

IRISH POTATOES

Utilization of 1966 Crop with Comparisons

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Movement of potatoes for fresh market from the 1966 crop totaled 133.9 million hundredweight--4 percent below the 1965 crop movement but 3 percent above 1964, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The quantity processed for food products (excluding starch and flour) continues to rise--66.4 million from the 1964 crop, 92.1 million in 1965, and 95.6 from the 1966 crop. Movement to starch and flour, at 11.0 million hundredweight, was much above the 8.1 from the 1965 crop.

Total sales from the 1966 crop accounted for 265.0 million hundredweight, only 1 percent above the 262.4 million from the crop a year earlier. This slight increase occurred in spite of the record large production harvested in 1966--306.9 million against 291.2 million a year earlier. The relatively large shrinkage and losses on farms from the 1966 crop--28.5 million compared to 17.4 million from the 1965 and 10.3 million hundredweight from the 1964 crop--account for most of the reduction in sales from the 1966 crop. Potatoes used on farms where grown for food continues to decline while seed used and volume fed to livestock on farms where grown are slightly above the crop of a year earlier.

The volume of potatoes used for frozen french fries continues to rise--34.0 million hundredweight for the 1966 crop against 32.3 a year earlier. Other frozen products also showed a gain for the 1966 crop compared with a year earlier. The 32.7 million hundredweight of potatoes used for chips and shoestrings continued to show an increase over the previous year's use of 31.3 million.

Dehydrated products (flakes, granules, diced, shreds, etc.) took 19.8 million hundredweight from the 1966 crop, a slight reduction from the 20.2 million used from the 1965 crop but much above the 10.8 million from the 1964 crop. Canned products, including hash, stew, soups, used 3.4 million, slightly above the 3.3 million used for the 1965 crop.

In line with the larger quantities used by starch and flour plants, the volume of potatoes sold for livestock feed, at 8.4 million, also was above the volume used from the 1965 crop.

On a fiscal year basis (July 1, 1966 through June 30, 1967) the quantity used for chips and shoestrings was 32.8 million hundredweight, which was above the 31.7 million used a year earlier and 28.8 million for the year ended June 30, 1965.

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, 1965, 1966, and 1967

Area	July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965		July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966		July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967	
	Number of plants	100 lb. sacks (000)	Number of plants	100 lb. sacks (000)	Number of plants	100 lb. sacks (000)
New England						
Me., N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.	23	1,518	23	1,575	23	1,679
Eastern						
Del., Md., N.J., N.Y., Pa., Va., D.C.	91	7,120	83	7,891	75	8,173
North Central						
Mich., Ohio, W. Va.	65	3,496	61	3,928	61	4,085
Mid-Central						
Kans., Mo., Nebr.	23	1,532	22	1,710	21	1,599
Midwest						
Ill., Ind., Iowa, Minn., S.D., N.D., Wisc.	51	4,635	51	5,007	49	5,181
Southeast						
Ala., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., Miss., N.C., S.C., Tenn. ..	29	3,272	29	3,465	30	3,887
Southwest						
Ark., Texas, Okla.	28	1,733	24	2,009	23	1,989
Rocky Mountain						
Colo., Idaho, Mont., N. Mex., Utah, Wyo.	26	1,068	22	1,098	20	1,276
West Coast						
Ariz., Calif., Nev., Oreg., Wash.	25	3,719	27	4,285	25	4,146
Total	361	28,093	342	30,968	327	32,015
Shoestrings		671		690		762
Total Used for Chips and Shoestrings		28,764		31,658		32,777

I R I S H P O T A T O E S: Utilization of the 1964, 1965 and 1966 Crops

Utilization Items	1964 Crop $\bar{1}$ / <u>1,000 cwt.</u>	1965 Crop $\bar{1}$ / <u>1,000 cwt.</u>	1966 Crop <u>1,000 cwt.</u>
A. Sales			
1. Table stock	129,513	139,542	133,880
2. For processing			
a. Chips and shoestrings ..	28,783	31,292	32,729
b. Dehydration	10,801	20,166	19,811
c. Frozen french fries	20,494	32,263	34,029
d. Other frozen products ..	3,160	5,039	5,602
e. Canned potatoes	1,727	1,728	1,961
f. Other canned products (Hash, stews, soups) ..	1,474	1,620	1,425
g. Starch and flour	2,990	8,081	11,001
Total	69,429	100,189	106,558
3. Other sales			
a. Livestock feed	5,587	5,797	8,440
b. Seed	14,203	16,922	16,144
Total	19,790	22,719	24,584
Total Sales	218,732	262,450	265,022
B. Non-sales			
1. Seed used on farms where grown	7,363	6,510	8,118
2. Household use	2,776	2,597	2,378
3. Feed	1,871	2,179	2,930
4. Shrinkage and loss	10,334	17,433	28,454
Total non-sales	22,344	28,719	41,880
TOTAL PRODUCTION	241,076	291,169	306,902

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