

IRISH POTATOES

Utilization of 1962 crop with comparisons

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I_r Sales on the fresh market continued to be the major outlet for potatoes with 50.6 million hundredweight of the 1962 crop sold for table use according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 2 percent less than marketings for table use from the large 1961 crop, but it was above the 1956 to 1960 level when sales for table use gradually increased from 146.0 million to 149.2 million hundredweight.

Utilization of 1962 crop potatoes by processors of food products totaled 54.5 million hundredweight. This was a record high quantity to be processed into foods such as potato chips, frozen products, and dehydrated and canned potatoes. It was 6 percent larger than usage by food processors from the 1961 crop and was more than double the 24.7 million hundredweight from the 1956 crop, the first season for which potato utilization estimates are available.

Production of potato chips and shoestrings took 44.2 percent of the total amount of 1962 crop potatoes utilized by food processors. A total of 24.1 million hundredweight went into these products from the 1962 crop compared with 22.6 million the previous season.

Utilization in frozen french fries, at 15.9 million hundredweight, was slightly more than a year earlier. This small increase was in contrast to the sharp increases each season from 1957 to 1961 when utilization in frozen french fries increased from 12.2 to slightly over 15.9 million hundredweight.

Processing of dehydrated food products--flakes, granules, diced, etc.--used 10.3 million hundredweight, 9 percent more than from the 1961 crop but 8 percent less than from the 1960 crop. The volume of potatoes used in other food items, at 5.2 million hundredweight, was 4 percent greater than the previous season.

Processors of starch and flour handled 11.3 million hundredweight of the 1962 crop, 45 percent less than from the 1961 crop. Sales for livestock feed totaled 17.9 million hundredweight against 20.3 million a year earlier. Diversion to starch and feed under the government program was much lighter during the 1962 season than from the 1961 crop--6.2 million and 29.2 million hundredweight, respectively.

On a fiscal year basis (July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963) potato chippers used 24.8 million compared with 23.2 million hundredweight for the comparable period ended June 30, 1962.

IRISH POTATOES: Number of Potato Chip Plants and Potatoes Used for Chipping by Areas and U.S. and Potatoes Used for Shoestring Potatoes, U.S. July 1-June 30, 1961, 1961, 1962, and 1963

A r e a	Number of plants	July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961	Number of plants	July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962	Number of plants	July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963
	<u>Number</u>	<u>100 lb. sacks</u> (000)	<u>Number</u>	<u>100 lb. sacks</u> (000)	<u>Number</u>	<u>100 lb. sacks</u> (000)
New England						
Me., N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.	23	897	22	1,094	22	1,151
Eastern						
Del., Md., N.J., N.Y., Pa., Va., D.C.	110	5,673	98	5,981	95	6,337
North Central						
Mich., Ohio, W.Va.	67	2,805	64	2,965	64	3,193
Mid-Central						
Kans., Mo., Nebr.	29	1,142	27	1,225	24	1,250
Midwest						
Ill., Ind., Iowa, Minn., S.D., N.D., Wisc.	52	3,428	53	3,826	54	4,052
Southeast						
Ala., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., Miss., N.C., S.C., Tenn. ...	28	2,205	27	2,320	31	2,655
Southwest						
Ark., Texas, Okla.	30	1,142	29	1,371	30	1,446
Rocky Mountain						
Colo., Idaho, Mont., N.Mex., Utah, Wyo.	29	860	25	955	27	955
West Coast						
Ariz., Calif., Nev., Oreg., Wash.	32	2,441	27	2,872	26	3,033
Total	400	20,593	372	22,609	373	24,072
Shoestring		592		604		717
Total Used for Chips and Shoestrings		21,185		23,213		24,789

I R I S H P O T A T O E S: Utilization of the 1960, 1961, and 1962 Crops

Utilization Items	1960 Crop	1961 Crop <u>1/</u>	1962 Crop
A. Sales	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>
1. Table stock	149,199	153,337	150,593
2. For processing			
a. Chips and shoestrings ...	21,018	22,642	24,080
b. Dehydration	10,104	8,518	9,280
c. Frozen french fries	13,373	15,911	15,946
d. Other frozen products ...	1,669	2,227	2,437
e. Canned potatoes	1,572	1,458	1,485
f. Other canned products (Hash, stews, soups) ..	1,237	1,317	1,262
g. Starch and flour	<u>10,177</u>	<u>20,493</u>	<u>11,285</u>
Total	59,150	72,566	65,775
Other sales			
a. Livestock feed	5,348	20,340	7,913
b. Seed	<u>14,823</u>	<u>13,823</u>	<u>14,622</u>
Total	<u>20,171</u>	<u>34,163</u>	<u>22,535</u>
Total Sales	228,520	260,066	238,903
B. Non-sales			
1. Seed used on farm where grown	7,707	7,452	6,301
2. Household use	5,449	5,236	4,843
3. Feed	2,909	4,234	3,377
4. Shrinkage and loss	<u>12,850</u>	<u>16,606</u>	<u>13,279</u>
Total Non-sales	<u>28,915</u>	<u>33,528</u>	<u>27,800</u>
TOTAL PRODUCTION	257,435	293,594	266,703

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