

RISH POTATOES

Utilization of 1964 Crop with Comparisons

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Movement of potatoes to fresh market from the 1964 crop totaled 127.0 million hundredweight, 13 percent less than a year earlier, while the quantity processed for food products (excluding starch and flour) was 66.4 million hundredweight, 7 percent larger, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The reduction in sales for table use was about in proportion to the drop in production--53.1 percent of the 1964 crop was sold for table stock and 53.9 percent of the 1963 crop. In contrast, the proportion used in food processing (excluding starch and flour) increased to 47.8 percent during the 1964 season from 22.9 percent in the 1963 season. Usage for starch and flour and sales for livestock feed dropped sharply. There was also a substantial reduction in potatoes fed on farms and lost through shrinkage and decay. The quantity used for food on farms where grown continued to decline while more potatoes were used for seed from the 1964 crop than from 1963 production.

Chip and shoestring products used 28.8 million hundredweight of 1964 crop potatoes, 8 percent more than a year earlier and a new record high. This was 12.0 percent of the total potato production and was larger than for any other class of processing.

A new record high was also set for frozen products--23.7 million hundredweight or 9.9 percent of 1964 production. Processing for frozen french fries took 20.5 million hundredweight of potatoes, an increase of 4 percent. Other frozen products utilized 3.2 million hundredweight, 20 percent more than a year earlier.

Utilization of potatoes in dehydrated products--flakes, granules, diced, etc.--totalled 10.8 million hundredweight, 9 percent more than 1963 and 7 percent above the previous record high from the 1960 crop. Canned products--including soups, hash, etc.--used 3.2 million hundredweight, slightly less than 1963.

Starch and flour plants processed 3.0 million hundredweight, only one-fourth as much as a year earlier. Sales for livestock feed totalled 5.6 million, about half the amount from the 1963 crop.

Sales--including table stock, processing, livestock feed, and seed--accounted for 90.3 percent of 1964 production compared with 90.1 percent of the 1963 crop. This is the largest percentage of record and continues the upward trend.

On a fiscal year basis (July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965), the quantity used for chips and shoestrings was 28.8 million hundredweight compared with 27.2 million during the year ending June 30, 1964.

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, 1963, 1964, and 1965

A r e a	Number of plants	July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963	Number of plants	July 1, 1963 to June 30, 1964	Number of plants	July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965
	<u>Number</u>	<u>100 lb. sacks</u> (000)	<u>Number</u>	<u>100 lb. sacks</u> (000)	<u>Number</u>	<u>100 lb. sacks</u> (000)
New England						
Me., N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.	22	1,151	21	1,223	23	1,518
Eastern						
Del., Md., N.J., N.Y., Pa., Va., D.C.	95	6,337	91	7,007	91	7,120
North Central						
Mich., Ohio, W. Va.	64	3,193	62	3,389	65	3,496
Mid-Central						
Kans., Mo., Nebr.	24	1,250	24	1,432	23	1,532
Midwest						
Ill., Ind., Iowa, Minn., S.D., N.D., Wisc.	54	4,052	53	4,461	51	4,635
Southeast						
Ala., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., Miss., N.C., S.C., Tenn., ...	28	2,655	28	2,999	29	3,272
Southwest						
Ark., Texas, Okla.	28	1,446	29	1,481	28	1,733
Rocky Mountain						
Colo., Idaho, Mont., N. Mex., Utah, Wyo.	27	955	26	1,006	26	1,068
West Coast						
Ariz., Calif., Nev., Oreg., Wash.	24	3,044	24	3,479	25	3,719
Total	366	24,083	358	26,477	361	28,093
Shoestrings		717		728		671
Total Used for Chips and Shoestrings		24,800		27,205		28,764

I R I S H P O T A T O E S: Utilization of the 1962, 1963 and 1964 Crops

Utilization Items	1962 Crop <u>1,000 cwt.</u>	1963 Crop <u>1/</u> <u>1,000 cwt.</u>	1964 Crop <u>1,000 cwt.</u>
A. Sales	150,893		127,016
1. Table stock		26,693	28,783
2. For processing		9,909	10,801
a. Chips and shoestrings ...	24,086	19,782	20,494
b. Dehydration	9,280	2,643	3,160
c. Frozen french fries	15,962	1,836	1,727
d. Other frozen products ...	2,438		
e. Canned potatoes	1,664		
f. Other canned products (Hash, stews, soups) ..	1,262	1,404	1,474
g. Starch and flour	<u>11,285</u>	<u>11,737</u>	<u>2,990</u>
Total	65,977	74,004	69,429
3. Other sales			
a. Livestock feed	7,913	10,103	5,587
b. Seed	<u>14,333</u>	<u>14,159</u>	<u>14,165</u>
Total	<u>22,246</u>	<u>24,262</u>	<u>19,752</u>
Total Sales	239,116	244,798	216,197
B. Non-sales			
1. Seed used on farms where grown	6,085	6,094	7,468
2. Household use	4,843	4,511	3,977
3. Feed	3,381	3,128	1,828
4. Shrinkage and loss	<u>13,278</u>	<u>13,199</u>	<u>9,933</u>
Total non-sales	<u>27,587</u>	<u>26,932</u>	<u>23,206</u>
TOTAL PRODUCTION	266,703	271,730	239,403

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