5.00
09-OCT-1999	-3.50	-4.50	-5.50	-5.00
16-OCT-1999	-3.50	-4.50	-5.50	-
23-OCT-1999	-3.50	-4.50	-5.50	-
30-OCT-1999	-3.50	-4.50	-5.50	-
06-NOV-1999	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	-
13-NOV-1999	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	-6.00	-
20-NOV-1999	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	-
27-NOV-1999	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	-
04-DEC-1999	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	-
11-DEC-1999	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	-
18-DEC-1999	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	-
25-DEC-1999	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	-
01-JAN-2000	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	-
08-JAN-2000	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	-
15-JAN-2000	-4.00	-5.00	-6.00	-
22-JAN-2000	-4.00	-5.00	-6.00	-
29-JAN-2000	-4.00	-5.00	-6.00	-
05-FEB-2000	-4.00	-5.00	-6.00	-
12-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	-6.00	-
19-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	-6.00	-
26-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	-6.00	-
04-MAR-2000	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	-6.00	-
11-MAR-2000	-3.50	-4.50	-6.00	-
18-MAR-2000	-3.50	-4.50	5.50-6.00	-
25-MAR-2000	-3.50	-4.50	5.50-6.00	-
01-APR-2000	-3.50	-4.50	5.00-5.50	-
08-APR-2000	-3.50	-4.50	-5.00	-
15-APR-2000	-3.50	-4.50	-5.00	-
22-APR-2000	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	-
29-APR-2000	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	-
06-MAY-2000	-3.00	-4.00	5.00-5.50	-
13-MAY-2000	-3.00	-4.00	5.00-5.50	-
20-MAY-2000	-3.00	-4.00	5.00-5.50	-
27-MAY-2000	2.75-3.00	3.75-4.00	5.00-5.50	-
03-JUN-2000	-2.75	-3.75	-6.00	-
10-JUN-2000	-2.75	-3.75	-6.00	-
17-JUN-2000	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	-6.00	-
24-JUN-2000	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	-6.00	-
01-JUL-2000	2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75	-6.00	-
08-JUL-2000		-3.50	-6.00	-
15-JUL-2000		3.50-3.75	-6.00	-
22-JUL-2000		3.50-4.00	-6.00	-

1999 CROP

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis
50 lb Carton US One Price Per 50 lbs.

NORTHWESTERN WASHINGTON

W/E	Round Reds			Yukon Golds		
	Size A	Size B	1" Minimum	Size A	Size B	1" Minimum
28-AUG-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
04-SEP-99	11.00-12.00	16.00-17.00	28.00-30.00	-	-	-
11-SEP-99	-10.00	-16.00	28.00-30.00	-10.00	-	-
18-SEP-99	9.00-10.00	14.00-16.00	-28.00	-10.00	-12.00	-28.00
25-SEP-99	9.00-10.00	14.00-15.00	-28.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	-28.00
02-OCT-99	9.00-10.00	14.00-15.00	-28.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	-28.00
09-OCT-99	8.00-9.00	13.00-15.00	-28.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	-28.00
16-OCT-99	8.00-9.00	13.00-15.00	-28.00	-9.00	10.00-12.00	26.00-28.00
23-OCT-99	8.00-9.00	13.00-14.00	26.00-28.00	-9.00	10.00-12.00	26.00-28.00
30-OCT-99	8.00-9.00	13.00-14.00	26.00-28.00	-9.00	10.00-12.00	26.00-28.00
06-NOV-99	8.00-8.50	12.00-14.00	26.00-28.00	-9.00	10.00-12.00	26.00-28.00
13-NOV-99	7.00-8.00	12.00-14.00	26.00-28.00	-9.00	10.00-12.00	-26.00
20-NOV-99	7.00-8.00	12.00-14.00	26.00-28.00	-9.00	10.00-12.00	24.00-26.00
27-NOV-99	7.00-8.00	11.00-13.00	26.00-28.00	9.00-10.00	-10.00	24.00-26.00
04-DEC-99	7.00-8.00	10.00-12.00	-26.00	9.00-10.00	-10.00	24.00-26.00
11-DEC-99	7.00-8.00	10.00-12.00	24.00-26.00	9.00-10.00	-10.00	24.00-26.00
18-DEC-99	7.00-8.00	10.00-11.00	24.00-26.00	9.00-10.00	-10.00	24.00-26.00
25-DEC-99	7.00-8.00	10.00-11.00	-	-	-	-
01-JAN-00	7.00-8.00	9.00-11.00	-	-	-	-
08-JAN-00	7.00-8.00	9.00-11.00	-	-	-	-
15-JAN-00	7.00-8.00	9.00-11.00	-	-	-	-
22-JAN-00	7.00-8.00	9.00-11.00	-	-	-	-
29-JAN-00	7.00-9.00	9.00-11.00	-	-	-	-
05-FEB-00	-9.00	9.00-11.00	-	-	-	-
12-FEB-00	-	-	-	-	-	-

LOWER YAKIMA VALLEY & COLUMBIA BASIN WASHINGTON

W/E	Round Reds				Yukon Golds	
	Baled Film Bags		50 lb Sacks		Size A	Size B
	5 - 10 lb	10 - 5 lb	Size A	Size B		
24-JUL-99	-	-	-8.00	-9.00	-	-
31-JUL-99	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	9.00-10.00	-12.00	-12.00
07-AUG-99	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-12.00
14-AUG-99	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-11.00	8.00-9.00
21-AUG-99	-	-	7.50-8.00	-	9.00-10.00	-
28-AUG-99	-	-	-	-	-	-

ALL DISTRICTS WASHINGTON 1999 SEASON SHIPMENTS In 1,000 CWT

Week Ending	Rail	Truck	Export	Week Total	Week TTD
17-Jul-99	0	4	0	4	0
24-Jul-99	0	24	7	31	35
31-Jul-99	2	101	14	117	152
07-Aug-99	12	418	31	461	613
14-Aug-99	26	458	56	540	1153
21-Aug-99	30	331	34	395	1548
28-Aug-99	49	429	34	512	2060
04-Sep-99	24	361	19	404	2464
11-Sep-99	29	271	24	324	2788
18-Sep-99	41	235	33	309	3097
25-Sep-99	26	229	27	282	3379
02-Oct-99	21	203	17	241	3620
09-Oct-99	11	198	13	222	3842
16-Oct-99	11	178	20	209	4051
23-Oct-99	11	183	20	214	4265
30-Oct-99	9	132	12	153	4418
06-Nov-99	12	255	13	280	4698
13-Nov-99	17	259	17	293	4991
20-Nov-99	15	279	15	309	5300
27-Nov-99	10	207	17	234	5534
04-Dec-99	13	186	17	216	5750
11-Dec-99	28	195	18	241	5991
18-Dec-99	28	203	27	258	6249
25-Dec-99	5	166	17	188	6437
01-Jan-00	8	139	11	158	6595
08-Jan-00	9	172	18	199	6794
15-Jan-00	14	164	12	190	6984
22-Jan-00	10	157	18	185	7169
29-Jan-00	7	153	14	174	7343
05-Feb-00	24	173	13	210	7553
12-Feb-00	4	195	14	213	7766
19-Feb-00	2	196	19	217	7983
26-Feb-00	4	187	22	213	8196
04-Mar-00	0	91	20	111	8307
11-Mar-00	0	144	21	165	8472
18-Mar-00	0	142	16	158	8630
25-Mar-00	1	162	20	183	8813
01-Apr-00	1	148	25	174	8987
08-Apr-00	1	113	26	140	9127
15-Apr-00	1	165	26	192	9319
22-Apr-00	8	154	25	187	9506
29-Apr-00	10	134	16	160	9666
06-May-00	11	125	20	156	9822
13-May-00	14	133	24	171	9993
20-May-00	18	134	26	178	10171
27-May-00	8	134	33	175	10346
03-Jun-00	5	119	48	172	10518
10-Jun-00	10	100	30	140	10658
17-Jun-00	6	102	34	142	10800
24-Jun-00	1	78	45	124	10924
01-Jul-00	2	76	25	103	11027
08-Jul-00	1	57	29	87	11114
15-Jul-00	7	6	29	42	11156
22-Jul-00	0	124	23	147	11303
29-Jul-00	0	47	14	61	11364
05-Aug-00	0	22	6	28	11392
Totals	617	9551	1224	11392	

UMATILLA BASIN 1999 SEASON SHIPMENTS
In 1,000 CWT

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Week Ending	Rail	Truck	Export	Week Total	Week TTD
17-Jul-99	0	0	0	0	0
24-Jul-99	0	11	1	12	12
31-Jul-99	0	10	1	11	23
07-Aug-99	1	31	3	35	58
14-Aug-99	5	19	0	24	82
21-Aug-99	9	28	1	38	120
28-Aug-99	2	31	1	34	154
04-Sep-99	4	53	1	58	212
11-Sep-99	2	86	4	92	304
18-Sep-99	1	67	7	75	379
25-Sep-99	7	25	1	33	412
02-Oct-99	1	36	3	40	452
09-Oct-99	2	41	2	45	497
16-Oct-99	0	54	2	56	553
23-Oct-99	1	18	2	21	574
30-Oct-99	2	33	2	37	611
06-Nov-99	1	29	3	33	644
13-Nov-99	1	41	2	44	688
20-Nov-99	1	41	2	44	732
27-Nov-99	0	39	0	39	771
04-Dec-99	1	35	0	36	807
11-Dec-99	0	20	1	21	828
18-Dec-99	2	33	2	37	865
25-Dec-99	1	29	2	32	897
01-Jan-00	0	34	2	36	933
08-Jan-00	0	38	1	39	972
15-Jan-00	0	34	0	34	1006
22-Jan-00	0	25	1	26	1032
29-Jan-00	0	2	0	2	1034
05-Feb-00	0	0	0	0	1034
12-Feb-00	0	1	0	1	1035
19-Feb-00	0	1	0	1	1036
26-Feb-00	0	0	0	0	1036
04-Mar-00	0	1	0	1	1037
11-Mar-00	0	1	0	1	1038
18-Mar-00	0	3	0	3	1041
25-Mar-00	0	4	0	4	1045
01-Apr-00	0	3	0	3	1048
08-Apr-00	0	8	1	9	1057
15-Apr-00	0	17	2	19	1076
22-Apr-00	2	9	0	11	1087
29-Apr-00	1	18	3	22	1109
06-May-00	1	21	2	24	1133
13-May-00	2	10	1	13	1146
20-May-00	4	7	0	11	1157
27-May-00	5	20	1	26	1183
03-Jun-00	1	9	1	11	1194
10-Jun-00	6	17	2	25	1219
17-Jun-00	2	21	1	24	1243
24-Jun-00	7	20	0	27	1270
01-Jul-00	2	31	6	39	1309
08-Jul-00	0	28	11	39	1348
15-Jul-00	0	25	6	31	1379
22-Jul-00	0	15	1	16	1395
Totals	77	1233	85	1395	

KLAMATH BASIN

(NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN OREGON)

GENERAL COMMENTS - 1999

WEATHER, GROWING & HARVESTING: The 1999 spring and early summer were cool, very cool. Storms and some snow delayed fieldwork in early to mid-April. By early May sheds were receiving and cutting seed. By mid-May planting was moving ahead. By the week ending May 23rd the Basin plantings were 50% completed. Cool weather delayed the crop so that by June 20th emergence was finally at 99%. In late June growers were cultivating.

By the 4th of July the crop was about 10 days behind normal. By the end of the month rows were 70% closed. By the beginning of September 30-40% were knocked down in preparation for harvest. Harvest began in earnest in late September. By the week ending October 3rd the harvest was 30% completed. Racing the calendar as winter weather was rapidly approaching, the harvest was at 90% complete by the week ending October 17th.

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 1999 crop for the Klamath Basin totaled 3,023. Peak shipments went out the week ending December 18th when 178 units were shipped compared to November 21st in 1998 when 112 units were shipped.

MARKETING: As per the cooperative agreement, prices are reported from October 1st through May 31st. Sales were made both prior to and after the official reporting dates. Due to the unusually cool season, FOB reporting did not begin until late October and was extended through June.

(All prices per 50 lb. carton for carton 70s) The first Fobs were issued the week ending October 30th at \$7.00-7.50 for Norkotahs. With the late start, the market was generally unchanged as all other regions were already running and the market had already stabilized. Prices were generally unchanged through early December when the market slid to \$7.00. Pricing continued about the same well in to the New Year. In late February the market slipped again to \$6.50-7.00, settling in mid-March at \$6.50. In late April the market slipped again to \$6.00-6.50 and was generally unchanged through May. Although there was a brief jump to \$6.00-7.00 in early June as new crop supplies were just beginning to build in California, the market fell back to \$5.50-6.50 in late June and early July as sheds were trying cleanup along with other competing districts.

(All prices per 50-lb. master for 5-10 lb. bales) The first Fobs were issued the week ending October 30th at 4.00-4.25. With an already stable market and some holiday demand, the market was generally unchanged through mid-January as the mostly shifted to \$4.25. Prices continued about the same through February and in March dropped to \$4.00-4.25. By the end of the month the market dropped again to \$3.75-4.00. With pressure from competing areas and overall smaller size potatoes in the Basin (due to the shorter growing season) the market continued to slide slowly and by the end of April was at \$3.00-4.00. As sheds began working through their inventories the smaller sized potato continued to have its effect and the market continued to fall. By the end of May the market was \$3.00. This continued through most of June and as sheds were cleaning up in early July the last reported price was as \$2.50-3.00.

KLAMATH BASIN, SOUTHERN OREGON & NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

POTATOES - 1999 Season
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

Russet Norkotah Price per 50 lbs.

W/E	US ONE Non Size A Baled Filmbags		US ONE 50 lb cartons	US TWO 50 lb sacks	
	5 10-lb	10 5-lb	10 oz min	6 oz min.	10 oz min.
23-OCT-99	-	-	-	-	-
30-OCT-99	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	6.00-7.00	-	-
06-NOV-99	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	6.50-7.00	3.00-3.50	-5.00
13-NOV-99	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	6.50-7.00	3.00-3.50	-5.00
20-NOV-99	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	6.50-7.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
27-NOV-99	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	6.50-7.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
04-DEC-99	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	6.00-7.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
11-DEC-99	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	6.00-6.50	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
18-DEC-99	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	6.00-6.50	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
25-DEC-99	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
01-JAN-00	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
08-JAN-00	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
15-JAN-00	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
22-JAN-00	-4.25	-5.25	-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
29-JAN-00	-4.25	-5.25	-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
05-FEB-00	-4.25	-5.25	-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
12-FEB-00	-4.25	-5.25	-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
19-FEB-00	-4.25	-5.25	-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-5.00
26-FEB-00	-4.25	-5.25	-6.00	-3.00	4.00-4.50
04-MAR-00	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	5.50-6.00	-3.00	-4.00
11-MAR-00	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	5.50-6.00	-3.00	-4.00
18-MAR-00	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.25	5.50-6.00	-3.00	-4.00
25-MAR-00	-4.00	-5.00	5.50-6.00	-3.00	-4.00
01-APR-00	3.75-4.00	4.75-5.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00
08-APR-00	3.75-4.00	4.75-5.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00
15-APR-00	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00
22-APR-00	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00
29-APR-00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00
06-MAY-00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.00-3.50
13-MAY-00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.00-3.50
20-MAY-00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.00-3.50
27-MAY-00	-3.00	-4.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.00-3.50
03-JUN-00	-3.00	-4.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.00-3.50
10-JUN-00	-3.00	-4.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.00-3.50
17-JUN-00	-3.00	-4.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.00-3.50
24-JUN-00	-3.00	-4.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.00-3.50
01-JUL-00	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.00-3.50
08-JUL-00	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00	5.00-6.00	2.50-3.00	3.00-3.50

KLAMATH BASIN, SOUTHERN OREGON & NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

POTATOES - 1999 Season

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

Russet Norkotah U.S. One 50 lb Cartons Price per carton

W/E	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s
23-OCT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-OCT	-7.00	-7.00	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
06-NOV	-7.00	-7.00	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
13-NOV	-7.00	-7.00	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
20-NOV	-7.00	-7.00	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
27-NOV	-7.00	-7.00	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
04-DEC	-7.00	-7.00	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
11-DEC	-7.00	-7.00	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
18-DEC	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
25-DEC	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
01-JAN	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
08-JAN	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
15-JAN	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
22-JAN	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
29-JAN	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
05-FEB	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
12-FEB	-7.00	6.50-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
19-FEB	-	6.00-7.00	-7.00	-7.00	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
26-FEB	-	6.00-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	-6.00	-5.50	-5.00
04-MAR	-	6.00-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	-5.00
11-MAR	-	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	-5.00
18-MAR	-	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	-5.00
25-MAR	-	-6.50	-6.50	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	-5.00
01-APR	-	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-6.50	-5.50	5.00-5.50	-5.00
08-APR	-	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-6.50	-5.50	5.00-5.50	-5.00
15-APR	-	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-6.50	-5.50	5.00-5.50	-5.00
22-APR	-	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-6.50	-5.50	5.00-5.50	-5.00
29-APR	-	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-5.50	5.00-5.50	-5.00
06-MAY	-	5.50-6.50	5.50-6.50	6.00-6.50	-5.50	5.00-5.50	-5.00
13-MAY	-	5.50-6.50	5.50-6.50	6.00-6.50	-5.50	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
20-MAY	-	5.50-6.50	5.50-6.50	6.00-6.50	-5.50	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
27-MAY	-	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
03-JUN	-	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
10-JUN	-	-6.50	-7.00	-7.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
17-JUN	-	-6.50	-7.00	-7.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
24-JUN	-	6.00-6.50	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
01-JUL	-	6.00-6.50	5.50-7.00	5.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.50	-4.50
08-JUL	-	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.50	5.50-6.50	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.50	-4.50

**KLAMATH BASIN – 1999 CROP WEEKLY SHIPMENTS
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA & SOUTHERN OREGON
1000 CWT**

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WEEK ENDING	CALIFORNIA TOTAL	OREGON TOTAL	WEEKLY TOTAL	TOTAL TO DATE
Sep 04	0	4	4	4
Sep 11	0	10	10	14
Sep 18	0	11	11	25
Sep 25	6	9	15	40
	19	10	29	69
Oct 02				
Oct 09	19	9	28	97
Oct 16	10	10	20	117
Oct 23	10	20	30	147
Oct 30	20	20	40	187
	32	68	100	287
Nov 06				
Nov 13	39	17	56	343
Nov 20	48	21	69	412
Nov 27	40	12	52	464
	51	76	127	591
Dec 04				
Dec 11	67	39	106	697
Dec 18	71	107	178	875
Dec 25	38	46	84	959
	34	35	69	1028
Jan 01				
Jan 08	69	55	124	1152
Jan 15	52	33	85	1237
Jan 22	45	31	76	1313
Jan 29	41	35	76	1389
	31	32	63	1452
Feb 05				
Feb 12	39	38	77	1529
Feb 19	52	35	87	1616
Feb 26	61	33	94	1710
	39	37	76	1786
Mar 04				
Mar 11	40	52	92	1878
Mar 18	45	42	87	1965
Mar 25	42	42	84	2049
	22	51	73	2122
Apr 01				
Apr 08	30	35	65	2187
Apr 15	36	49	85	2272
Apr 22	35	37	72	2344
Apr 29	44	31	75	2419
	48	23	71	2486
May 06				
May 13	38	27	65	2555
May 20	75	23	98	2653
May 27	38	23	61	2714
	17	39	56	2770
Jun 03				
Jun 10	37	16	53	2823
Jun 17	55	32	87	2910
Jun 24	27	22	49	2959
	35	29	64	3023
Jul 01				
TOTAL	1597	1426	3023	

MARKETING THE 1999 WISCONSIN POTATOES CROP

GROWING CONDITIONS. - Planting was in progress earlier than normal this season, except for a few spotted rain delays. In general, the potato crop developed rapidly due to favorable weather. By mid-September, shipments had been averaging about 15% ahead of last year's pace. Some of this increase was due to market prices and the concern for storage life of the harvested crop.

Chip Stock - Digging for chip stock was 7-10 days behind schedule. Early chip stock yield estimates were projected record or near record yields. Most varieties of chippers seem to have flourished during the summer growing environment along with more acres planted, creating an over abundance supply of chip stock at harvest. Quality appeared to have been operating below normal with some apprehension that the potato may not have held in storage as anticipated.

HARVESTING - Russet Norkotahs harvest began the second week of August in the south-central districts of Wisconsin. With hot and humid temperatures, Norkotahs has begun showing signs of age early on. Problems of skin maturity had surfaced. - **Storage** - According to Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics growers in the state held 7.30 million cwt of potatoes in storage which represents 21 percent of the 1999 production. The only major concern growers had was Pink Eye and water rot, however with extremely dry weather for most of September dried up the problem. Potatoes entering storage were relatively in good shape.

PRODUCTION - Wisconsin potato growers planted 86,000 acres and harvested 85,000 acres according to Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics. Harvested acreage was up 1,500 acres from the 1998 crop. The average yield per acre this season reached a state's record 400 cwt which was 390 cwt set back in 1996 compared to 370 cwt last season. The total estimated production was 34,000 per cwt compared to 30,895 per cwt last season.

MARKETING - (All prices represent per cwt.) The first F.O.B. price reported for the 1999 season was the first week of August Round Reds 100 lb sacks US No. 1 per cwt being quoted at \$8.50-\$9.00 (a decrease averaging at \$5.00 from last season). Prices rose to a season high of \$12.00-\$13.00 in mid January, closing out at \$11.00-\$12.00 (an increase of \$5.00 from previous year). Size B's open at \$14.00-18.00 (a slight decrease of \$3.00 from last season). During the month of September prices amplified to a high of \$25.00-\$26.00. Toward the end of season prices continued to decrease ending at a season, low of \$14.00.

The first of season sales for Round Whites, 100 lb sacks US No. 1 per cwt opened in late July at a high of \$8.00-\$9.00 (\$1.50-2.00 increase from 1998 season). The season's low price for 100 lb sacks was quoted in February at \$5.50-\$6.50. Prices for the remaining season remained relatively steady.

Shipping point prices for Russets Norkotah opened in mid August for 50 lb cartons US No. 1 per cwt 70 count at \$26.00-\$28.00 (a increase averaging \$9.00 from last season). In February prices decline to a season low of \$10.00-\$10.50 per cwt then peaked again late May-early June finishing at \$13.00-14.00. Prices for 80 count opened at \$25.00-\$26.00 (an increase of \$10.00 from last season). During the winter months prices dropped to a season low of \$10.00 ending the season steadily averaging \$11.00-\$12.00. Unlike carton prices, FOB shipping point prices for 10 lb film bags non size-A opened at a season high of \$10.50-\$12.00. Prices declined during mid-season to \$8.00-\$8.50 finishing with a season low of \$7.50.

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DATE	100 lb sks PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH U.S. One non sz A	bld 5 10-lb flmbgs PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH U.S. One non sz A	bld 10 5-lb flmbgs PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH U.S. One non sz A	100 lb sks PER CWT ROUND WHITE U.S. One sz A	50 lb sks PER CWT ROUND WHITE U.S. One sz A
24-JUL-99	-	-	-	-	-
31-JUL-99	-	-	-	8.00-9.00	9.00-10.00
07-AUG-99	-	-	-	8.00-8.50	8.50-9.00
14-AUG-99	10.00	10.50-12.00	12.00-13.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-8.50
21-AUG-99	8.00-10.00	10.50	12.00-12.50	7.25-8.00	8.00-8.50
28-AUG-99	8.00-9.00	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00	7.25-8.00	8.00-8.50
04-SEP-99	7.50-9.00	9.50-10.00	11.00-11.50	7.25-8.00	8.00-8.50
11-SEP-99	8.50	9.00-10.00	10.50-11.50	7.50	8.00-8.50
18-SEP-99	8.50	9.50-10.00	11.00-11.50	7.50	8.00-8.50
25-SEP-99	7.00-8.00	8.50-9.50	10.00-11.00	7.00-7.50	7.50-8.00
02-OCT-99	7.00-7.50	8.00-8.50	9.50-11.00	7.00-7.50	7.50
09-OCT-99	7.00-7.50	8.50	10.00	7.00-7.50	7.50
16-OCT-99	6.75-7.50	8.50	10.00	7.00-7.50	7.50-8.00
23-OCT-99	6.75-7.50	8.50	10.00	7.00-7.50	7.50-8.00
30-OCT-99	6.75-7.50	8.50	10.00	7.00-7.50	7.50-8.00
06-NOV-99	7.00-7.50	8.50-9.00	10.00-10.50	7.00	7.50-8.00
13-NOV-99	7.00-7.50	8.50	10.00	6.50-7.00	7.00-7.50
20-NOV-99	7.00-7.50	8.50-9.00	10.00-10.50	6.50-7.00	7.00-7.50
27-NOV-99	7.00-7.50	8.50-9.00	10.00-10.50	6.50-7.00	7.00-7.50
04-DEC-99	6.50-7.00	8.00-8.50	9.50-10.00	6.50-7.00	7.00-7.50
11-DEC-99	6.50-7.00	8.00-8.50	9.50-10.00	7.00	7.50
18-DEC-99	7.00-7.50	8.00-8.50	9.50-10.00	7.00	7.50
25-DEC-99	7.00-7.50	8.00-8.50	9.50-10.00	7.00	7.50
01-JAN-00	7.00-8.00	8.50	9.50-10.00	-	7.50
08-JAN-00	7.00-7.50	8.50	9.50-10.00	6.50-7.00	7.00-7.50
15-JAN-00	7.00-7.50	8.50	9.50-10.00	6.25-7.00	6.50-7.50
22-JAN-00	7.50-7.75	8.50	9.50-10.00	6.00-7.00	-
29-JAN-00	7.50-7.75	8.50	9.50-10.00	-	-
05-FEB-00	7.00-7.50	8.50	10.00	-	-
12-FEB-00	7.00-7.50	8.50	10.00	5.50-6.50	6.50-7.00
19-FEB-00	7.00-7.50	8.00-8.50	9.50-10.00	5.50-6.50	6.50-7.50
26-FEB-00	7.00-7.50	8.00-8.50	9.50-10.00	5.50-6.50	6.00-7.00
04-MAR-00	7.00-7.50	8.00-8.50	9.50-10.00	-	6.00-7.00
11-MAR-00	6.50-7.00	8.50	10.00	-	6.00-6.50
18-MAR-00	6.75-7.50	8.00-8.50	10.00	-	-
25-MAR-00	-	8.00-8.50	9.50-10.00	-	-
01-APR-00	-	7.50-8.50	9.00-10.00	-	-
08-APR-00	-	7.50-8.00	9.00-9.50	-	-
15-APR-00	-	7.50-8.00	9.50-10.00	-	-
22-APR-00	-	8.00-8.50	9.50-10.00	-	-
29-APR-00	-	8.00-8.50	9.00-9.50	-	-
06-MAY-00	-	7.50-8.00	9.00-9.50	-	-
13-MAY-00	-	7.50-8.00	9.50	-	-
20-MAY-00	-	8.00	9.50	-	-
27-MAY-00	-	7.50-8.00	9.00-9.50	-	-
03-JUN-00	6.00-7.00	7.50-8.00	9.00-9.50	-	-
10-JUN-00	-	7.50	9.00	-	-
17-JUN-00	-	7.50	9.00	-	-

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DATE	50 lb ctns PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH U.S. One 70s	50 lb ctns PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH U.S. One 80s	50 lb ctns PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH U.S. One 90s	50 lb ctns PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH U.S. One 100s	50 lb ctns PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH U.S. One 10 oz min
24-JUL-99	-	-	-	-	-
31-JUL-99	-	-	-	-	-
07-AUG-99	-	-	-	-	-
14-AUG-99	28.00	25.00-26.00	22.00-24.00	18.00-20.00	26.00-28.00
21-AUG-99	26.00-28.00	24.00-26.00	20.00-22.00	17.00-18.00	24.00-28.00
28-AUG-99	16.00-21.00	16.00-20.00	14.00-17.50	14.00-17.00	14.00-18.00
04-SEP-99	16.00-18.00	15.00-17.00	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	14.00-16.00
11-SEP-99	16.00	15.00	14.00	13.00-14.00	14.00-15.00
18-SEP-99	11.00-13.00	12.00-14.00	11.00-13.50	11.00-13.00	11.00-14.00
25-SEP-99	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00	10.00-12.00
02-OCT-99	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-11.00
09-OCT-99	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00
16-OCT-99	11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
23-OCT-99	11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
30-OCT-99	11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
06-NOV-99	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
13-NOV-99	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-11.50	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
20-NOV-99	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
27-NOV-99	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
04-DEC-99	11.00-11.50	11.00	10.00-10.50	10.00	9.00-10.00
11-DEC-99	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-10.50	10.00	9.00-10.00
18-DEC-99	11.00-11.50	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	10.00	9.50-10.50
25-DEC-99	11.00-12.00	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	10.00-10.50	9.50-10.00
01-JAN-00	11.00-12.00	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	10.00	9.50-10.00
08-JAN-00	10.50-12.00	10.50-11.50	10.00-10.50	10.00	9.50-10.00
15-JAN-00	10.50-11.00	10.50-10.75	9.50-10.00	9.50-10.00	9.00-10.00
22-JAN-00	10.50-11.00	10.50-10.75	10.00-10.50	10.00	9.00-10.00
29-JAN-00	10.50-11.00	10.00-10.75	10.00-10.50	10.00	9.00-10.00
05-FEB-00	10.00-11.00	10.00	10.00-10.50	10.00	10.50-11.00
12-FEB-00	10.00-11.00	10.00	10.00-10.50	10.00	10.50-11.00
19-FEB-00	10.00-10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50-11.00
26-FEB-00	10.00-10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00-11.00
04-MAR-00	10.50-12.00	10.50-11.00	10.00-10.50	10.00	10.50-11.00
11-MAR-00	11.50-12.00	11.00-11.50	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.00-11.00
18-MAR-00	11.50-12.00	11.00-11.50	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.00-11.00
25-MAR-00	11.50-12.00	10.50-11.00	10.00-10.50	9.50-10.00	8.50-9.50
01-APR-00	10.50-11.00	10.50-11.00	10.00	9.50-10.00	9.00-9.50
08-APR-00	10.50-11.00	10.50	9.50-10.00	9.50-10.00	9.00-9.50
15-APR-00	11.00	10.50	10.00	9.50-10.00	9.00-9.50
22-APR-00	11.00	10.50-11.00	10.00-10.50	10.00	9.00-10.00
29-APR-00	11.50-12.00	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	10.00	9.00-10.00
06-MAY-00	11.50-12.00	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	10.00	9.00-10.00
13-MAY-00	11.50-12.00	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	10.00	9.00-10.00
20-MAY-00	11.50-12.00	11.00-11.50	10.00-11.00	10.00-10.50	9.50-10.00
27-MAY-00	11.50-13.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-10.50	9.50-10.50
03-JUN-00	12.50-13.00	11.50-12.00	10.50-11.50	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
10-JUN-00	12.50-13.00	11.50-12.00	11.00	10.50-11.00	11.00
17-JUN-00	13.00-14.00	12.00-13.00	11.00-12.00	11.00	11.00

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DATE	100 lb sks PER CWT ROUND REDS U.S. One sz A	50 lb sks PER CWT ROUND REDS U.S. One sz A	50 lb sks PER CWT ROUND REDS U.S. One sz B	bld 5 10-lb flmbgs PER CWT ROUND REDS U.S. One sz A	bld 10 5-lb flmbgs PER CWT ROUND REDS U.S. One sz A
24-JUL-99	-	-	-	-	-
31-JUL-99	8.50- 9.00	9.00-10.00	14.00-18.00	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00
07-AUG-99	8.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00	17.00-21.00	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00
14-AUG-99	7.50- 8.00	8.00-9.00	21.00-24.00	9.50-10.50	11.00-12.00
21-AUG-99	7.50- 8.00	8.00-9.00	24.00	9.50	11.00
28-AUG-99	7.50- 8.00	8.00-8.50	22.00-24.00	9.50	11.00
04-SEP-99	8.00	8.50	22.00-24.00	9.50	11.00
11-SEP-99	8.50- 9.00	9.00-10.00	22.00-24.00	10.00	11.50
18-SEP-99	8.50- 9.00	9.00-9.50	25.00-26.00	9.50-10.00	11.00-12.00
25-SEP-99	7.50- 8.50	8.50-9.50	24.00-25.00	9.50-10.50	11.00-12.00
02-OCT-99	7.50- 8.50	9.00-9.50	24.00-25.00	9.50-10.50	11.00-12.00
09-OCT-99	7.50- 8.50	9.00	24.00-25.00	9.50-10.50	11.00-12.00
16-OCT-99	9.00	9.00-9.50	20.00-22.00	9.50-10.50	11.00-12.00
23-OCT-99	9.50-10.00	10.00-10.50	20.00-22.00	9.50-10.00	11.00-11.50
30-OCT-99	9.50-10.00	10.00-10.50	20.00-22.00	9.50-10.00	11.00-11.50
06-NOV-99	9.50	10.00	20.00-22.00	9.50-10.50	11.00-12.00
13-NOV-99	8.50-9.00	9.00-9.50	19.00-20.00	10.50	12.00
20-NOV-99	8.50-9.00	9.00-9.50	18.00-20.00	10.00-11.00	11.50-12.50
27-NOV-99	8.50-9.00	9.00-9.50	19.00-20.00	10.00-11.00	11.50-12.50
04-DEC-99	8.50-9.00	9.00-9.50	18.00-19.00	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00
11-DEC-99	8.50-9.00	9.00-9.50	16.00-18.00	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00
18-DEC-99	8.50-9.00	9.00-9.50	16.00-18.00	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00
25-DEC-99	8.50-9.00	9.00-9.50	16.00-17.00	10.00-10.50	11.50-12.00
01-JAN-00	11.00-12.00	11.50-12.50	16.00-17.00	11.50-12.00	13.00-13.50
08-JAN-00	11.00-12.00	11.50-12.50	16.00-17.00	11.50-12.00	13.00-13.50
15-JAN-00	12.00	12.50	15.00-17.00	13.50-15.50	15.00-17.00
22-JAN-00	12.00-13.00	12.50-13.50	14.00-15.00	13.50-15.50	15.00-17.00
29-JAN-00	12.00-13.00	12.50-13.50	14.00-15.00	13.50-15.50	15.00-17.00
05-FEB-00	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	13.00-15.00	13.50-15.50	15.00-17.00
12-FEB-00	-	12.00-13.00	13.00-14.00	13.50-14.50	15.00-16.00
19-FEB-00	-	12.00-13.00	14.00	12.00-12.50	13.50-14.00
26-FEB-00	-	12.00-13.00	14.00	12.00-12.50	13.50-14.00
04-MAR-00	-	12.00-13.00	14.00	12.00-12.50	13.50-14.00

WISCONSIN WEEKLY SHIPMENTS – 1999 CROP
1,000 cwt

DATE	TRUCK	TOTAL TO DATE	DATE	TRUCK	TOTAL TO DATE
<u>1999</u>			<u>2000</u>		
July 31	54	54	Jan 1	250	6,046
			8	282	6,328
Aug 7	121	175	15	236	6,564
14	20	395	22	220	6,784
21	284	679	29	243	7,027
28	322	1,001			
			Feb 5	246	7,273
Sep 4	319	1,320	12	262	7,535
11	346	1,666	19	219	7,754
18	321	1,987	26	207	7,961
25	280	2,267			
			Mar 4	182	8,143
Oct 2	252	2,519	11	187	8,330
9	297	2,816	18	192	8,522
16	296	3,112	25	209	8,731
23	259	3,371			
30	235	3,606	Apr 1	233	8,964
			8	218	9,182
Nov 6	280	3,886	15	244	9,426
13	292	4,178	22	218	9,644
20	329	4,507	29	234	9,878
27	239	4,746			
			May 6	224	10,102
Dec 4	277	5,023	13	172	10,274
11	257	5,280	20	182	10,456
18	285	5,565	27	191	10,647
25	231	5,796			
			Jun 3	148	10,795
			10	158	10,953
			17	117	11,070
			TOTAL	11,070	

CANADIAN POTATO PRODUCTION - JANUARY 2000						
<i>Area, Production and Farm Value of potatoes in Canada, by Province</i>						
	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	TOTAL PRODUCTION	amt sold, consumed seeded or fed to livestock	Average Farm Price
	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt.	\$ per cwt.
1998						
CANADA	392,800	386,400	247	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	29,150,000	28,622,000	7.63
Nova Scotia	5,000	4,800	205	984,000	913,000	7.82
New Brunswick	57,000	56,700	265	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	7,758,000	7,184,000	8.49
Manitoba	74,000	72,500	235	17,038,000	15,380,000	7.48
Saskatchewan	13,500	13,200	265	3,498,000	2,995,000	12.77
Alberta	33,000	32,200	295	9,499,000	8,651,000	8.75
Br. Columbia	8,400	8,000	240	1,920,000	1,741,000	18.64
1999						
CANADA	393,700	385,700	243.7	93,982,000		
Newfoundland	700	500	126	63,000		
PEI	113,000	110,000	260	28,600,000		
Nova Scotia	5,100	4,800	210	1,008,000		
New Brunswick	56,000	55,000	250	13,750,000		
Quebec	45,200	44,500	232.9	10,362,000		
Ontario	43,500	42,500	190	8,075,000		
Manitoba	71,000	70,000	225	15,750,000		
Saskatchewan	8,000	7,900	250	1,975,000		
Alberta	43,000	42,300	290	12,267,000		
Br. Columbia	8,200	8,200	260	2,132,000		
2000						
CANADA	397,300					
Newfoundland	600					
PEI	109,000					
Nova Scotia	5,200					
New Brunswick	56,000					
Quebec	44,000					
Ontario	42,800					
Manitoba	72,000					
Saskatchewan	9,500					
Alberta	50,000					
Br. Columbia	8,200					

CANADIAN POTATO PRODUCTION-1996 & 1997 CROP

Area, Production and Farm Value of potatoes in Canada, by province

	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield	TOTAL PRODUCTION	amt sold, consumed seeded or fed to livestock	Average Farm Price
	Acres	Acres	cwt/acre	cwt.	cwt.	\$ per cwt.
1996						
CANADA	373,600	364,400	247	90,047,000	84,280,000	6.48
Newfoundland	850	800	135	108,000	99,000	16.71
PEI	110,000	109,000	260	28,340,000	27,769,000	5.00
Nova Scotia	4,750	4,700	205	964,000	881,000	8.63
New Brunswick	54,100	53,000	270	14,310,000	13,466,000	5.04
Quebec	46,200	45,200	227	10,251,000	9,777,000	7.04
Ontario	39,900	37,000	200	7,400,000	6,830,000	7.96
Manitoba	70,100	68,500	245	16,783,000	14,674,000	7.17
Saskatchewan	6,900	6,500	230	1,495,000	1,305,000	14.27
Alberta	31,500	31,000	268	8,308,000	7,653,000	7.56
Br. Columbia	9,000	8,700	240	2,088,000	1,826,000	13.64
1997						
CANADA	380,600	375,900	245	91,956,000	86,615,000	7.64
Newfoundland	800	800	130	104,000	95,000	13.81
PEI	112,000	112,000	265	29,680,000	29,166,000	6.42
Nova Scotia	4,800	4,600	190	874,000	809,000	7.80
New Brunswick	56,000	56,000	260	14,560,000	13,631,000	6.32
Quebec	46,900	46,200	217	10,030,000	9,572,000	7.72
Ontario	38,800	38,800	200	7,760,000	7,227,000	8.70
Manitoba	73,000	71,500	230	16,445,000	14,777,000	8.54
Saskatchewan	8,500	8,500	245	2,083,000	1,914,000	14.81
Alberta	31,000	30,500	290	8,845,000	7,960,000	8.53
Br. Columbia	8,800	7,000	225	1,575,000	1,464,000	14.72

(' 000 cwt pounds/milliers de cent livres)	1999-2000		1998-1999	%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND/ILE-DU PRINCE EDOUARD	21,853	A)	22,040	-1%
NOVA SCOTIA/NOUVELLE-ECOSSE	284		313	-9%
NEW BRUNSWICK/NOUVEAU BRUNSWICK	9,120	A)	10,691	15%
MARITIMES	31,257		33,044	-5%
Bas St-Laurent, Gaspésie	595		649	
Région de Québec	1,639		1,955	
Chambly, Richelieu, Verchères, St-Hyacinthe, Missisquoi, Rouville, Bagot	844		812	
Beauharnois, Chatauguay, Huntington, Laprairie, Napierville, St-Jean	107		152	
Outaouais	303		259	
Nord de Montréal, Montréal, Laval	1,180		1,141	
Saguenay, Lac St-Jean	1,239		1,374	
QUEBEC	5,907		6,342	-7%
Lanark, Dundas, Ottawa-Carleton, Stormont, Glengarry, Renfrew, Leeds, Grenville, Prescott, Russell County/Comtés	40		55	
York, Peel, South Simcoe Counties/Comtés, Metro Toronto	2,575		2,592	
Halton, Haldimand-Norfolk, Brant, Haldimand-Norfolk, Niagara Counties/Comtés	320		277	
Bruce, Grey, Dufferin, Wellington, Waterloo, North Simcoe Counties/Comtés	912		811	
Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Huron, Lambton Counties/Comtés	246		246	
Essex, Kent Counties/Comtés	11		10	
Northern Ontario	221		147	
ONTARIO	4,325		4,138	5%
MANITOBA	10,964		13,728	20%
SASKATCHEWAN	1,621		2,663	39%
ALBERTA	7,399		6,495	14%
BRITISH COLUMBIA/COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE	922		1,076	14%
CANADA TOTAL	62,395		67,486	-8%

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13 Canadian Potato Storage - April 1
 Entreposage des Pommes de Terre au Canada - 1 avril
 (' 000 cwt pounds/milliers de cent livres)

	1999- 2000		1998- 1999	%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND/ILE-DU PRINCE EDOUARD	10,194	A)	10,731	-5%
NOVA SCOTIA/NOUVELLE-ECOSSE	129		128	1%
NEW BRUNSWICK/NOUVEAU BRUNSWICK	4,271	A)	5,574	23%
MARITIMES	14,594		16,433	11%
Bas St-Laurent, Gaspésie	362		452	
Région de Québec	922		930	
Chambly, Richelieu, Verchères, St-Hyacinthe, Missisquoi, Rouville, Bagot	414		478	
Beauharnois, Chatauguay, Huntington, Laprairie, Napierville, St-Jean	39		51	
Outaouais	148		135	
Nord de Montréal, Montréal, Laval	432		456	
Saguenay, Lac St-Jean	659		769	
QUEBEC	2,976		3,271	-9%
Lanark, Dundas, Ottawa-Carleton, Stormont, Glengarry, Renfrew, Leeds, Grenville, Prescott, Russell County/Comtés	24		21	
York, Peel, South Simcoe Counties/Comtés, Metro Toronto	1,307		1,126	
Halton, Haldimand-Norfolk, Brant, Haldimand-Norfolk, Niagara Counties/Comtés	121		106	
Bruce, Grey, Dufferin, Wellington, Waterloo, North Simcoe Counties/Comtés	571		461	
Elgin, Middlessex, Oxford, Huron, Lambton Counties/Comtés	55		56	
Essex, Kent Counties/Comtés	8		0	
Northern Ontario	106		67	
ONTARIO	2,192		1,837	19%
MANITOBA	4,153		7,844	47%
SASKATCHEWAN	71		1,145	94%
ALBERTA	3,354		3,273	2%
BRITISH COLUMBIA/COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE	307		299	3%
CANADA TOTAL	27,647		34,102	19%

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CANADIAN TABLESTOCK POTATOES - 1999 SEASON										
FRESH EXPORTS TO THE U.S.										
WEEK	MANITOBA	MANITOBA	MANITOBA	QUEBEC	QUEBEC	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	ONTARIO	ONTARIO	TOTAL
ENDING	LBS.	10K	TTD-10K	LBS.	10K	TTD-10K	LBS.	10K	TTD-10K	10K
20-Nov	703,125	70	70	1,800,000	180	180	0	0	0	250
27-Nov	517,950	52	122	1,495,000	150	330	0	0	0	201
4-Dec	638,875	64	186	1,550,000	155	485	0	0	0	219
11-Dec	584,050	58	244	1,680,000	168	653	0	0	0	226
18-Dec	513,600	51	295	2,000,000	200	853	0	0	0	251
25-Dec	397,700	40	335	1,250,000	125	978	0	0	0	165
1-Jan	378,500	38	373	1,100,000	110	1,088	0	0	0	148
8-Jan	400,700	40	413	1,857,000	186	1,273	0	0	0	226
15-Jan	806,025	81	494	1,300,000	130	1,403	0	0	0	211
22-Jan	367,000	37	530	1,100,000	110	1,513	0	0	0	147
29-Jan	846,275	85	615	975,000	98	1,611	0	0	0	182
5-Feb	763,625	76	691	825,000	83	1,693	0	0	0	159
12-Feb	823,850	82	774	1,300,000	130	1,823	0	0	0	212
19-Feb	510,500	51	825	1,250,000	125	1,948	0	0	0	176
26-Feb	304,575	30	855	850,000	85	2,033	0	0	0	115
4-Mar	132,000	13	869	1,400,000	140	2,173	0	0	0	153
11-Mar	536,375	54	922	850,000	85	2,258	0	0	0	139
18-Mar	212,375	21	943	815,000	82	2,340	0	0	0	103
25-Mar	329,000	33	976	910,000	91	2,431	0	0	0	124
1-Apr	642,000	64	1,040	840,000	84	2,515	0	0	0	148
8-Apr	508,375	51	1,091	587,000	59	2,573	0	0	0	110
15-Apr	44,200	4	1,096	420,000	42	2,615	0	0	0	46
22-Apr	382,375	38	1,134	510,000	51	2,666	0	0	0	89
29-Apr	407,800	41	1,175	650,000	65	2,731	0	0	0	106
6-May	216,000	22	1,196	340,000	34	2,765	0	0	0	56
13-May	261,400	26	1,223	510,000	51	2,816	0	0	0	77
20-May	283,800	28	1,251	450,000	45	2,861	0	0	0	73
27-May	94,000	9	1,260	0	0	2,861	0	0	0	9
TOTAL	12,606,050	1,261	1,261	28,614,000	2,861	2,861	0	0	0	4,122



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1999/2000 CANADIAN POTATO SITUATION AND TRENDS

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OVERVIEW

The potato is the most important vegetable crop in Canada, accounting for about 40% of all vegetable farm cash receipts or \$714 million in the 1999 calendar year. Farm cash receipts rose by 16.5% in 1999 due to increased production and slightly improved prices (see [Table 1](#)). Canadian production at 4.3 million tonnes(t) was concentrated in PEI (31%), Manitoba (17%), and New Brunswick (15%) and Alberta(13%), Québec(11%), and Ontario at 9%.

In 1999, 159,300 hectares (ha) were planted, a new record, and yields averaged 27.3 t/ (ha), down about 1% (see [Table 2](#)). Varieties of potatoes vary from province to province with Russet Burbank and Shepody being the main frying varieties; Snowden, Atlantic, Norchip, and Superior the main chipping varieties; and various Russet types, Superior, Norland, Kennebec & Yukon Gold are some of the leading table varieties. Over 150 varieties of seed are grown for sale in Canada by 815 seed potato growers on 28,032 ha, a decrease of 6,836 ha from 1998.

CANADIAN SITUATION

Alberta continues to lead growth of the potato industry in western Canada as another fry plant opens in 2000.

Lamb-Weston's new plant began operating in 1999, accounting for much of the 29% growth of production in Alberta. A similar increase is expected in 2000 when the McCain plant opens in April.

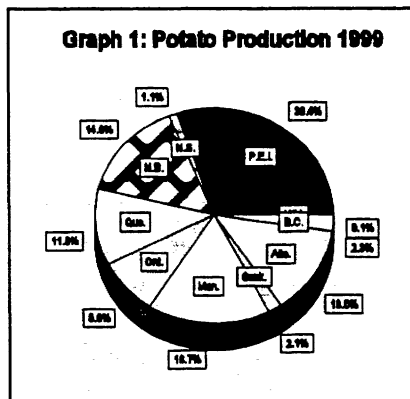
Production

The 1.5% decrease in Canadian production in the past year is mainly due to lower average yields in most provinces due to a cold wet growing season in the prairies, poor harvest weather in the east as well as a 2,100 ha decrease in plantings in Saskatchewan as a result of the closing of the Lake Diefenbaker Potato Company.

The 1999/2000 crop is estimated at 4.2 million t (94 million cwt) which is 5% above the 5 year average. Over a ten year period, production has increased by 55%; area planted by 40% and average yields by 10% to 27.3 t/ha.

In 1999/2000, Alberta had the highest average yield in Canada with 32.5 t/ha (290 cwt/ac). Saskatchewan had a 44% production decrease over last year, reaching 159,000 t. The Atlantic region is still the leading region in Canada with 46% of production, followed by the Western region with 34% and the

Central region with 20% (see [Graph 1](#)).



Source: Statistics Canada

In the 1998/1999 crop year, farm gate value (FGV) of the potato crop was up 18% compared to 1997/1998. Prices for table and seed increased by an average of 9% for the 1998 crop and total production was up by 2%. Prices have improved slightly to date for the 1999 crop, particularly for seed and this trend is expected to continue. However, cullage rates are higher than average in some provinces. Potatoes for processing are priced similar to 1998.

Processing

Over 50% of potatoes grown in Canada are processed, mostly into french fries. Ten to fifteen percent of the crop is utilized for chips and dehydration. Total utilization, export and domestic shipments were up in 1999 for processed products. Frozen french fry production is estimated at about 985,000 t, up 8% from 1998. Expansion has averaged 8% annually since 1990/1991. A new plant started in Alberta in 1999 and another one will start in 2000. The new dehydration plant which opened in PEI in 1998, has been sold to a US company and is expected to increase capacity.

Consumption

From 1971 to 1998, consumption of potatoes (fresh equivalent) has increased slightly from 71 kg per capita (KPC) to 72.25 KPC, about the same amount as all other fresh vegetables consumed. Consumer habits have shifted mainly from fresh to frozen french fries. Chips have remained constant with some growth in the re-manufactured type made from dried flakes/granules. Consumption of french fries has dramatically increased over a 25 year period.

TRADE

Canada's total exports of potatoes and products in 1999 were \$746 million, while imports were \$210 million for a net positive trade balance of \$536 million.

Fresh Potatoes

For 1998/1999, Canada's exports of fresh potatoes were 373,283 t, down 14% from 1998 (see Table 3). This was mainly due to large crops in the US and the EU.

Value of fresh shipments were \$120 million, down \$6.8 million from 1997/1998. Prices however, were almost 10% higher than the previous year due mainly to quality problems in some parts of the US.

In 1998/1999, Canada's fresh exports to the US were 262,069t, valued at \$89 million, down \$10 million from 1997/1998. Other important fresh markets (\$million) were: Venezuela (9.4); Trinidad (4.9); Dominican Rep. (3.8) Norway (3.7); Barbados (3.2); and Guyana (1.6).

Seed Potatoes

Seed exports decreased in 1998/1999 from 190,479 to 180,759t, but only by \$0.2 million in value to \$60 million (see Table 3). Most of this decrease was in shipments to the Uruguay, Italy, Turkey, US and Portugal. Shipments to the US accounted for \$46.9

million or 76% of Canada's exports. Other important seed markets in 1998/1999 in \$ million were Cuba (5.9); (Venezuela (2.8); Uruguay (12.2) and Brazil (1.1). Alberta was the largest seed exporter at 69,046t, followed closely by NB (64,352t), PEI (20,985t), Sask (12,230t) and BC (9,544t).

In 1999, a new phytosanitary agreement was signed with Mexico and exports increased to 17,500t for the 1998 crop compared to 6,000t in 1997/1998. No shipments were made to Italy due to a lack of import permits. However, a derogation for 3 years was signed with the EU followed by a similar decree from Italy. Few sales to the EU are expected for the 1999 crop. Some trial shipments of the 1999 crop have been made to the middle east for the first time in several years.

In 1999, Canadian imports of table and seed reached 219,139 t, worth \$88 million compared to \$95 million in 1998. More than 95% of the imports were table potatoes. Almost 100% of all imports of table and seed are from the US. Total table & seed imports represent 5.4% of Canadian production.

Processed Potatoes

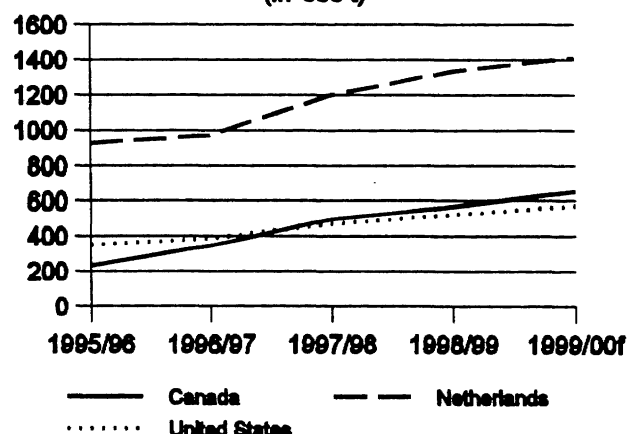
Exports of frozen fries continue to expand.

In 1999, 573,442t of frozen french fries were exported for a value of \$566 million, an increase of 22% over 1998 (see Table 4). Forecasts for next year are about 590,000t. Canada is second only to the Netherlands as the leading exporter of frozen fries. Canada's fry processors are not contracting genetically engineered potatoes in 2000 to comply with their customers' demand.

Although most of Canadian exports went to the US,

World French Fry Exports

(In '000 t)



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other major markets were Japan (6%), the Pacific Rim countries (5%), Latin America (4%) and the Caribbean. In all, frozen french fries are shipped to more than 90 countries around the world.

The US demand stems primarily from shifts in contracts with the fast food chains, backfilling shortages caused by strong export marketings from the US, and global companies moving product to their best economic advantage.

Canada imported \$22 million of frozen french fries from the US, a decrease of 27% over 1998. In 1999, Canada also imported 48,498t of other potato products worth \$103 million of which 21,121t were potato chips (\$62million), an increase of 3.5% in chips. Baked and reconstituted chips accounted for much of the growth.

UNITED STATES SITUATION

1999 US total production is estimated to be 19.5 million t, down 1% from 1998. Most of the decline was in the 5 eastern states due to a dry season, wet harvest weather and some of the 8 central states experienced wet weather at planting and harvest. Overall size and quality were improved over 1998. The farm value of the 1998 crop was US\$2.4 billion, the same as the previous year. Fresh market sales remained steady but did not increase as much as was expected. Prices for processing potatoes have remained steady for several years.

US fry production continued to grow to 3.5 million t with exports reaching 520,000t (US\$345) in 1998-1999, an increase of 10.2% over the previous year. The major markets are Japan (51%), Hong Kong, Taiwan and Canada with 5% each. Imports of frozen fries (385,000t) were mainly from Canada. Exports of dehydrated potatoes and chips are also up by 58%.

Imports from Canada increased due to a favourable exchange rate, good product quality, proximity to Eastern & Midwestern markets and an increasing manufacturing capacity.

US per capita consumption increased to 64.5 kg (145 lbs) as frozen french fries continue to gain and fresh usage remains steady.

EUROPEAN UNION SITUATION

The 1999 EU crop is estimated at 48.3 million t, an increase of 9.6% from 1998. Holland, Belgium and

France have quality problems with partial glassy tubers on Bintjes which result in fries with brown ends. Wastage will be higher than normal. Prices dropped prior to the new year and poor quality stocks in general have kept prices down for old crop as well as for new crop imports from southern countries. Spring prices are expected to improve for good quality stocks.

Imports of fries and dehydrated potatoes from North America are likely to decrease this year as local supplies are more plentiful.

WORLD POTATO SITUATION

According to the International Centre for Potatoes (CIP), of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations, potato production in developing countries entered a rapid expansion phase in the late 1990's. Annual potato production increased by 4.5% as area planted increased by 2.4%, double the rate of the past 20 years. This occurred as growth rates for maize, wheat and rice slowed, especially in Asia.

Per capita consumption has declined in Europe since the 1960's to about 86 kg but it still leads, followed by North America at about 63 kg, Latin America at 24 kg, Asia at 14 kg and Africa at 8 kg. Per capita consumption is increasing in developing countries but also has considerably more growth potential with a younger population and increasing demand for chips and fries.

Production

As of 1999 the FAO reports that worldwide potato production was 318 million tonnes (see Table 5). China is now the world's largest producer, followed by the Russian Federation, Poland, USA and India. Also, developing countries produce more than 30 percent of world potato production which is up from only 11% in the early 1960's.

Asia:

The CIP, reports that world potato production has increased faster in Asia than anywhere else. Over the past 10 years annual growth rates were 10.6% in Indonesia, 6.2% in China, 6% in Pakistan and 4.6% in India.

Africa:

80% of the potatoes in Africa are produced by Egypt, South Africa, Algeria and Morocco. Growth rates have been strong, led by Egypt at 5% annually. Expansion of irrigated areas has been the major factor, along with rising incomes and a demand for processed products.

Latin America and the Caribbean:

Potato production continues to expand at 2.2% annually led by Peru at 3.7%, Mexico at 3% and Brazil at 2.8%. Mexico has also shown the greatest rate of increase in yield per hectare.

This growth in developing countries is expected to continue at between 2 and 3% based on recent trends. The potato will likely maintain its economic importance in the food basket for developing countries in the decades ahead.

Europe and the former USSR

In Europe and the former USSR, production continues to decline slowly at an average annual rate of one percent. In Eastern European countries, the decline is much faster as potatoes fed to livestock are rapidly being replaced by less costly grain. Poland alone has decreased its annual demand for potatoes for livestock feed by 6 to 7 million tonnes annually since the early 1990's. In Western Europe, only the Netherlands has seen an increase in growth, fuelled by a rapidly expanding frozen french fry industry.

North America

Until 1997, North America's potato economy had been growing at a rapid rate as a result of an expanding domestic fast food and institutional market for frozen french fries. Domestic demand spurred this industry in the early 1990's but this has now levelled off and export demand is the future growth area.

Recently, Canada has played a significant role in this expansion and now exports frozen fries to more than 80 countries. Canada ranks second in frozen fry exports to the Netherlands.

The US frozen fry industry has grown 4% annually since 1990. In 1999/2000 production is expected to rise from 3.8 million tonnes to 3.9 million tonnes and exports from 521 tonnes to 573 tonnes (see [Table 6](#)). Most of these exports are to the Pacific Rim countries where fast food outlets have continued to expand.

GLOBAL FRENCH FRY MARKETS

The most significant change to the potato industry in the past 30 years has been the growth in consumption of french fries along with a decline in fresh potato use.

This appears to be a function of higher disposable incomes and a more hectic lifestyle where people

eat out more often due to time constraints. North America has led this trend followed by Europe and other developed countries. Fast food firms believe most of their future growth will be in the developing world and processing is expanding to keep pace in Eastern Europe, the former USSR, Argentina, Colombia, China and Egypt.

Good quality fries must be available in these markets to meet this demand. Initially, supplies are exported from existing plants, but eventually the companies tend to source local supplies and more countries will become processors. Rising incomes, tourism, microwave ovens, increased numbers of females in the workplace, urbanization and diversification of diets will stimulate further growth.

Positive benefits to this include more rural employment, more stable markets and improved technology transfer. The use of pesticides; the planting of fewer varieties used mainly for processing, and nutrition concerns have become important issues. However, all these concerns are being addressed by research through the CIP and national programs in many countries.

OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

♦ Potatoes are the fourth most important food crop in the world with global production projected at 300 million t. in 2000.

♦ Canada's potato production is expected to be 4.5 million t. or 1.5% of the world production. In 1999, Canada was the 13th largest potato producer in the world.

♦ The average size of Canadian potato farms continues to increase as demand increases and growers attempt to improve economies of scale.

♦ Increased concentration at the processor and retailer level in Canada is a concern for growers wanting a more competitive market environment and improved prices after several years of input cost increases.

♦ Growth in production and demand from the developing world (eg. South America, Asia & Africa) should offer opportunities for Canadian seed production and processing technology.

♦ Fast food outlets continue to grow rapidly on a world wide basis. Most of this expansion will be outside of North America.

◇ Coated fries which are crisper and stay hot longer are also a growing trend which will increase demand for flour and starch inputs as well as increasing recovery rates.

◇ For the fresh marketer to grow it must become a more specialised niche market with new varieties, heritage varieties, as well as new promotion, cooking and packaging ideas. Fresh cut potato and prepared products are also a promising growth area for hotels, restaurants institutions and even home use.

◇ There is increased use of on farm tissue culture, plantlet and micro tuber propagation as many seed growers attempt to reduce risks from diseases.

◇ In Canada and many other regions in the world there is an increase in irrigated acreage, to ensure higher yields and consistent quality for the expanding processing industry.

◇ Aside from the globalization of the french fry industry there are increasing opportunities in snack products with healthier, low fat, no fat and baked snack food products in many flavours.

◇ There is a tremendous opportunity for increased acreage and productivity improvement in many of the developing countries, particularly in the warmer climates.

◇ Seed potato and fresh market trade will increase for niche market varieties and more opportunities for seed in warm climate countries which produce good crops but would benefit from seed potatoes with northern vigour.

Research

◇ A solution for the control of late blight is essential for the long term success of the potato industry. An intensive cooperative global research program is under way to reduce fungicide use through breeding or other techniques.

◇ A virus reduction strategy is needed in some areas to allow seed potato growers to produce high quality seed to increase yield potential and profitability in domestic and export markets and meet competitors' quality.

◇ Biotechnology can assist in disease and insect resistance, improving nutrition, and may even be used to insert vaccines in potatoes for a low cost immunization program in some parts of the world. The avoidance of genetically engineered varieties by major processors and retailers in order to protect

market share will continue in the short term until the public becomes more educated about the issue.

◇ Improved storage facilities in many parts of the world will also enhance the profitability of the crop.

FACTORS AFFECTING THE FUTURE

◇ Growth in popularity of baked potato chips made mostly from dehydrated Russet potatoes, may have an impact on the acreage of chipping varieties currently used for making chips.

◇ Insect and disease resistance and herbicide tolerance through genetic engineering will become an extremely valuable tool as part of Integrated Pest Management systems to reduce overall pesticide use and avoid crop losses.

◇ In the long term, the pesticide registration process is moving towards harmonization for North America to avoid competitive imbalances in a free market environment.

Regulations

◇ The Canadian and US Potato industries have agreed that the Canadian system of Ministerial Exemptions for the movement of bulk produce and US Marketing Orders are important in their respective countries but should not have an impact on trade.

◇ Alternate inspection systems are being studied in order to reduce inspection costs and/or improve service.

◇ Pressure for more post harvest testing for seed and fewer field generations are likely to continue in the future.

Market Access

◇ Border disputes with the US, regarding the quality of Canadian potatoes need to be resolved in a more expedient and binding manner to avoid trade disruptions.

◇ Phytosanitary agreements based on sound scientific protocols need to be signed with potential importing countries to secure current and advance future trade possibilities in these markets.

Packaging & Labelling

◇ A few Canadian retailers have agreements with local suppliers for reusable master containers. In

Europe their use has been well developed. In the US, a few large retailers have started to use them.

◇ Retail & case coding requirements will increase costs for some sectors but will create overall efficiencies in the system. Large buyers in Canada and US will insist on this practice in the near future.

◇ Varieties with modified genes are being regulated through labelling legislation and variety registration legislation in several countries as they are viewed with suspicion by certain environmental/consumer groups.

CONCLUSION

The potato industry will continue to expand and become a more important food source throughout the world. Trade will continue to grow, particularly for processed products and the seed required to produce the crop.

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1 tonne = 1000 Kg, 1.1 ton or 22 cwt)

1 ton = 2,000 lb (0.909 tonne)

1 acre = 0.40 hectare

1 hectare = 2.47 acres

FCR = Value based on a "calendar year"

FGV = Value calculated on any given "crop year".

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TABLE 1**Potato Farm Cash Receipts (\$million)**

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	% change 1998 - 1999
Canada	518	533	513	614	715	16
PEI	150	138	129	172	195	13
Manitoba	69	91	94	105	121	15
New Brunswick	68	71	64	82	98	20
Québec	62	73	69	68	89	31
Alberta	57	62	52	64	77	20
Ontario	54	49	58	55	59	7
British Columbia	36	24	20	26	40	54
Saskatchewan	15	18	18	34	27	-20
Nova Scotia	6	7	7	6	7	17

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 2**Canadian Potato Production**

Province	1994/1995	1996/1997	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000	%¹ change 1998/1999 & 1999/2000
Production ('000 tonnes)						
PEI	1,057	1,287	1,346	1,322	1,297	-2
MAN	693	762	745	773	714	-8
NB	598	650	660	682	624	-9
Québec	392	465	455	475	470	-1
Alberta	366	377	401	431	556	29
Ontario	359	336	352	352	366	+1
Canada	3,833	4,084	4,171	4,329	4,263	-2

Farm Gate Value (\$million)

PEI	189	138	189			
MAN	81	104	126			
NB	88	68	86			
Québec	69	69	74			
Alberta	53	58	67			
Ontario	64	54	63			
Canada	544	491	605			

Area Planted ('000 ha)

PEI	38	45	45	45	46	2
MAN	23	28	29	30	29	-3
NB	21	22	23	23	23	-
Québec	18	19	19	19	18	-5
Alberta	12	13	13	13	17	31
Ontario	14	16	16	17	18	6
Canada	143	149	152	156	159	2

Source: Statistics Canada

PEI: Prince Edward Island

MAN: Manitoba

NB: New Brunswick

TABLE 3**Canada's Export & Import Markets**

Year	1995/1996	1996/1997	1997/1998	1998/1999	%change 1998/1999
EXPORTS ('000 t)					
Table stock	444.9	278.0	435.3	373.3	-14
Seed	182.1	153.6	190.5	181.1	-5
TOTAL	627.0	431.6	625.8	554.4	-11
Value (\$million)					
Table stock	131.3	71.4	125.1	119.8	-4
Seed	56.5	43.0	59.7	60.0	1
TOTAL	164.0	125.9	190.7	170.5	-9
IMPORTS ('000 t)					
Table stock	207.5	253.4	231.1	199.7	-13.6
Seed	13.4	11.9	14.8	11.8	-20.3
TOTAL	220.9	265.3	245.9	211.5	-14.0
Value (\$million)					
Table stock	80.1	81.6	94.7	81.7	-13.7
Seed	4.1	3.0	4.2	3.4	-19
TOTAL	84.2	84.6	98.9	85.1	-14

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 4**Canada's Exports & Imports of Processed Potatoes**

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	% Change 1998 - 1999
EXPORTS ('000 tonnes)					
Frozen fries	273.0	401.8	483.4	573.4	18.5
Others	5.0	10.0	9.0	9.0	-
Total	278.0	411.8	492.4	582.0	18.2
Value (\$million)					
Frozen fries	243.2	352.4	461.5	566.0	22.6
Others	6.0	9.0	8.0	9.0	12.5
Total	249.2	361.4	469.5	575.0	22.5
IMPORTS ('000 tonnes)					
Frozen fries	13.1	18.2	25.0	18.3	-26.8
Others	33.0	44.6	55.9	49.0	-12.3
Total	46.1	62.8	80.9	67.3	-16.8
Value (\$million)					
Frozen fries	14.2	21.7	29.8	22.3	-25.2
Others	65.3	96.7	108.8	103.0	-5.3
Total	79.5	118.4	138.6	125.3	-9.6
¹ 1998 vs 1997					
Others: dried, canned and salad potatoes					

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 5
World Production (million tonnes)

Country	1997	1998	1999	% change 1998 - 1999
China	48	48	48	-
Russia	37	31	33	6.5
Poland	21	26	29	11.5
USA	21	21	24	14.3
India	19	19	24	26.3
Ukraine	17	18	17	-5.6
Germany.	12	12	13	8.3
Belarus	7	10	11	10
Netherland	8	8	9	12.5
UK	7	7	8	14.3
France	7	6	7	16.7
Turkey	5	5	6	20
Canada	4	4	5	25
Spain	3	3	4	33.3
World	319	324	318	-1.9

Source: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United States

TABLE 6**World French Fry Situation**

Countries	Production	Exports	Imports
Canada (In '000 t)			
1995/1996	650	233	12
1996/1997	775	345	12
1997/1998	948	493	31
1998/1999	1003	569	26
1999/2000F	1086	650	27
Japan			
1995/1996	35	0	215
1996/1997	33	0	234
1997/1998	35	0	276
1998/1999	35	0	297
1999/2000F	35	0	320
Netherlands			
1995/1996	1,073	925	79
1996/1997	1,126	970	56
1997/1998	1,344	1,199	44
1998/1999	1,450	1333	57
1999/2000F	1543	1411	55
USA			
1995/1996	3,254	350	160
1996/1997	3,382	386	249
1997/1998	3,624	468	373
1998/1999	3,757	521	405
1999/2000F	3,858	573	424

New Brunswick Potatoes

1999 season

According to Statistics Canada, New Brunswick potato production was estimated at 13.75 million hundredweight, a decrease of 8.5 percent from the 1998 season. The January production report placed harvested acreage at 55,000 acres, a decline of 1,700 acres from the previous season. Yields also decreased slightly from 265 cwt. to 250 cwt. per acre.

Total shipments of fresh potatoes in New Brunswick (through June 2000) totaled 2.27 million cwt, a slight decrease from last season's total of 2.38 million cwt. Exports to the United States were 1.75 million cwt, a decrease of 8% from the 1.9 million cwt. reported through June last season. This data was compiled and disseminated by Agriculture Canada and Agri-Food Canada. The U.S. was by far the number one customer for New Brunswick potatoes. New Brunswick is predominantly a processing (french fry) region, with nearly 60% of production devoted to this market.

The major growing region for potatoes in New Brunswick is the St. John River Valley, which runs parallel to the eastern Maine border. Access to the States is made through the major border crossing at Houlton, Maine, with small shipments entering through Fort Fairfield and Bridgewater, Maine. Warm, dry spring weather conditions allowed growers to start planting a little earlier than normal, near the end of April. Warm, dry conditions with occasional summer showers kept growers optimistic for a high-quality and high-yielding crop. Early harvest near the middle of August went well and shipments to the U.S. were brisk and well above the 1998 season through the end of the year (845,754 cwt versus 784,297 cwt). However, as fall harvest began, a long stretch of rainy weather settled in, and slowed harvest to a crawl. Many growers were forced to wait several days at a time for fields to dry out. In late October, frost forced harvest to an end with some Russets left in the ground.

Harvest was underway in late August for Round White, Yellow and Russet varieties. The Market News Service issued the first fob shipping report on Round Whites in early September with CD One washed 2 inch minimum potatoes in 10 pound sacks loose ranged from mostly .80-.85. By mid-October, too few sales were reported as competition from Maine slowed sales in the U.S. Most remaining White supplies for fresh market were shipped domestically to other Canadian provinces. Most table exports to the U.S. were the Russet Norkotah variety. The first and highest Russet Norkotah pricing report appeared in mid-September as CDOne washed 2 inch minimum per cwt. in baled 10 5-pound film bags ranged from \$10.50-11.50 and 5-9 ounce mostly \$12.00. By mid-November through the end of April, prices ranged from mostly \$10.00-\$10.50 for the 2 inch minimum pack and \$10.50-\$11.50 for the 5-9 ounce specialty pack. Peak volume to the U.S. occurred in November and December during holiday the holiday promotions. Carton demand was sluggish all season due to stiff competition from the States. The first market prices were reported in early January and remained at a stable level with 50 pound cartons of 70 and 80 size from mostly \$12.00-\$13.00 cwt through April. Some shippers quit packing cartons as inventories got out of hand and there was better demand for 5-9 oz spuds for repack or special order 5 pound consumer packs.

New Brunswick's potato holdings on December 1, 1999 totaled 9.1 million cwt, down 15% from December 1998. By the end of June 2000, 3% of the crop remained in storage; however, the french fry plant in Florenceville, NB was still running.

Truck shortages in early 2000 slowed movement of the crop down the Atlantic Seaboard. Diesel fuel prices reached high levels of over \$2.00 gallon U.S., which forced many independent truckers to park their rigs. Freight rates increased but not enough to cover the increase in fuel prices.

BENTON HARBOR - CANADA (NEW BRUNSWICK) CROSSINGS THROUGH MAINE POINTS
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis - Prices in U.S. Dollars
POTATOES - 1999 Season

Prices represent "mostly" price range

	bid 5 10-lb flmbgs	bid 10 5-lb flmbgs	bid 10 5-lb flmbgs	150 lb ctns	150 lb ctns	150 lb ctns
	bid 5 10-lb flmbgs	bid 10 5-lb flmbgs	bid 10 5-lb flmbgs	150 lb ctns	150 lb ctns	150 lb ctns
	PER CWT	PER CWT	PER CWT	PER CWT	PER CWT	PER CWT
	RUSSET NORKOTAH	RUSSET NORKOTAH	RUSSET NORKOTAH	RUSSET NORKOTAH	RUSSET NORKOTAH	RUSSET NORKOTAH
	CDOne Washed	CDOne Washed	CDOne Washed	CDOne Washed	CDOne Washed	CDOne Washed
	2" or 4 oz min	12" or 4 oz min	15-9 oz	170s	180s	190s

04-SEP-1999	-	-	-	-	-	-
11-SEP-1999	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-SEP-1999	-	11.00-11.50	-	-	-	-
25-SEP-1999	-	11.00-11.50	-	-	-	-
02-OCT-1999	-	10.50-11.50	-	-	-	-
09-OCT-1999	-	10.50-11.00	-	-	-	-
16-OCT-1999	-	10.50-11.00	-	-	-	-
23-OCT-1999	-	10.50-11.00	-	-	-	-
30-OCT-1999	-	10.50-11.00	-	-	-	-
06-NOV-1999	-	-	-	-	-	-
13-NOV-1999	-	-	-12.00	-	-	-
20-NOV-1999	9.00-9.50	-10.50	-12.00	-	-	-
27-NOV-1999	9.00-9.50	-10.50	-12.00	-	-	-
04-DEC-1999	9.00-9.50	-10.50	-12.00	-	-	-
11-DEC-1999	9.00-9.50	-10.50	-12.00	-	-	-
18-DEC-1999	9.00-9.50	-10.50	-12.00	-	-	-
25-DEC-1999	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	-	-	-
01-JAN-2000	9.00-9.50	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	-	-	-
08-JAN-2000	-9.00	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	13.00-13.50	-12.50	12.00-12.50
15-JAN-2000	-9.00	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	13.00-13.50	-12.50	12.00-12.50
22-JAN-2000	-9.00	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	12.50-13.50	12.00-12.50	12.00-12.50
29-JAN-2000	-9.00	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	-12.50	12.00-12.50	12.00-12.50
05-FEB-2000	-9.00	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	-12.50	12.00-12.50	12.00-12.50
12-FEB-2000	-9.00	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	-12.50	12.00-12.50	12.00-12.50
19-FEB-2000	-9.00	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	-12.50	12.00-12.50	12.00-12.50
26-FEB-2000	-9.00	10.00-10.50	11.00-11.50	-12.50	12.00-12.50	12.00-12.50
04-MAR-2000	-9.00	-10.00	11.00-11.50	12.00-12.50	12.00-12.50	11.50-12.00
11-MAR-2000	-9.00	-10.00	10.50-11.50	12.50-13.50	12.00-13.00	12.00-12.50
18-MAR-2000	-9.00	-10.00	10.50-11.50	12.50-13.00	12.00-12.50	11.50-12.00
25-MAR-2000	-9.00	-10.00	10.50-11.50	12.00-13.00	12.00-12.50	11.50-12.00
01-APR-2000	-9.00	-10.00	10.50-11.50	12.00-12.50	12.00-12.50	11.50-12.00
08-APR-2000	-9.00	-10.00	10.50-11.50	12.00-12.50	12.00-12.50	11.50-12.00
15-APR-2000	-9.00	-10.00	10.50-11.50	12.00-12.50	12.00-12.50	11.50-12.00
22-APR-2000	-9.00	-10.00	10.50-11.50	-	-	-
29-APR-2000	-9.00	-10.00	10.50-11.50	12.50-13.00	12.00-12.50	11.50-12.50
06-MAY-2000	-9.00	-10.00	-	12.50-13.00	-12.00	11.50-12.00

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

POTATOES - 1999 Season

Prices represent "mostly" price range

50 lb ctns PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH CDOne Washed 100s	50 lb ctns PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH CDOne Washed 10 oz min	50 lb sks PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH CDOne Washed 4-9 oz	50 lb sks PER CWT RUSSET NORKOTAH CDOne Washed 5-9 oz	bld 10 5-lb flmbgs ROUND WHITE CDOne Washed 2 1/4" min	10 lb sks lse ROUND WHITE CDOne Washed 2" min
04-SEP-1999	-	-	-	-	-
11-SEP-1999	-	-	9.50-10.00	-	5.00-5.25 .80-.85
18-SEP-1999	-	-	9.50-10.00	-	5.00-5.25 .80-.85
25-SEP-1999	-	-	9.50-10.00	-	5.00-5.25 .80-.85
02-OCT-1999	-	-	9.00-9.50	-	5.00-5.25 .80-.85
09-OCT-1999	-	-	9.00-9.50	-	-
16-OCT-1999	-	-	-9.00	-	-
23-OCT-1999	-	-	-9.00	-	-
30-OCT-1999	-	-	-9.00	-	-
06-NOV-1999	-	-	-	-	-
13-NOV-1999	-	-	-	-	-
20-NOV-1999	-	-	8.00-8.50	-	-
27-NOV-1999	-	-	8.00-8.50	-	-
04-DEC-1999	-	-	8.00-8.50	-	-
11-DEC-1999	-	-	8.00-8.50	-	-
18-DEC-1999	-	-	8.00-8.50	-	-
25-DEC-1999	-	-	-8.00	-	-
01-JAN-2000	-	-	-8.00	-	-
08-JAN-2000	11.50-12.00	-	-8.00	10.00-11.00	-
15-JAN-2000	11.50-12.00	-	-8.00	10.00-11.00	-
22-JAN-2000	11.50-12.00	-	-8.00	10.00-11.00	-
29-JAN-2000	11.50-12.00	-	-8.00	10.00-11.00	-
05-FEB-2000	11.50-12.00	-	-8.00	-	-
12-FEB-2000	11.50-12.00	-	-8.00	-	-
19-FEB-2000	11.50-12.00	-	-	-	-
26-FEB-2000	11.50-12.00	-	-	-	-
04-MAR-2000	11.50-12.00	-8.00	7.50-8.00	-	-
11-MAR-2000	11.50-12.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	-	-
18-MAR-2000	11.50-12.00	7.50-8.00	-	-	-
25-MAR-2000	11.50-12.00	7.50-8.00	-	-	-
01-APR-2000	11.50-12.00	7.50-8.00	-	-	-
08-APR-2000	11.50-12.00	7.50-8.00	-	-	-
15-APR-2000	11.50-12.00	-	-	-	-
22-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-
29-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-
06-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-	-

NEW BRUNSWICK'S SEASONAL DISPOSITION OF POTATOES												
	1999-2000 SEASON			CWT.	TABLE SHIPMENTS							
	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
DOMESTIC	79,744	23,962	35,633	64,331	17,610	21,832	25,204	15,094	23,263	49,562	42,455	398,690
U.S.A.	12,673	152,138	175,569	261,312	244,062	159,936	146,623	173,524	188,951	139,940	98,549	1,753,277
EXPORTS	13,773	157,509	177,704	270,982	265,130	170,002	154,411	179,529	205,191	164,921	112,744	1,871,896
TTL TABLE	93,517	181,471	213,337	335,313	282,740	191,834	179,615	194,623	228,454	214,483	155,199	2,270,586
			SEED SHIPMENTS									
DOMESTIC	0	0	0	0	1,850	1,300	2,600	139,147	125,399	123,171	0	393,467
U.S.A.	0	0	0	0	84,965	157,845	186,660	137,084	57,660	60,500	0	684,714
EXPORTS	0	0	9,970	266,214	450,671	165,252	206,518	150,886	127,620	78,598	0	1,455,729
TOTAL SEED	0	0	9,970	266,214	452,521	166,552	209,118	290,033	253,019	201,769	0	1,849,196
TOTAL TABLE AND SEED	93,517	181,471	223,307	601,527	735,261	358,386	388,733	484,656	481,473	416,252	155,199	4,119,782
LOCAL USE INCLUDES												
PROCESSING	479,646	705,229	709,322	667,716	566,377	660,263	702,662	753,143	589,245	682,924	594,370	7,110,897
SEED FOR NEXT CROP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	985,600		985,600
CULLAGE & LOSS	45,855	86,385	119,334	169,817	224,848	163,110	165,740	192,515	178,693	186,948	126,936	1,660,181
TOTAL	619,018	973,085	1,051,963	1,439,060	1,526,486	1,181,759	1,257,135	1,430,314	1,249,411	2,286,444	876,505	13,876,460

NEW BRUNSWICK'S SEASONAL DISPOSITION													
POTATOES 1998-1999 SEASON				CWT.									
	Table Shipments												
	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	TOTAL
TABLE SHIPMENTS													
Prince Edward Island (includes processing)	453	0	0	16,000	9,250	0	0	0	1,085	4,480	15,960	17,232	64,460
Newfoundland	600	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	1,259	0	0	50,024
Nova Scotia	2,370	4,579	500	3,839	2,652	2,650	4,050	4,600	18,695	7,200	0	0	51,135
Quebec	0	0	666	8,864	3,900	25,205	9,078	7,635	5,650	4,210	8,960	11,310	85,478
Ontario	0	4,234	5,420	2,490	4,929	10,465	7,438	6,750	8,200	16,298	0	1,100	67,324
DOMESTIC	3,423	8,813	6,586	31,193	20,731	38,320	20,566	18,985	33,630	33,447	24,920	29,642	270,256
Barbados	1,320	0	0	1,680	0	140	0	0	560	0	0	0	3,700
Dominican Republic	0	0	560	0	1,128	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,688
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	0	1,035	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,035
Trinidad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,100	0	0	0	1,100
Puerto Rico	0	10,426	17,786	15,705	29,001	18,833	20,931	23,935	43,920	33,050	12,380	24,190	250,157
Honduras	0	0	0	0	0	1,050	900	0	0	0	0	0	1,950
Venezuela	0	0	0	0	1,121	0	0	0	0	0	200	0	1,321
U.S.A.	18,418	156,031	171,505	176,244	262,099	254,505	132,868	187,211	232,842	154,599	158,847	101,264	2,006,433
EXPORTS	19,738	166,457	189,851	193,629	293,349	275,563	154,699	211,146	278,422	187,649	171,427	125,454	2,267,384
TOTAL TABLE	23,161	175,270	196,437	224,822	314,080	313,883	175,265	230,131	312,052	221,096	196,347	155,096	2,537,640

New Brunswick Seed Potatoes *1999 Season*

Export shipments to the United States for the 1999 New Brunswick seed potato season were nearly identical at 684,714 hundredweight, to the 1998 final of 685,429 cwt. Total movement for seed (through June) including domestic sales for the 1999 season was down 5% to 1.85 million cwt from the previous year's final of 1.95 million cwt. Total acreage devoted to seed this season was 16,781, compared to 17,024 the previous season. The highest acreage by variety was Atlantic at 3,800, followed by Chieftan at 2,676 and Shepody 1,271. The United States received nearly 35% of the province's seed in 1999. Other major seed export markets, other than the United States, were Cuba and Mexico. January and February were the peak shipments months for New Brunswick seed exports to the U.S. while November and December were the busiest months for other export deliveries.

There was good demand in North America for many seed varieties this season, especially Russet varieties, due to shortages in North America. Some major producing regions in Canada (notably Prince Edward Island) had shortages and disease problems. Similar problems were apparent in some areas of the States as well. However, reductions in contracted growing acreage of chipping potatoes in the southern United States contributed to poor demand and low prices for some major export varieties, notably Atlantics and Snowdens. Ironically, Atlantic seed acreage in New Brunswick was up 11% from the previous season. The first seed pricing summary of the season was reported in the National Shipping Point Trends on January 10, 2000 by the Market News Service. Trading opened slow for available open market offerings of Atlantics (Elite 4) at \$5.50-6.00 bulk per hundredweight and prompt delivery, while February delivery ranged from \$5.75-6.00 in U.S. funds. Snowdens were offered at \$5.50-6.00 for February delivery, LaChipper from \$7.50-8.50 and fairly light supplies of Superior were quoted from \$6.50-7.50 for February delivery.

At the end of January, rising diesel fuel prices caused severe truck shortages along the Atlantic Coast. Shippers scrambled to deliver earlier contracted sales on time to Florida and North Carolina. By mid-February, poor Atlantic demand forced lower prices of \$4.75-5.00 cwt and \$5.50 for Snowdens. This downward spiral progressed into March when Atlantics were offered at mostly \$4.50-4.75 and Snowdens \$5.00-5.25 cwt. By this time, most of the southern states had planted and did not purchase additional seed. Truck movement improved slightly with lower transportation costs as spring approached.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND'S DISPOSITION OF POTATOES												
	1999-2000 SEASON			CWT.	TABLE SHIPMENTS							
	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
DOMESTIC	90,896	129,646	298,661	576,184	601,505	598,328	638,843	993,659	636,849	728,547	305,835	5,598,953
U.S.A.	29,315	154,550	203,825	267,245	221,346	255,673	272,382	241,234	176,856	97,979	43,246	1,963,651
EXPORTS	30,540	226,845	354,268	539,260	623,221	506,067	603,564	589,405	306,162	194,025	121,446	4,094,803
TTL TABLE	121,436	356,491	652,929	1,115,444	1,224,726	1,104,395	1,242,407	1,583,064	943,011	922,572	427,281	9,693,756
SEED SHIPMENTS												
DOMESTIC	0	0	0	6,200	1,290	2,550	18,961	68,002	65,638	12,412	105	175,158
U.S.A.	0	0	425	828	8,264	36,987	19,444	16,915	3,958	43,967	0	130,788
EXPORTS	0	0	27,595	63,154	87,403	117,894	61,361	98,274	74,727	50,676	0	581,084
TOTAL SEED	0	0	27,595	69,354	88,693	120,444	80,322	166,276	140,365	63,088	105	756,242
TOTAL TABLE AND SEED	121,436	356,491	680,524	1,184,798	1,313,419	1,224,839	1,322,729	1,749,340	1,083,376	985,660	427,386	10,449,998
LOCAL USE INCLUDES												
PROCESSING	288,977	955,484	1,185,786	1,308,599	1,040,544	1,288,588	1,145,857	1,193,373	1,265,611	1,346,115	1,146,943	12,165,877
SEED FOR NEXT CROP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,013,000		2,013,000
CULLAGE & LOSS	47,114	149,023	220,658	308,580	301,068	313,521	325,997	379,739	574,136	866,922	252,848	3,739,606
TOTAL	457,527	1,460,998	2,086,968	2,801,977	2,655,031	2,826,948	2,794,583	3,322,452	2,923,123	5,211,697	1,827,177	28,368,481

AUGUST MOVEMENT
INCLUDES SHIPMENTS
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CULLAGE INCLUDES
DUMPAGE

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND'S DISPOSITION OF POTATOES 1998-1999													
	TABLESTOCK SHIPMENTS IN CWT.												
	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	TOTAL
Newfoundland	0	81,468	36,261	41,579	54,334	49,798	35,713	52,433	49,549	44,373	29,487	9,695	484,690
Nova Scotia	0	3,900	45,991	71,079	64,599	58,011	65,616	68,286	55,258	42,709	31,380	5,439	547,368
New Brunswick	0	46,578	61,880	224,838	228,098	322,705	304,916	225,364	272,131	331,729	228,021	58,899	2,305,159
(includes processing)													
Quebec	0	18,060	65,236	79,630	60,052	75,408	69,996	73,083	86,076	52,339	16,489	1,800	600,169
Ontario	0	74,213	138,453	223,544	322,082	315,136	221,109	292,765	248,559	154,542	74,673	3,784	2,068,860
British Columbia	0	0	550	1,760	480	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	2,810
DOMESTIC	0	259,319	348,371	642,430	729,645	821,058	697,350	711,931	711,593	625,692	382,050	79,617	6,009,056
St. Pierre	0	1,423	175	275	0	750	0	0	780	425	383	0	4,211
Barbados	0	12,245	8,235	9,328	5,593	10,810	2,995	2,050	15,890	0	0	0	67,146
Bermuda	0	0	0	0	0	0	900	960	0	0	0	0	1,860
Dominican Republic	0	1,120	9,345	52,200	29,403	41,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	133,668
Jamaica	0	0	4,990	3,320	9,425	3,800	2,240	3,900	3,920	5,050			36,645
Puerto Rico	0	38,896	72,002	47,124	70,824	28,121	1,120	11,865	6,424	2,240	0	0	278,616
St. Lucia	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	150
Trinidad	0	38,120	44,120	21,115	0	68,107	0	0	75,975	1,120	0	0	248,557
El Salvador	0	0	0	0	0	0	900	0	0	0	0	0	900
Guyana	0	9,000	6,000	0	0	23,848	0	0	9,500	0	0	0	48,348
Panama	0	1,100	0	4,070	3,300	4,821	1,120	560	0	0	0	0	14,971
Costa Rica	0	450	6,300	3,600	22,525	19,485	22,100	4,950	0	0	0	0	79,410
Argentina	0	0	0	550	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	550
Belize	0	420	1,718	870	1,270	815	0	0	425	1,275	0	0	6,793
Brazil	0	0	0	34,320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34,320
Honduras	0	0	0	0	4,300	3,360	900	0	0	0	0	0	8,560
Nicaragua	0	450	4,550	1,800	9,050	24,845	21,770	5,245	0	0	0	0	67,710
Venezuela	0	0	55,000	241,985	58,443	504,328	0	0	25,630	0	0	0	885,386
Uruguay	0	0	0	27,467	0	70,416	0	0	0	0	0	0	97,883
Norway	0	0	0	2,750	0	67,942	0	0	0	0	0	0	70,692
Taiwan	0	0	0	1,660	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,660
Surinam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	560	560	560	0	0	1,680
Sri Lanka	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
U.S.A.	0	161,623	198,116	242,797	193,962	198,469	160,377	202,424	173,161	96,454	76,123	35,296	1,738,802
EXPORTS	0	264,847	410,551	695,231	408,595	1,071,517	214,572	232,514	312,265	107,124	76,506	35,296	3,829,018
TOTAL TABLE	0	524,166	758,922	1,337,661	1,138,240	1,892,575	911,922	944,445	1,023,858	732,816	458,556	114,913	9,838,074

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1998 SEASON

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND'S DISPOSITION OF POTATOES												
	1998 - 1999 Seed Shipments CWT.											
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	TOTAL
Newfoundland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,107	847	0	0	1,954
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	0	0	2,644	5,848	8,817	2,569	0	0	19,878
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	6,530	6,103	3,472	3,940	0	0	20,045
Quebec	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,501	9,758	6,928	0	0	18,187
Ontario	0	0	0	5,772	0	10,135	41,196	49,960	24,537	0	0	131,600
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0	0	751	551	508	0	0	1,810
Saskatchewan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
DOMESTIC	0	0	0	5,772	0	19,309	55,399	73,665	39,333	0	0	193,478
Mexico	0	0	0	0	2,601	42,932	22,300	12,070	0	0	0	79,903
Cuba	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Argentina	0	0	551	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	551
Brazil	0	4,409	34,943	0	0	551	6,289	0	0	0	0	46,192
Venezuela	0	50,161	18,818	4,409	66,543	0	20,503	52,430	8,818	0	0	221,682
Uruguay	0	0	30,831	70,564	30,399	0	0	0	0	0	0	131,794
Portugal	0	0	0	0	33,622	3,858	0	0	0	0	0	37,480
Turkey	0	0	0	0	18,223	67,903	0	0	0	0	0	86,126
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,307	0	0	0	3,307
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	53
Thailand	0	0	8,818	7,165	0	0	4,960	2,756	0	0	0	23,699
U.S.A.	0	0	0	2,205	902	13,428	5,630	11,282	8,190	0	0	41,637
EXPORTS	0	54,570	93,978	84,343	152,290	128,672	59,682	81,845	17,061	0	0	672,441
TOTAL SEED	0	54,570	93,978	90,115	152,290	147,981	115,081	155,510	56,394	0	0	865,919
TOTAL TABLE AND SEED	524,166	813,492	1,431,639	1,228,355	2,044,865	1,059,903	1,059,526	1,179,368	789,210	458,556	114,913	10,703,993
local use includes												
Processing	1,218,173	1,151,133	1,070,182	967,743	1,116,853	1,116,852	1,078,321	832,545	2,461,557	1,004,000	1,285,540	13,302,899
Seed for next crop									2,240,000			2,240,000
Cullage and Loss	224,299	269,240	408,162	452,074	570,746	308,915	304,566	258,160	362,537	167,184	141,790	3,467,673
TOTAL	1,966,638	2,233,865	2,909,983	2,648,172	3,732,464	2,485,670	2,442,413	2,270,073	5,853,304	1,629,740	1,542,243	29,714,565
Due to a change in regulations April 1, 1998, data on the movement of potatoes for processing is no longer available.												
The data reported includes estimates for processing potatoes based on historical data.												