

**IRISH POTATOES**

Utilization of 1959 crop with comparisons

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Potatoes sold for table use from the 1959 crop amounted to 142,937,000 hundredweight, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Sales for table stock from the last three seasons' crops have not changed materially regardless of the size of production. Quantities used for the processing of potato food items, such as chips, frozen products, dehydration and canning have continued to increase--40.2 million hundredweight from the 1959 crop compared with 34.1 million from the 1958 crop and 28.6 million from the 1957 crop. Sales for diversion, such as starch and livestock feed, varied according to the size of the crop. Utilization of potatoes for these two categories accounted for 14.3 million hundredweight for the 1959 crop, 37.3 million for 1958 and 21.6 million for the 1957 crop.

Processors of potato chips and shoestrings took about one-half of the potatoes processed for food items from the 1959 crop. Potatoes used for chips and shoestrings amounted to 20.2 million hundredweight compared with 17.1 hundredweight from the 1958 crop.

Processors of flakes, granules and other forms of dehydrated potatoes used 29 percent more potatoes from the 1959 crop than from the 1958 crop. Potatoes used for making frozen French fries from the 1959 crop exceeded by 19 percent the quantity used from the 1958 crop. Volume of potatoes used from the 1959 crop for canning, including hash, stews, and soup, was less than from the crop of 1958.

A relatively smaller volume was used for making starch and flour from the 1959 crop, only 7.7 million compared to 18.4 million from the 1958 crop. Sales for livestock feed from the 1959 crop were estimated at 6.6 million--only a third of the 18.9 million used from the 1958 crop.

On a fiscal year basis (July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960) potato chippers used 19.9 million hundredweight compared with 17.7 million for the previous 12 months.

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, 1958, 1959, and 1960

A r e a	July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958		July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959		July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960	
	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. ....	25	682	24	775	25	918
Eastern						
Del., Md., N.J., N.Y.						
Pa., Va., D.C. ....	107	4,356	99	4,914	113	5,293
North Central						
Mich., Ohio, W.Va. ....	69	2,498	72	2,689	71	2,917
Mid-Central						
Kans., Mo., Nebr. ....	38	904	36	927	30	1,028
Midwest						
Ill., Ind., Iowa, Minn.,						
S.D., N.D., Wis. ....	53	2,674	55	2,867	54	3,288
Southeast						
Ala., Fla., Ga., Ky., Ia.,						
Miss., N.C., S.C., Tenn. ....	31	1,446	29	1,650	29	2,030
Southwest						
Ark., Texas, Okla.	42	931	38	971	35	1,072
Rocky Mountain						
Colo., Idaho, Mont., N.Mex.,						
Utah, Wyo. ....	29	742	28	821	29	931
West Coast						
Ariz., Calif., Nev., Oreg.,	30	1,906	30	2,083	29	2,457
Wash. ....						
Total .....	424	16,139	412	17,697	414	19,934
Shoestring .....		350		385		461
Total Used for Chips and Shoestring .....		16,489		18,082		20,395

I R I S H P O T A T O E S: Utilization of the 1957, 1958, and 1959 Crops

Utilization Items	1957 Crop <u>1,000 cwt.</u>	1958 Crop <u>1,000 cwt.</u>	1959 Crop <u>1,000 cwt.</u>
<b>A. Sales</b>			
1. Table stock.....	143,763	1/ 144,874	142,937
2. For processing			
a. Chips and shoestrings.....	17,356	17,063	20,224
b. Dehydration.....	3,776	5,917	7,656
c. Frozen French fries.....	4,215	7,352	8,745
d. Other frozen products.....	612	911	1,173
e. Canned potatoes.....	1,216	1,250	1,185
f. Other canned products (Hash, stews, soups).....	1,390	1,614	1,262
g. Starch and flour.....	<u>12,691</u>	<u>1/18,387</u>	<u>7,718</u>
Total.....	41,256	1/ 52,494	47,963
3. Other sales			
a. Livestock feed.....	8,950	18,918	6,607
b. Seed.....	<u>13,775</u>	<u>1/13,314</u>	<u>13,725</u>
Total.....	<u>22,725</u>	<u>1/ 32,232</u>	<u>20,332</u>
Total Sales.....	207,744	229,600	211,232
<b>B. Non-sales</b>			
1. Seed used on farm where grown.....	7,626	1/ 7,134	7,253
2. Household use.....	10,558	1/10,433	9,771
3. Feed.....	2,686	1/ 3,896	3,038
4. Shrinkage and loss.....	<u>10,925</u>	<u>1/14,666</u>	<u>11,987</u>
Total Non-sales.....	<u>31,795</u>	<u>1/ 36,129</u>	<u>32,049</u>
<b>TOTAL PRODUCTION</b>	<b>239,539</b>	<b>265,729</b>	<b>243,281</b>

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