

IRISH POTATOES
Utilization of 1961 crop with comparisons

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Potatoes sold for table use from the 1961 crop amounted to 154,834,000 hundredweight, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Sales for table use varied only a small amount during the period 1956-60, with a gradual increase from 146,048,000 hundredweight during the 1956 season to 149,199,000 hundredweight during the 1960 season. Production varied from a low of 242,522,000 hundredweight in 1957 to a high of 293,594,000 hundredweight in 1961.

The amount of fresh potatoes used for processed food items such as chips, frozen products, dehydration, and canning continued to increase--51,987,000 hundredweight from the 1961 crop in comparison with 48,973,000 from the 1960 crop and 40,106,000 hundredweight from the 1959 crop.

Usage of 1961 crop potatoes for livestock feed, starch and flour amounted to 89,411,000 hundredweight. This was 2.5 times the 15,525,000 hundredweight used from the 1960 crop and was 13 percent of the total 1961 production.

Processors of potato chips and shoestrings took about 43.4 percent of the potatoes processed for food items from the 1961 crop. Potatoes used for making chips and shoestrings amounted to 22.6 million hundredweight compared with 21.0 million hundredweight from the 1960 crop.

Potatoes used for making frozen French fries from the 1961 crop increased 19 percent from a year earlier and totaled 15.9 million hundredweight against 13.4 million from 1960. Processors of flakes, granules, diced, and other forms of dehydrated products used 8.5 million hundredweight, a decrease of 16 percent from the 10.1 million from the 1960 crop. The volume potatoes used in other food items was 12 percent greater than the amount a year earlier.

Processors of starch and flour handled 20.5 million hundredweight of the 1961 crop, twice the amount processed during the 1960 season and 11 percent above the 18.4 million hundredweight from the 1958 crop. During the 1961 season, 16.3 million hundredweight moved to starch and flour under the government diversion program.

On a fiscal year basis (July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962) potato chippers used 2.5 million hundredweight compared with 20.6 million hundredweight for the comparable period ending June 30, 1961.

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, 1960, 1961, and 1962

Area	Number of plants	July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960 1/ 100 lb. sacks (000)	Number of plants	July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961 1/ 100 lb. sacks (000)	Number of plants	July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962 100 lb. sacks (000)
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
New England						
Me., N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.	24	918	23	897	22	1,094
Eastern						
Del., Md., N.J., N.Y., Pa., Va., D.C.	113	5,293	110	5,673	98	5,981
North Central						
Mich., Ohio., W.Va.	70	2,882	67	2,805	64	2,965
Mid-Central						
Kans., Mo., Nebr.	30	1,028	29	1,142	27	1,225
Midwest						
Ill., Ind., Iowa., Minn., S.D., N.D., Wisc.	54	3,288	52	3,428	53	3,826
Southeast						
Ala., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., Miss., N.C., S.C., Tenn. . .	29	2,030	28	2,205	27	2,320
Southwest						
Ark., Texas, Okla.	35	1,072	30	1,142	28	1,261
Rocky Mountain						
Colo., Idaho., Mont., N.Mex., Utah, Wyo.	29	787	29	860	25	955
West Coast						
Ariz., Calif., Nev., Oreg., Wash.	29	2,457	32	2,441	27	2,872
Total	413	19,755	400	20,593	371	22,499
Shoestring		461		592		604
Total Used for Chips and Shoestrings.....		20,216		21,185		23,103

Utilization Items	1959 Crop <u>1/</u>	1960 Crop <u>1/</u>	1961 Crop
A. Sales	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>
1. Table stock	149,123	149,199	154,834
2. For processing			
a. Chips and shoestrings ...	20,085	21,018	22,556
b. Dehydration	7,656	10,104	8,518
c. Frozen French fries	8,745	13,373	15,911
d. Other frozen products ...	1,173	1,669	2,227
e. Canned potatoes	1,185	1,572	1,458
f. Other canned products (Hash, stews, soups) ...	1,262	1,237	1,317
g. Starch and flour	7,718	10,177	20,493
Total	47,824	59,150	72,480
3. Other sales			
a. Livestock feed	6,607	5,348	18,918
b. Seed	13,583	14,823	13,850
Total	20,190	20,171	32,768
Total Sales	217,137	228,520	260,082
B. Non-sales			
1. Seed used on farm where grown	7,166	7,707	7,436
2. Household use	5,920	5,449	5,236
3. Feed	3,085	2,909	4,234
4. Shrinkage and loss	12,491	12,850	16,606
Total Non-sales	28,662	28,915	33,512
TOTAL PRODUCTION	245,799	257,435	293,594

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