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MARKETING FLORIDA, ALABAMA AND NORTH CAROLINA POTATOES

Summary of the 1975 Season

SOUTH FLORIDA

PRODUCTION: According to the Statistical Reporting Service, the total acreage for Dade County was 6,925 acres compared to 6,500 in 1974. The entire south Florida winter crop was estimated at 9,700 compared to 9,300 acres a year ago. The total production in south Florida was 2,887,000 cwt. compared to 2,093,000 cwt. last season.

SHIPMENTS: Early shipments lagged behind last year, and March shipments were comparable to last season. April shipments increased considerably and total shipments for the season were higher than last year.

HARVESTING: Light harvesting began in early January with very light movement from Lake Okeechobee and Martin County followed by Ft. Myers. Peak volume for the winter crop ran from March 23 to April 12 with an average of 363 loads per week. By May 1st a few shippers were finished, and volume began to decline. Most shippers were done by May 9.

MARKETING: F.o.b. prices for Round Reds packed in 50 lb. sacks U. S. #1-A ranged from a high of \$3.50 early in the season to a mid-season low of \$2.00 and closed the season at \$2.50. Size B ranged from an early high of \$4.50 to \$5.00 to a low of \$2.50 midway through the season and closed at \$3.00. Demand ranged mostly from fairly light to good with short periods of very active trading towards the end of March and April. Sales to processors this season on the open market for U. S. #1 quality or generally good chipping quality bulk per cwt. ranged from \$3.00-\$3.50 for Round Reds. Round White prices ranged from a high of \$5.50-\$5.75 early in the season to a low of \$4.50 at the end of the season.

PACKAGING AND TRANSPORTATION: The 50 lb. paper sack was the primary package for this year's crop. Of total shipments, 92 percent were by truck and 8 percent by rail and rail truck (piggyback).

HASTINGS, FLORIDA

SHIPMENTS AND PRODUCTION: Shipments for the 1975 crop totaled 6,398 carlot equivalents, a decrease from 6,683 shipped last year. According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Crop Reporting Board, harvested acreage for 1975 was 16,200, a 14 percent decline from 1974. Yields in 1975 averaged 195 cwt., compared with 175 cwt. in 1974. 1975 production of 3,159,000 cwt. was about the same as the 3,290,000 cwt. produced in 1974.

GROWING CONDITIONS AND HARVESTING: Mild weather prevailed during planting. The growing season was good, although it was dry. The dry weather was not a problem because of effective irrigation. Harvesting was normal with limited interference from springtime showers. Some heavy rain did fall at the end of April and again from the 8th to the 13th of May, but it did not cover the entire Tri-County area, and damage was relatively light.

MARKETING: Prices started at moderate levels but declined early in the deal, then increased at mid-season. Processing stock, 85 percent or more U. S. #1 and generally 1-7/8 inches and up, was selling for \$4.50 bulk per cwt. on April 21 but steadily decreased to \$3.00 per cwt. on May 9. Prices began increasing after May 9th, and on June 3 processing stock was \$7.00 per cwt. Round White table stock followed basically the same course. On May 9th, 100 lb. sacks of Round Whites were \$4.00 per cwt., and on May 28th the price was \$6.50 per cwt.

PACKAGING: The main packs for table stock were 100 lb. burlap bags and 50 lb. burlap or paper bags. Processing stock was bulk-loaded in trucks.

ALABAMA

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS: Potato production during the spring of 1975 was 1,378,000 cwt. compared with 1,813,000 cwt. in 1974 according to the Crop Reporting Board. Summer production in 1975 was 1,350,000 cwt. compared to 1,523,000 in 1974. The total commercial shipments in 1975 were 4,216 trucks and 34 rail cars compared with 5,138 trucks and 83 rail cars in 1974.

GROWING CONDITIONS: During the year, growing conditions were about normal, although some wet weather early in the season caused reduced stands.

HARVESTING: The south Alabama harvest began around May 1, a few days later than last season. The deal peaked the first week in June when 617 loads were shipped during that week. The deal tapered off in mid June and most growers were finished harvesting by June 18. Harvesting in north Alabama (Sand Mountain) began the last week in June. The deal peaked the week of July 13 when 465 trucks were shipped. Shipments declined sharply the last week in July as most growers finished for the season.

MARKETING: The first market report was issued on May 13. On that date, Round Reds and Round Whites U. S. #1-A 100 lb. sacks sold mostly at \$4.50. Prices steadily increased to \$10.00 on June 10, which was the final report for the south Alabama season. First reported prices of the season in north Alabama were \$10.00 on July 7 for Round Reds and Round Whites, U. S. #1-A 100 lb. sacks. Opening prices were maintained until July 21 when prices dropped to \$9.00. The season ended at \$8.00.

PACKAGING AND TRANSPORTATION: The most popular containers used during the 1975 season were 100 and 50 lb. sacks. Nearly all Alabama potatoes were shipped by truck. The Alabama Federal-State shipping point inspection service inspected the majority of the crop before shipment.

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS: The production of potatoes in eastern North Carolina totaled 1,920,000 cwt. in 1975. This was a 12 percent decrease from the 2,145 cwt. produced in 1974. Harvested acreage totaled 12,000 acres compared to 13,000 acres the year before. The average yield per acre was 160 cwt. Shipments, all by truck, totaled 1,779 loads, up slightly from last year.

GROWING CONDITIONS: The crop was hampered by unfavorable weather with alternating periods of wetness and drought prevailed throughout the entire season. The spring was cold and wet, and included a late frost in March which damaged some of the early plantings. As a result, the general condition of the crop ranged from fair to good by the end of spring. A dry June followed which hampered harvesting of the early crop in the southern coastal area, while the drought held back yields in the late crop. The weather during July returned to the other extreme with excessive moisture and harvesting of the remainder of the crop was delayed due to wet fields.

MARKETING: The first f.o.b. market of the season was reported on June 9th at \$10.00 bulk per cwt for Round Whites for processing. This was \$5.50 per cwt. above the opening price last season. Demand from buyers was very good, and prices advanced to \$11.00 on June 12th. On June 17th, prices dropped slightly to \$9.00-\$9.50. The final report of the season on July 4th showed a range from \$8.50-\$8.75, which was the low price of the season. Pre-season contracts were at mostly \$4.50 bulk per cwt. during the entire deal. Tablestock sales were very light, and only represented a small portion of the total volume. First of season sales on 100 lb. sacks were \$11.00, and they leveled off slightly to \$10.50 by the end of the season.

POTATO PRODUCTION BY SEASONS 1973-1975

SEASONAL GROUPS AND STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975
	1,000 ACRES			CWT			1,000 CWT		
<u>Winter</u>									
California	4.9	4.4	4.9	220	265	215	1,078	1,166	1,054
Florida	9.1	9.3	9.4	195	190	195	1,775	1,767	1,833
TOTAL	14.0	13.7	14.3	204	214	202	2,853	2,933	2,887
<u>Spring</u>									
Alabama	11.0	12.5	10.6	118	145	130	1,298	1,813	1,378
Arizona	9.9	8.6	6.2	210	260	245	2,079	2,236	1,518
California	34.7	35.5	27.6	325	385	380	11,278	13,668	10,488
Florida-Hastings	19.0	18.8	16.2	180	175	195	3,420	3,290	3,159
-Other	2.1	2.8	1.9	150	170	185	315	476	352
Louisiana	2.3	2.8	2.6	83	90	70	191	252	182
Mississippi	2.0	2.0	1.9	85	95	90	170	190	171
North Carolina	11.2	13.0	12.0	145	165	160	1,624	2,145	1,920
Texas	6.7	7.4	5.5	125	130	150	838	962	825
TOTAL	98.8	103.4	84.5	214	242	237	21,213	25,032	19,994
<u>Summer</u>									
Alabama	8.0	10.5	9.0	125	145	150	1,000	1,523	1,350
California	9.5	9.9	8.2	320	350	370	3,040	3,465	3,034
Colorado	6.5	6.6	7.2	220	275	250	1,430	1,815	1,872
Delaware	6.8	6.8	5.7	195	225	165	1,326	1,530	941
Illinois	1.8	1.6	2.0	155	155	190	279	248	380
Indiana	1.0	1.1	.8	130	190	180	130	209	144
Iowa	2.6	3.3	3.1	175	200	200	455	660	620
Maryland	2.0	2.0	1.8	160	147	170	320	294	306
Michigan	8.0	8.4	7.4	140	190	190	1,120	1,596	1,406
Minnesota	7.4	8.5	8.1	250	250	260	1,850	2,125	2,106
Nebraska	2.4	2.6	2.5	170	150	160	408	390	400
New Jersey	9.3	9.0	7.0	185	270	195	1,721	2,430	1,365
New Mexico	3.2	4.2	3.5	260	200	200	832	840	700
North Carolina	3.0	4.5	4.0	120	135	120	360	608	480
Ohio	2.8	2.9	2.9	150	190	165	420	551	479
Tennessee	4.2	6.0	5.0	80	90	85	336	540	425
Texas	12.0	10.2	8.6	245	220	250	2,940	2,244	2,150
Virginia	31.0	31.0	25.0	105	130	96	3,255	4,030	2,400
West Virginia		4.2	3.7	71	77	72	256	323	266
TOTAL	125.1	133.3	115.5	172	191	180	21,478	25,421	20,824

Source Statistical Reporting Service

DAILY RAIL & TRUCK POTATOE SHIPMENTS

January 1 - August 5, 1976

Date	FLORIDA		ALABAMA		NORTH CAROLINA		CALIFORNIA KERN DIST		TEXAS		VIRGINIA		OTHERS ¹		TOTAL	
	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck
Jan. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	56	7	56
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	419	93	419
3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	564	135	565
4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	390	60	390
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	100	4	100
6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	119	727	119	727
7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	138	631	138	632
8	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	612	150	614
9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190	553	190	554
10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	178	524	178	525
11	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	342	65	344
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	127	3	127
13	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112	493	112	494
14	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	171	612	171	615
15	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	173	578	173	580
16	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	178	485	178	486
17	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	159	500	159	503
18	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	413	64	418
19	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	86	7	88
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126	464	126	464
21	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	145	564	145	568
22	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	534	135	536
23	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	186	476	186	480
24	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	534	135	536
25	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57	402	57	406
26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	66	6	66
27	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	479	95	480
28	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103	613	103	615
29	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190	500	190	501
30	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	184	459	184	460
31	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	166	489	166	492
Feb. 1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74	450	74	455
2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	49	1	59
3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	503	132	505
4	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	178	555	179	561
5	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164	452	165	461
6	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	189	465	191	471
7	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	162	497	163	508
8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57	399	57	407
9	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	-	67
10	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	162	474	162	476

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	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck
Feb. 11	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	188	637	190	644
12	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	182	471	183	479
13	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	209	412	213	418
14	2	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230	435	232	449
15	2	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	390	101	402
16	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	47
17	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	142	425	145	428
18	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211	594	215	603
19	3	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	239	444	242	453
20	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	219	396	221	403
21	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	206	427	207	438
22	1	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101	415	102	428
23	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	71	2	80
24	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175	406	175	413
25	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	204	705	205	720
26	3	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	237	457	240	470
27	4	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	259	465	263	477
28	3	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	243	418	246	434
Mar. 1	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95	492	95	508
2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	25	2	29
3	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	172	500	176	505
4	2	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	153	755	155	778
5	2	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	237	485	239	504
6	6	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	226	437	232	452
7	2	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	215	456	217	482
8	1	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68	460	69	483
9	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	37
10	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	187	456	189	462
11	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	208	742	208	773
12	3	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	245	470	248	496
13	4	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	201	455	205	478
14	3	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	223	427	226	453
15	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	475	99	507
16	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	19
17	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	197	435	197	447
18	6	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	173	677	179	724
19	3	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	217	439	220	475
20	5	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	252	388	257	429
21	6	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	237	406	243	444
22	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117	488	117	531
23	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	1	42
24	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170	411	170	424

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<u>Date</u>	<u>FLORIDA</u>		<u>ALABAMA</u>		<u>NORTH CAROLINA</u>		<u>CALIFORNIA KERN DIST</u>		<u>TEXAS</u>		<u>VIRGINIA</u>		<u>OTHERS¹</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	<u>Rail</u>	<u>Truck</u>	<u>Rail</u>	<u>Truck</u>	<u>Rail</u>	<u>Truck</u>	<u>Rail</u>	<u>Truck</u>	<u>Rail</u>	<u>Truck</u>	<u>Rail</u>	<u>Truck</u>	<u>Rail</u>	<u>Truck</u>	<u>Rail</u>	<u>Truck</u>
Mar. 25	1	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	173	783	174	835
26	4	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	196	422	200	490
27	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154	370	154	404
28	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	402	88	447
29	-	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68	497	68	555
30	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	-	68
31	1	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73	375	74	400
Apr. 1	3	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	178	768	181	840
2	4	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	176	468	180	524
3	3	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	196	435	199	484
4	2	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	167	375	169	430
5	-	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	499	61	574
6	-	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	46
7	4	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117	443	121	497
8	3	96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	177	705	180	805
9	5	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	195	450	200	531
10	5	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	195	419	200	481
11	8	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	221	442	229	515
12	1	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	518	85	612
13	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	1	15	1	72
14	1	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	134	410	135	497
15	4	136	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	189	780	193	925
16	8	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	199	453	207	567
17	9	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	210	391	219	480
18	8	111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	190	420	198	531
19	4	139	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68	427	72	569
20	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	6	2	66
21	10	101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	156	342	166	453
22	5	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	157	634	162	804
23	11	135	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	169	337	180	481
24	14	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	159	328	173	429
25	7	127	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	169	370	176	503
26	9	161	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	56	370	65	544
27	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	1	3	1	57
28	7	160	-	-	-	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	93	297	100	479
29	27	182	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	-	-	-	122	675	149	878
30	24	147	-	-	-	-	-	6	15	-	-	-	132	352	156	522
May 1	26	109	-	11	-	-	-	3	20	-	-	-	104	333	130	465
2	27	188	-	10	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	116	280	143	492
3	14	180	-	2	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	28	288	42	488
4	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	2	-	46

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	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck
May 5	24	160	-	14	-	-	-	6	-	26	-	-	69	280	93	468
6	31	214	-	27	-	-	-	10	-	11	-	-	99	576	130	838
7	29	193	-	15	-	-	1	12	-	22	-	-	115	366	145	608
8	25	123	-	6	-	-	1	12	-	12	-	-	115	325	141	478
9	18	189	-	10	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	-	127	307	145	526
10	4	184	-	10	-	-	1	11	-	18	-	-	67	311	72	534
11	1	21	-	8	-	-	-	18	-	3	-	-	2	-	3	50
12	14	213	-	51	-	-	8	40	-	14	-	-	75	328	97	646
13	14	211	-	58	-	-	14	45	-	8	-	-	93	404	121	726
14	23	235	1	52	-	-	21	44	-	17	-	-	103	318	148	666
15	21	154	1	8	-	-	23	56	-	13	-	-	96	312	141	543
16	11	183	-	7	-	-	24	30	-	17	-	-	110	279	145	516
17	6	153	-	11	-	-	22	17	-	16	-	-	23	260	51	457
18	-	29	-	21	-	-	-	33	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	86
19	11	190	1	89	-	-	34	73	-	17	-	-	65	293	111	662
20	10	217	-	121	-	-	78	66	-	18	-	-	86	493	174	915
21	10	188	2	111	-	-	84	54	-	12	-	-	99	305	195	670
22	12	107	-	94	-	-	85	53	-	17	-	-	92	323	189	594
23	11	118	5	72	-	-	71	37	-	8	-	-	108	293	195	528
24	14	103	2	66	-	-	33	22	-	-	-	-	18	310	67	501
25	-	32	-	38	-	-	5	16	-	-	-	-	3	1	8	87
26	2	148	5	101	-	-	90	72	-	3	-	-	13	110	110	434
27	10	157	3	115	-	-	127	96	-	6	-	-	69	273	209	647
28	4	129	3	100	-	-	130	89	-	5	-	-	78	311	215	634
29	8	102	5	66	-	-	138	70	-	4	-	-	101	310	252	552
30	-	107	2	60	-	-	137	66	-	1	-	-	95	266	234	500
31	4	83	-	12	-	-	104	47	-	-	-	-	32	263	140	405
June 1	-	24	-	-	-	-	1	31	-	-	-	-	6	2	7	57
2	-	73	1	101	-	-	131	107	-	6	-	-	66	217	198	504
3	-	48	2	123	-	-	165	129	-	10	-	-	77	337	244	647
4	-	24	-	131	-	-	172	67	-	8	-	-	98	216	270	446
5	-	11	1	117	-	-	164	72	-	9	-	-	78	182	243	391
6	-	8	1	95	-	4	168	59	-	11	-	-	85	201	254	378
7	-	8	-	46	-	12	78	50	-	10	-	-	33	198	111	324
8	-	2	-	14	-	-	6	51	-	3	-	-	-	-	6	70
9	-	3	-	58	-	40	162	95	-	8	-	-	67	205	229	409
10	-	2	-	85	-	59	185	106	-	6	-	-	87	185	272	443
11	-	5	-	64	-	72	189	73	-	3	-	-	84	167	273	387
12	-	1	-	43	-	41	209	66	-	7	-	-	83	168	292	326
13	-	2	-	44	-	53	212	53	-	9	-	-	79	167	291	328
14	-	-	-	31	-	41	123	42	-	10	-	-	50	158	173	282
15	-	-	-	14	-	-	6	47	-	-	-	-	5	-	11	61

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	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck
June 16	-	2	-	53	-	62	186	100	-	4	-	-	47	148	233	369
17	-	2	-	42	-	72	211	115	-	8	-	-	61	130	272	389
18	-	2	-	34	-	68	195	87	-	5	-	1	72	141	267	338
19	-	-	-	29	-	47	189	110	-	1	-	-	95	134	284	321
20	-	-	-	17	-	74	171	86	-	2	-	-	57	130	228	309
21	-	-	-	19	-	53	100	79	-	6	-	-	31	118	131	275
22	-	-	-	5	-	-	2	52	-	-	-	-	14	-	16	57
23	-	-	-	19	-	78	150	117	-	2	-	3	50	114	200	333
24	-	-	-	-	-	94	155	135	-	1	-	6	51	117	206	353
25	-	-	-	-	-	106	166	113	-	1	-	7	55	111	221	338
26	-	-	1	15	-	117	128	111	-	1	-	6	39	101	168	351
27	-	-	-	18	-	127	125	128	-	-	-	15	50	129	175	417
28	-	2	-	12	-	72	54	95	-	1	-	12	14	95	68	289
29	-	-	-	3	-	-	9	41	-	-	-	-	1	3	10	47
30	-	-	-	22	-	108	100	169	-	1	-	37	34	70	134	407
July 1	-	-	1	10	-	103	112	133	-	-	-	44	29	81	142	371
2	-	-	-	25	-	64	127	121	-	-	-	45	28	45	155	300
3	-	-	-	46	-	43	121	97	-	-	-	36	36	44	157	266
4	-	-	-	37	-	45	42	18	1	-	-	49	-	-	43	149
5	-	-	-	32	-	30	20	81	-	3	-	40	25	28	45	214
6	-	-	-	3	-	-	9	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	70
7	-	-	-	77	-	9	108	162	1	3	-	64	20	46	129	361
8	-	-	-	80	-	26	118	164	-	10	-	108	24	31	142	419
9	-	-	-	84	-	36	131	131	-	12	-	90	28	45	159	398
10	-	-	-	65	-	17	114	125	-	13	-	54	40	31	154	305
11	-	-	-	62	-	6	105	86	-	13	-	45	32	43	137	255
12	-	-	-	56	-	-	64	71	-	8	-	12	21	37	85	184
13	-	-	-	21	-	-	6	34	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	61
14	-	-	-	99	-	-	72	98	-	50	-	1	24	46	96	294
15	-	-	-	105	-	-	70	77	-	46	-	3	24	53	94	284
16	-	-	-	92	-	-	74	64	-	74	-	25	38	51	112	306
17	-	-	-	74	-	-	51	52	-	71	-	40	34	83	85	320
18	-	-	-	69	-	-	51	35	-	62	-	70	28	70	79	306
19	-	-	-	50	-	-	23	37	1	58	-	97	7	106	31	348
20	-	-	-	29	-	-	11	12	-	7	-	2	16	26	27	76
21	-	-	-	61	-	-	27	51	-	88	-	149	32	95	59	444
22	-	-	-	61	-	-	17	54	1	86	-	157	337	106	55	464
23	-	-	-	17	-	-	15	42	-	86	-	125	33	95	48	365
24	-	-	-	19	-	-	15	36	-	82	-	102	35	84	50	323
25	-	-	-	16	-	-	9	23	-	78	-	117	24	54	33	288
26	-	-	-	13	-	-	5	23	-	101	-	37	22	360	27	534
27	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	7	-	18	-	-	-	39	-	72

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	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck
July 28	-	-	-	41	-	-	4	30	-	121	-	136	29	142	33	470
29	-	-	-	30	-	-	6	26	2	114	-	133	37	142	45	445
30	-	-	-	29	-	-	2	18	1	123	-	117	41	129	44	416
31	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	10	-	115	-	71	58	140	58	356
Aug. 1	-	-	-	12	-	-	6	8	-	109	-	91	36	90	42	311
2	-	-	-	19	-	-	1	-	-	124	-	86	24	664	25	893
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	27	-	26	-	-	2	35	3	88
4	-	-	-	29	-	-	8	44	-	111	-	109	25	272	33	565
5	-	-	-	50	-	-	9	57	1	118	-	96	39	320	48	601
TOTAL	666	8718	37	4121	-	1779	6697	5832	8	2559	-	2438	20933	66390	28340	91838

TOTALS BY MONTH

Jan.	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3549	13840	3549	13888
Feb.	41	232	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4265	11516	4306	11748
Mar.	55	886	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4447	12795	4502	13681
Apr.	186	2878	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	170	-	-	3974	12136	4160	15196
May	384	4455	30	1366	-	-	1231	1113	-	326	-	-	2201	8520	3846	15780
June	-	219	6	1254	-	1400	3912	2586	-	133	-	87	1569	3944	5487	9623
July	-	-	1	1431	-	379	1529	1985	7	1442	-	1969	802	2258	2339	9464
Aug. 1-5	-	-	-	70	-	-	25	136	1	488	-	382	126	1381	151	2458

¹/ Includes All Other States

1975 SHIPPING POINT PRICES

SOUTH FLORIDA

ROUND REDS
50-LB. SACKS, US #1, WASHED

OPEN MARKET SALES TO PROCESSORS
BULK PER CWT 85% OR MORE US #1 QUALITY

Week Ending Friday	Size A	Size B	Round Reds	Round Whites
Feb. 14	3.50	4.50	-	-
21	3.50	3.75	-	-
28	3.00	3.25	-	-
Mar. 7	2.50	3.00	-	-
14	2.50	3.00	-	-
21	2.00	2.50	3.00-3.50	5.50-5.75
28	2.25	2.75	3.50	5.50
Apr. 4	2.50	3.00	3.50	5.50
11	2.50	3.00	3.50	5.50
18	2.50	3.00	3.50	4.50
25	2.50	3.00	3.50	-

HASTINGS, FLORIDA

Date	<u>PROCESSING STOCK</u> <u>85% or more US#1</u> <u>generally 1-7/8" & up</u>	<u>T A B L E S T O C K</u>			<u>ROUND REDS</u>	
		<u>ROUND WHITES</u>		<u>85% US #1</u>	<u>US#1 - 50 lb.</u>	
	<u>Bulk CWT</u>	<u>US#1 - Size A</u>				<u>Size A</u>
Apr. 24	3.50	-	2.75-3.00	-	2.25-2.35	2.75
25	3.50	-	2.75-3.00	-	2.25-2.50	2.75
28	3.50	5.00	2.50-2.75	-	2.25-2.50	2.75
29	3.50	5.00	2.50-2.75	-	2.25-2.50	2.75
30	3.50	4.50-5.00	2.50	-	2.25-2.50	2.75
May 1	3.50	4.50	2.25	-	2.25-2.50	2.75
2	3.25	4.50	2.25	4.00	2.25-2.50	2.75
5	3.25	4.50	2.25	4.00	-	-
6	3.00-3.25	4.50	2.25	4.00	2.25	2.75
7	3.00-3.25	4.50	2.25	4.00	2.25	2.75
8	3.00-3.25	4.50	2.25	4.00	2.25	2.75
9	3.00-3.25	4.50	2.25	4.00	2.25	2.75
12	3.25	5.00	2.50	4.50	2.50	-
13	3.25	5.00	2.50	4.50-5.00	2.50-2.75	-
14	3.25	5.00-5.50	2.50-2.75	4.50-5.00	2.50	-
15	4.00	5.50	2.75	5.00	2.50	3.00
16	4.00	5.50	2.75	5.00	2.75	2.75-3.25
19	4.50	6.00	3.00	5.50	3.00	3.00-3.25
20	4.50	6.00	3.00-3.25	5.50-6.00	3.00-3.25	3.25
21	4.50	6.00-6.50	3.15-3.25	6.00	3.15-3.25	3.25
22	5.00	6.50	3.25	6.00	3.25	3.25
23	5.00	6.50	3.25	6.00	3.25	-
27	5.50	7.00	3.50	6.50	-	-
28	5.50	7.00	3.50	6.50	-	-
29	5.50	7.00	3.50	-	-	-
30	5.50	7.00	3.50	-	-	-
June 2	7.00	-	-	-	-	-
3	7.00	-	-	-	-	-

1975 SHIPPING POINT PRICES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TABLE STOCKS</u> <u>100-lb. sacks US#1 Size A</u>		<u>PROCESSING STOCKS</u> <u>85% or more US#1 1 7/8" & up</u>
	<u>ROUND REDS</u>	<u>ROUND WHITES</u>	<u>ROUND WHITES</u> <u>BULK CWT</u>
		<u>SOUTH ALABAMA</u>	
May 13	4.50	4.50	-
15	4.50-5.00	5.00	-
20	6.00	6.00	-
22	6.00	6.00	-
27	6.00	6.00	-
29	7.00	7.00	-
June 3	8.00	8.00	-
5	9.00	9.00	-
10	10.00	-	-
12	-	-	-
17	-	-	-
		<u>NORTHEAST ALABAMA</u>	
July 8	10.00	10.00	-
10	10.00	10.00	8.75
15	10.00	10.00	-
17	10.00	10.00	-
22	9.00	-	-
24	8.00	-	-

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROCESSING STOCK</u>	<u>TABLE STOCK</u> <u>US #1, Size A, Washed</u>	
	<u>ROUND WHITES</u> <u>Bulk CWT US 1 5/8" Min.</u>	<u>ROUND WHITES</u> <u>100 lb. sacks</u>	<u>ROUND WHITES</u> <u>50 lb. sacks</u>
June 9	10.00	-	-
10	10.00	-	-
11	10.00	-	-
12	10.00-11.00	-	-
13	10.00-11.00	-	-
16	-	-	-
17	9.00-9.50	-	-
18	9.00-9.50	11.00	5.75
19	9.00	11.00	5.75
20	8.50-9.00	-	-
23	9.00	11.00	5.75
24	8.50-9.00	10.50-11.00	-
25	8.50-9.00	10.50	5.50
26	8.50-9.00	10.50	5.50
27	8.50-9.00	10.50	5.50
30	-	-	-
July 1	8.50-8.75	10.50	5.50
2	8.50-8.75	10.50	5.50
3	-	-	-
4	8.50-8.75	10.50	5.50

WHOLESALE PRICES FOR FLORIDA POTATOES
 AT SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS
 50 lb. SACKS, US#1, SIZE A WASHED

ROUND REDS

Week of	ATLANTA	CHICAGO	CLEVELAND	CINCINNATI	PHILADELPHIA
Jan. 13	5.50-6.00	-	-	-	-
20	5.50-6.00	-	-	6.75	-
27	5.50	-	-	6.50	-
Feb. 3	5.50	-	-	6.50	6.00
10	4.50	-	5.00-5.25	-	5.50
18	4.25-4.50	-	4.00-4.25	5.50	5.00-5.50
24	4.25-4.50	5.00-5.25	4.00-4.25	4.25-4.50	4.50-4.75
Mar. 3	4.00-4.25	4.75-5.00	3.75-4.00	3.50-4.50	5.00-5.25
10	3.50-4.00	4.00-4.25	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	4.00-4.25
17	3.25-3.50	4.00-4.25	3.25-3.60	3.00-3.50	3.50
24	3.00-3.25	3.85-4.00	3.25-3.75	3.00-3.25	2.75
31	3.25-3.50	4.00	3.75-4.00	3.00-3.25	4.00
Apr. 7	3.00-3.50	3.75-4.00	3.50-4.00	3.00-3.50	4.00
14	3.25-3.50	4.00	3.50-4.00	3.50	4.00
21	3.25-3.50	4.25	3.75-4.00	3.25-3.75	3.75-4.00
28	3.25-3.50	4.00-4.25	3.75-4.00	3.50	3.65-3.75
May 5	3.25-3.50	4.00	3.50-4.00	3.00-3.50	3.50-4.00
12	3.25-3.50	4.00	3.50-4.00	3.50	3.50-3.75
19	3.50-4.00	4.00	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.50
27	-	4.75-5.00	-	-	5.25-6.00
June 2	5.00-5.50	5.25	-	-	-

ROUND WHITES

Week of	ATLANTA	BALTIMORE	PITTSBURGH	NEW YORK CITY	PHILADELPHIA
Apr. 21	4.25	-	-	-	5.00
28	4.25	3.50	-	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50
May 5	2.75-2.85	3.25-3.50	3.75-4.00	4.00-4.50	-
12	3.50	3.50	3.75-4.00	4.00-4.25	4.00
19	3.75-4.00	4.25-4.50	-	4.50-5.00	4.50-4.75
27	4.25	4.50	-	5.00-5.25	5.25

WHOLESALE POTATO PRICES
AT SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS
50 lb. SACKS, US#1, SIZE A WASHED

ALABAMA

Week of	ATLANTA	BIRMINGHAM	CINCINNATI	DETROIT
	<u>Round Reds</u>	<u>Round Whites</u>	<u>Round Reds</u> (100 lb. Sacks)	<u>Round Whites</u>
				<u>Round Reds</u>
May 12	-	-	-	-
19	3.50-4.00	-	-	4.00-4.25
26	4.00-4.50	-	-	4.25-4.75
June 2	5.00	4.75-5.00	8.50	-
9	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	9.75-10.25	-
16	7.00	7.00	11.25-12.00	-
23	7.50	7.00	-	6.00-6.50
30	7.00	6.50	-	6.00-6.25
July 7	5.50-5.75	5.50-6.25	11.00-12.00	-
14	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.25	-	6.00-6.25
21	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.25	11.50-12.00	11.50-12.00

NORTH CAROLINA

ROUND WHITES

Week of	ATLANTA	BALTIMORE	NEW YORK CITY	PHILADELPHIA
June 7	7.00-7.50	-	-	6.50-7.00
14	-	5.75-6.00	-	6.00-6.50
21	-	6.00-6.50	5.50	6.00
28	-	-	-	6.40-6.50
July 5	-	-	-	6.00-6.50
12	-	-	7.00	6.25-6.50
19	-	-	-	6.25-6.50

RAIL & TRUCK UNLOADS OF POTATOES IN 41 U.S. CITIES AND 5 CANADIAN CITIES

January 1975 - July 1975

	ALA	CA	FL	NC	TX	VA	OTHER	TOTAL	
				U. S. Cities					
Albany, N. Y.	4	99	13	-	-	11	148	275	
Atlanta, Ga.	343	65	336	72	16	13	472	1317	
Baltimore, Md.	3	92	79	38	4	64	472	752	
Birmingham, Ala.	247	45	252	17	11	6	184	762	
Boston, Mass.	1	448	68	2	1	19	1382	1921	
Buffalo, N. Y.	2	140	12	-	-	6	224	384	
Chicago, Ill.	109	605	204	4	19	3	1271	2215	
Cincinnati, Ohio	198	99	228	47	13	13	430	1028	
Cleveland, Ohio	36	332	149	20	18	2	561	1118	
Columbia, S. C.	16	14	68	18	5	12	190	323	
Dallas, Texas	11	47	16	-	487	-	949	1510	
Denver, Colo.	-	117	8	-	113	-	802	1040	
Detroit, Mich.	244	296	346	85	18	2	771	1762	
Ft. Worth, Texas	4	2	5	-	19	-	131	161	
Houston, Texas	7	133	20	-	90	-	278	528	
Indianapolis, Ind.	43	55	7	-	2	-	503	610	
Kansas City, Mo.	3	86	31	-	46	-	426	592	
Los Angeles, Calif.	-	1587	26	-	9	-	1585	3207	
Louisville, Ky.	312	50	201	20	1	7	335	926	
Memphis, Tenn.	102	38	18	-	32	-	163	353	
Miami, Fla.	26	17	59	6	2	9	301	420	
Milwaukee, Wisc.	27	66	46	11	1	-	143	294	
Minneapolis, Minn. 1/	35	281	108	-	5	-	1033	1462	
Nashville, Tenn.	49	13	9	-	10	-	306	387	
New Orleans, La.	96	6	81	-	20	-	241	444	
New York, N.Y. 2/	17	775	90	5	8	130	1805	2830	
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5	20	4	-	85	-	622	736	
Philadelphia, Pa.	15	367	106	58	6	76	988	1616	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	27	208	101	-	4	6	368	714	
Portland, Ore.	-	268	1	-	1	-	277	547	
Providence, R.I.	-	87	6	-	-	1	95	189	
St. Louis, Mo.	135	119	66	8	62	-	454	844	
Salt Lake City, Utah	3	125	14	-	10	-	803	955	
San Antonio, Texas	1	71	5	-	81	-	319	477	
San Francisco, Calif. 3/	3	908	15	-	8	-	1087	2021	
Seattle, Wash. 4/	-	304	21	-	4	-	453	782	
Washington, D.C.	44	58	120	151	11	54	315	753	
Total U. S. Cities	2168	8043	2939	562	1222	434	20887	36255	
				Canadian Cities					
Montreal, Que.	-	101	37	18	-	46	2468	1670	
Ottawa, Ont.	-	22	10	7	-	8	274	321	
Toronto, Ont.	4	306	65	-	-	-	851	1226	
Vancouver, B.C.	1	169	14	-	-	-	457	641	
Winnipeg, Man.	-	93	2	-	1	-	385	481	
Total Canadian Cities	5	691	128	25	1	54	3435	4339	
GRAND TOTAL	2173	8734	3067	587	1223	488	24322	40694	

- 1/ Includes St. Paul, Minn.
 2/ Includes Newark, N.J.
 3/ Includes Oakland, Calif.
 4/ Includes Tacoma, Wash.

IRISH POTATOES: UTILIZATION OF THE 1972, 1973, AND 1974 CROP

UTILIZATION ITEMS	1972 CROP	1973 CROP <u>1/</u>	1974 CROP
	1,000 CWT.		
A. SALES			
1. TABLE STOCK	111,354	106,027	124,094
2. FOR PROCESSING			
A. CHIPS AND SHOESTRINGS	34,578	34,485	32,777
B. DEHYDRATION	27,450	31,407	34,547
C. FROZEN FRENCH FRIES	56,126	60,349	69,733
D. OTHER FROZEN PRODUCTS	7,901	9,564	9,303
E. CANNED POTATOES	2,118	2,664	2,562
F. OTHER CANNED PRODUCTS			
(HASH, STEWS, AND SOUPS)	2,183	2,544	2,052
G. STARCH AND FLOUR	<u>3,363</u>	<u>2,731</u>	<u>3,836</u>
TOTAL	133,719	143,744	154,810
3. OTHER SALES			
A. LIVESTOCK FEED	5,025	3,707	4,154
B. SEED	<u>17,953</u>	<u>20,977</u>	<u>19,080</u>
TOTAL	<u>22,978</u>	<u>24,684</u>	<u>23,234</u>
TOTAL SALES	268,051	274,455	302,138
B. NON-SALES			
1. SEED USED ON FARMS			
WHERE GROWN	5,567	5,175	4,437
2. HOUSEHOLD USE	1,287	988	907
3. FEED	1,082	440	1,221
4. SHRINKAGE AND LOSS	<u>19,968</u>	<u>18,352</u>	<u>32,394</u>
TOTAL NON-SALES	<u>27,904</u>	<u>24,955</u>	<u>38,959</u>
TOTAL PRODUCTION	295,955	299,410	341,097

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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, 1973, 1974 AND 1975

AREA	JULY 1, 1972		JULY 1, 1973		JULY 1, 1974	
	PLANTS	TO	PLANTS	TO	PLANTS	TO
	JUNE 30, 1973		JULY 30, 1974 1/		JUNE 30, 1975	
	NUMBER	1,000 CWT.	NUMBER	1,000 CWT.	NUMBER	1,000 CWT.
NEW ENGLAND:						
MAINE, N H, VT, MASS, R I, CONN	19	2,063	18	2,070	18	1,902
EASTERN:						
DEL, MD, N J, N Y, PA, VA, D C	58	7,437	55	8,000	51	7,045
NORTH CENTRAL:						
MICH, OHIO, W VA	42	4,223	36	3,746	36	3,822
MID-CENTRAL:						
KANS, MO, NEBR	19	1,975	17	1,896	15	1,767
MIDWEST:						
ILL, IND, IOWA MINN, S D, N D, WIS	35	4,971	34	4,831	33	4,288
SOUTHEAST:						
ALA, FLA, GA, KY, LA, MISS, N C, S C, TENN	31	5,218	32	5,053	29	4,687
SOUTHWEST:						
ARK, TEX, OKLA	14	2,293	13	2,734	11	2,182
ROCKY MOUNTAINS:						
COLO, IDAHO, MONT, N MEX, UTAH, WYO	16	1,237	12	1,204	12	1,233
WEST COAST:						
ARIZ, CALIF, NEV, OREG, WASH, HAW	27	4,371	55	4,387	23	5,274
TOTAL	261	33,788	242	33,921	228	32,200
SHOESTRINGS		759		778		780
TOTAL USED FOR CHIPS AND SHOESTRINGS		34,547		34,699		32,980

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