

# irish potatoes



Utilization of 1970 Crop with Comparisons

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Potatoes sold for table stock from the 1970 crop totaled 129.2 million hundredweight, 2 percent more than the 127.0 million a year earlier and 4 percent more than the 1968 crop, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

Quantities processed were 136.6 million hundredweight, 9 percent more than the total of 125.1 million hundredweight for the 1969 crop. The quantity processed for food products (excluding starch and flour) from the 1970 crop was 128.0 million cwt., 10 percent more than a year earlier and 21 percent above the 1968 crop. Quantities sold for starch, flour, and livestock feed totaled 16.9 million cwt., a decrease of 1.6 million from the 1969 crop.

Quantities used in the processing of frozen french fries accounted for 54.5 million cwt. from the 1970 crop compared with 44.7 million a year earlier. Other frozen products used 7.4 million cwt. from the 1970 crop compared with 6.9 million used from the 1969 crop.

Potatoes used for chips and shoestrings totaled 35.9 million cwt. from the 1970 crop, compared with 35.5 million cwt. used from the 1969 crop. The quantity used for chips and shoestrings from July 1, 1970 through June 30, 1971 was 35.1 million cwt. compared with 36.1 million cwt. a year earlier and 34.2 million cwt. for the year ended June 30, 1969.

Total sales of 1970 crop potatoes accounted for 291.5 million cwt. compared with 279.2 million cwt. sold from the 1969 crop.

Seed usage on farms where grown totaled 7.0 million cwt., about the same as a year earlier. Shrinkage and loss totaled 24.0 million cwt. for the 1970 crop compared with 22.2 million cwt. from the 1969 production.

IRISH POTATOES: Number of potato chip plants and quantity used for chipping,  
by areas and U. S., and quantity used for shoestring potatoes,  
U. S., July 1 - June 30, 1969, 1970, and 1971

Area	: July 1, 1968 :		: July 1, 1969 :		: July 1, 1970	
	:Plants:	to	:Plants:	to	:Plants:	to
	: June 30, 1969:		: June 30, 1970:		: June 30, 1971	
	Number	1,000 cwt.	Number	1,000 cwt.	Number	1,000 cwt.
New England:						
Maine, N.H., Vt.,						
Mass., R.I., Conn.	21	1,685	21	1,759	21	1,841
Eastern:						
Del., Md., N.J.,						
N.Y., Pa., Va.,						
D.C.	73	8,236	69	8,457	66	8,199
North Central:						
Mich., Ohio., W.Va.	57	4,224	53	4,498	48	4,187
Mid-Central:						
Kans., Mo., Nebr.	19	1,712	19	1,764	18	1,772
Midwest:						
Ill., Ind., Iowa,						
Minn., S.D., N.D.,						
Wis.	48	5,285	45	5,431	42	5,459
Southeast:						
Ala., Fla., Ga., Ky.,						
La., Miss., N.C.,						
S.C., Tenn.	28	4,398	28	4,808	29	4,910
Southwest:						
Ark., Texas, Okla.	22	2,104	22	2,398	17	2,412
Rocky Mountain:						
Colo., Idaho, Mont.,						
N.Mex., Utah, Wyo.	18	1,253	18	1,265	16	1,163
West Coast:						
Ariz., Calif., Nev.,						
Oreg., Wash., Hawaii	21	4,341	20	4,681	21	4,340
Total	307	33,238	295	35,061	278	34,283
Shoestrings		961		1,060		774
Total used for chips and shoestrings		34,199		36,121		35,057

IRISH POTATOES: Utilization of the 1968, 1969, and 1970 Crops

Utilization items	1968 Crop	1969 Crop 1/	1970 Crop
	1,000 cwt.		
A. Sales			
1. Table stock	124,537	126,994	129,242
2. For processing			
a. Chips and shoestrings	34,035	35,459	35,861
b. Dehydration	22,761	25,483	26,053
c. Frozen french fries	37,794	44,654	54,478
d. Other frozen products	6,768	6,899	7,381
e. Canned potatoes	2,192	2,066	2,367
f. Other canned products: (hash, stews, soups)	1,849	1,750	1,870
g. Starch and flour	<u>7,752</u>	<u>8,801</u>	<u>8,564</u>
Total	113,151	125,112	136,574
3. Other sales			
a. Livestock feed	8,877	9,620	8,301
b. Seed	<u>17,407</u>	<u>17,506</u>	<u>17,355</u>
Total	<u>26,284</u>	<u>27,126</u>	<u>25,656</u>
Total Sales	263,972	279,232	291,472
B. Non-sales			
1. Seed used on farms where grown	6,985	6,977	7,007
2. Household use	2,114	1,967	1,815
3. Feed	2,068	1,495	1,339
4. Shrinkage and loss	<u>18,845</u>	<u>22,232</u>	<u>23,955</u>
Total non-sales	<u>30,012</u>	<u>32,671</u>	<u>34,116</u>
TOTAL PRODUCTION	293,984	311,903	325,588

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