

IRISH POTATOES

Utilization of 1965 Crop with Comparisons

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Movement of potatoes for fresh market from the 1965 crop totaled 138.0 million hundredweight, 9 percent above a year earlier but 6 percent below the 1963 crop according to the Crop Reporting Board. The quantity processed for food products (excluding starch and flour) from the 1965 crop was 92.3 million, 39 percent above a year earlier and 48 percent above the 1963 crop.

Usage for starch and flour from the 1965 crop was almost triple the small volume used from the 1964 crop. Shrinkage and losses on farms from the 1965 crop were much above a year earlier. The quantity used for food on farms where grown continued to decline. While the total amount of seed used for planting the 1966 acreage from the 1965 crop was above the quantity used from the two previous crops, the volume from the 1965 crop used for seed on farms where grown was well below a year earlier.

Volume of potatoes processed into frozen french fries, at 32.3 million hundredweight, was 57 percent above the quantity used from the 1964 crop and exceeded the quantity used for chips and shoestrings. The 31.5 million hundredweight of potatoes used for chips and shoestrings continued to show an increase over the previous year. The 5.0 million hundredweight used for other frozen products also continued to make an increase over the previous year's utilization.

Utilization of potatoes for dehydrated products--flakes, granules, diced, slices, etc.--at 20.1 million hundredweight, was almost double the volume used from the 1964 crop. Canned products, including hash, stew, soups, etc., used 3.3 million hundredweight, slightly more than the 3.2 million used from the 1964 crop.

Starch and flour plants used 8.1 million hundredweight compared with 3.0 million a year earlier and 11.7 million from the 1963 crop. Sales for livestock feed from the 1965 crop, at 5.8 million, were 4 percent above the 1964 crop but 43 percent below the 1963 crop.

Sales from the 1965 crop accounted for 90.1 percent of the production, only slightly lower than the 90.3 percent reported for the 1964 crop.

On a fiscal year basis (July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966, the quantity of potatoes used for chips and shoestrings was 31.9 million hundredweight, compared with 28.8 million hundredweight during the year ended June 30, 1964.

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, 1964, 1965, and 1966

Area	Number of plants	July 1, 1963 to June 30, 1964	Number of plants	July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965	Number of plants	July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966
	Number	100 lb. sacks (000)	Number	100 lb. sacks (000)	Number	100 lb. sacks (000)
New England						
Me., N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.	21	1,223	23	1,518	23	1,575
Eastern						
Del., Md., N. J., N.Y., Pa., Va., D.C.	91	7,007	91	7,120	83	7,891
North Central						
Mich., Ohio, W. Va.	62	3,389	65	3,496	61	3,928
Mid-Central						
Kans., Mo., Nebr.,	24	1,432	23	1,532	22	1,950
Midwest						
Ill., Ind., Iowa, Minn., S.D., N.D., Misc.	53	4,461	51	4,635	51	5,007
Southeast						
Ala., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., Miss., N.C., S.C., Tenn.	28	2,999	29	3,272	28	3,465
Southwest						
Ark., Texas, Okla.	29	1,481	28	1,733	24	2,009
Rocky Mountain						
Colo., Idaho, Mont., N. Mex., Utah, Wyo.	26	1,006	26	1,068	22	1,098
West Coast						
Ariz., Calif., Nev., Oreg., Wash.	24	3,479	25	3,719	27	4,285
Total	358	26,477	361	28,093	341	31,208
Shoestrings		728		671		690
Total Used for Chips and Shoestrings		27,205		28,764		31,898

I R I S H P O T A T O E S: Utilization of the 1963, 1964 and 1965 Crops

Utilization Items	1963 Crop <u>1,000 cwt.</u>	1964 Crop <u>1/</u> <u>1,000 cwt.</u>	1965 Crop <u>1,000 cwt.</u>
A. Sales			
1. Table stock	146,532	126,931	138,018
2. For processing			
a. Chips and shoestrings	26,693	28,783	31,511
b. Dehydration	9,909	10,801	20,122
c. Frozen french fries	19,782	20,494	32,263
d. Other frozen products	2,643	3,160	5,039
e. Canned potatoes	1,836	1,727	1,728
f. Other canned products (Hash, stews, soups)	1,404	1,474	1,620
g. Starch and flour	<u>11,737</u>	<u>2,990</u>	<u>8,081</u>
Total	74,004	69,429	100,364
3. Other sales			
a. Livestock feed	10,103	5,587	5,797
b. Seed	<u>14,159</u>	<u>14,191</u>	<u>16,853</u>
Total	<u>24,262</u>	<u>19,778</u>	<u>22,650</u>
Total Sales	244,798	216,138	261,032
B. Non-sales			
1. Seed used on farms where grown	6,094	7,527	6,617
2. Household use	4,511	3,977	3,780
3. Feed	3,128	1,828	2,159
4. Shrinkage and loss	<u>13,199</u>	<u>9,933</u>	<u>16,195</u>
Total non-sales	<u>26,932</u>	<u>23,265</u>	<u>28,751</u>
TOTAL PRODUCTION	271,730	239,403	289,783

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