

IRISH POTATOES
Utilization of 1960 crop with comparisons

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Potatoes sold for table use from the 1960 crop amounted to 149,376,000 hundredweight, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Sales for table use from the last four seasons ranged from 146,048,000 hundredweight from the 1956 crop to 149,013,000 hundredweight from the 1959 production. Sales for table use have not changed materially regardless of the size of production which varied from 242,522,000 hundredweight in 1957 to 266,897,000 in 1958.

The quantities of fresh potatoes used for processing of food items such as chips, frozen products, dehydration, and canning continued to increase--49,265,000 hundredweight from the 1960 crop compared with 40,216,000 from the 1959 crop and 34,107,000 hundredweight from the 1958 crop. Sales for diversion, such as starch and livestock feed accounted for 15,525,000 hundredweight from the 1960 crop, 8 percent above the volume used from the 1959 crop.

Processors of potato chips and shoestrings took about 43 percent of the potatoes processed for food items from the 1960 crop. Potatoes used for making chips and shoestrings amounted to 21.3 million hundredweight compared with 20.2 million hundredweight from the 1959 crop.

Potatoes used for making frozen French fries from the 1960 crop exceeded by 53 percent the volume used from the 1959 crop--13.4 million from 1960 compared to 8.7 million the previous season. Processors of flakes, granules, diced, and other forms of dehydrated products used 10.1 million hundredweight, up 32 percent from the 7.7 million used from the 1959 crop. Volume of potatoes used for other food items from the 1960 crop was 24 percent above the quantities used from the 1959 crop.

Processors of starch and flour took 10.2 million hundredweight of the 1960 crop or 2.4 million above the volume from the 1959 crop but still 8.2 million hundredweight below the 1958 season.

On a fiscal year basis (July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961) potato chippers used 20.9 million hundredweight compared with 19.9 million hundredweight for the same period ending June 30, 1960.

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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, 1959, 1960, and 1961

Area	Number of plants		July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959		July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960		July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961	
	Number	of plants	100 lb. sacks (000)	Number	of plants	100 lb. sacks (000)	Number	of plants
New England								
Me, N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.....	25		775	24		918	23	897
Eastern								
Del., Md., N.J., N.Y., Pa., Va., D.C.	99		4,914	113		5,293	110	5,667
North Central								
Mich., Ohio., W.Va.	72		2,689	70		2,882	67	2,805
Mid-Central								
Kans., Mo., Nebr.	36		927	30		1,028	29	1,142
Midwest								
Ill., Ind., Iowa, Minn., S.D., N.D., Wisc.	55		2,867	54		3,288	52	3,428
Southeast								
Ala., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., Miss., N.C., S.C., Tenn. ..	29		1,650	29		2,030	28	2,272
Southwest								
Ark., Texas., Okla.	38		971	35		1,072	30	1,142
Rocky Mountain								
Colo., Idaho., Mont., N.Mex., Utah, Wyo.	28		821	29		931	29	1,110
West Coast								
Ariz., Calif., Nev., Oreg., Wash.	30		2,083	29		2,457	32	2,441
Total	742		17,697	413		19,899	400	20,904
Shoestring			385			461		467
Total Used for Chips and Shoestring			18,082			20,360		21,371

I R I S H P O T A T O E S : Utilization of the 1956-60 Crops

Utilization Items	1956 Crop 1,000 cwt.	1957 Crop 1,000 cwt.	1958 Crop 1,000 cwt.	1959 Crop 1,000 cwt.	1960 Crop 1,000 cwt.
A. Sales					
1. Table stock	146,048	148,408	148,868	149,013	149,376
2. For processing					
a. Chips and shoestrings	14,566	17,356	17,063	20,195	21,310
b. Dehydration	3,223	3,776	5,917	7,656	10,104
c. Frozen French fries	4,348	4,215	7,352	8,745	13,373
d. Other frozen products	327	612	911	1,173	1,669
e. Canned potatoes	994	1,216	1,250	1,185	1,572
f. Other canned products (Hash, stews, soups)	1,289	1,390	1,614	1,262	1,237
g. Starch and flour	18,336	12,691	18,387	7,718	10,177
Total	43,083	41,256	52,494	47,934	59,442
3. Other sales					
a. Livestock feed	7,675	8,950	18,918	6,607	5,348
b. Seed	13,435	13,641	13,079	13,583	14,547
Total	21,110	22,591	31,997	20,190	19,895
Total Sales	210,241	212,255	233,359	217,137	228,713
B. Non-sales					
1. Seed used on farm where grown	6,752	7,577	7,086	7,166	7,504
2. Household use	9,312	8,176	7,279	5,920	5,459
3. Feed	4,148	2,718	3,916	3,085	2,887
4. Shrinkage and loss	15,339	11,796	15,257	12,491	12,872
Total Non-sales	35,551	30,267	33,538	28,662	28,722
TOTAL PRODUCTION	245,792	242,522	266,897	245,799	257,435

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