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IRISH POTATOES: Utilization of 1956 and 1957 Crops

Potatoes sold for processing from the 1957 crop totaled 41,256,000 hundredweight, 17 percent of production, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Sales for table stock were 144,572,000 hundredweight while 22,070,000 hundredweight were sold for seed and livestock feed.

Volume of potatoes used for the manufacture of chips and shoestring potatoes from the 1957 crop was placed at 17,356,000 hundredweight, about 7 percent of the production. In the production of starch and flour, 12,691,000 hundredweight of potatoes were used. Dehydration consumed 3,776,000 hundredweight while 4,215,000 hundredweight were used for making frozen French fries. Other frozen products took 612,000 hundredweight and canned, hash, stews, soups, etc. used 2,606,000.

Growers sold 8,485,000 for livestock feed from the 1957 crop and 13,585,000 for seed.

In 1957, a larger volume of potatoes was used for chips, dehydration, canned and miscellaneous products than were used for these purposes from the 1956 production. This increase, however, was more than offset by a reduction in the amounts used for frozen French fries and starch. Quantity of potatoes used for processing from the 1956 crop was 43,083,000 hundredweight, 4 percent above the volume used from the 1957 crop. Sales for table stock from the 1956 production at 142,607,000 hundredweight were 1 percent below similar sales from the 1957 crop.

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Total sales from the 1957 crop amounted to 207,898,000 hundredweight or 87 percent of the total production. Comparable figures from the 1956 crop show sales of 206,807,000 hundredweight or 85 percent of the production of 243,716,000. This percentage has been on the increase as growing of potatoes became more commercialized. In 1930, 65 percent of the crop was sold, in 1940, 67 percent, and by 1950 it was 84 percent.

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<u>Utilization Items</u>	<u>1956 Crop</u>	<u>1957 Crop</u>
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>cwt.</u>	<u>cwt.</u>
A. Sales		
1. Table stock	142,607	144,572
2. For processing		
a. Chips and shoestrings	14,566	17,356
b. Dehydration	3,223	3,776
c. Frozen French fries	4,348	4,215
d. Other frozen products	327	612
e. Canned potatoes	994	1,216
f. Other canned products (Hash, stews, soups, etc.)	1,289	1,390
g. Starch and flour	18,336	12,691
3. Other sales		
a. Livestock feed	7,675	8,485
b. Seed	13,442	13,585
Total Sales	206,807	207,898
B. Non-sales		
1. Seed used on farm where grown	6,692	7,434
2. Household use	10,963	10,596
3. Feed, shrinkage and loss	19,254	13,611
Total Non-sales	36,909	31,641
TOTAL PRODUCTION	243,716	239,539