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MARKETING FLORIDA, ALABAMA AND NORTH CAROLINA POTATOES

Summary of the 1976 Season

SOUTH FLORIDA

Potato production in South Florida is located in three major areas, Dade County, Fort Myers and Lake Okeechobee-Martin County. Dade County is the largest area with 7,100 acres in 1976, compared with 7,000 in 1975. Fort Myers acreage was 1,200 in 1976, compared with 1,300 in 1975. Lake Okeechobee-Martin County area planted 800 acres in 1976, compared with 1,100 in 1975. The total harvested acreage was estimated at 9,100 in 1976, compared with 9,400 acres in 1975. The 1977 total acreage for harvest is estimated 9,400. South Florida production was 1,840,000 cwt in 1976 compared with 1,833,000 in 1975.

Planting and growing conditions were generally favorable during the fall of 1975. Although, damaging weather occurred in the Fort Myers area in late December of 1975, when cold and wind slowed crop growth and caused some leaf burn. Dade County experienced some water damage in February from the heavy rains.

Harvesting began in the Lake Okeechobee-Martin County Area the first week in January 1976. Digging in the Southwest (Fort Myers) got underway in early February and Dade County began light harvest the last week of February 1976. Peak shipments occurred in March and April. Dade County Growers had finished harvest by May 5.

The quality of South Florida potatoes was generally good in 1976, except for some growth crack and sunburn in the Everglades-Martin County Area during February. Also, below normal size prevailed in Dade County most of the season.

The potato market was fairly good in South Florida in 1976. The F.O.B. shipping point prices on fifty pound sacks of U.S. Number One Size A was mostly \$6.50 during January when supplies were very light. Prices dropped in February and held at \$5.50 most of that month, then to \$5.00 most of March. The lowest prices of the season were in April when the market ranged \$4.50-5.00. Size B were mostly \$1.00 per bag higher than Size A throughout the season.

The most popular container was a fifty pound paper bag. Practically all South Florida potatoes were shipped by truck, and a big portion of the table stock moved in "Mixed-loads." There was no marketing order on South Florida potatoes in 1976.

## HASTINGS, FLORIDA

According to the Statistical Reporting Service, harvested acreage for the Hastings District totaled 19,500 acres, up 3.3 thousand acres from the 1975 crop and slightly more than in 1974. Yields were good to excellent and averaged 210 cwt. per acre, which compares to 195 cwt. for 1975 and 175 cwt. in 1974. Total production in the Hastings area was 4.1 million cwt., an increase over the 3.2 million cwt. harvested in 1975 and 3.3 million cwt. in 1974.

Nearly ideal growing conditions prevailed in the Spring of 1976. There was little rainfall but the area was under extensive irrigation and consequently, optimum use of fertilizer was obtained. Mild weather continued into the first few weeks of harvest, but frequent scattered, heavy afternoon rains disrupted harvest periodically from May 13 into June.

First light shipments began on April 9 and became heavy by the week of May 3. Rain held back shipments during the week of May 24 and shipments declined thereafter. Harvesting continued into mid-June which was later than usual. Peak occurred from May 9 to May 15, with 1,446 carlot equivalents recorded that week. Heaviest daily shipments occurred on May 10 when 293 carlot equivalents were shipped.

Shipments in 1976 were 7,881 carlot equivalents through June 9, 1975 shipments totaled 6,398 carlot equivalents and 6,683 were shipped in 1974. Due to strong European demand for potatoes this year, the Hastings area shipped potatoes to Europe for the first time. In 1976 183 loads were shipped to Europe and the Carribean. Exports to Canada were fairly active during the peak period from May 2 to May 15, approximately 120 carlots were shipped to Canada.

F.O.B. Prices for Processing Stock potatoes declined gradually throughout the harvesting period but prices for Table Stock remained fairly steady. Potatoes for processing, 85 percent or more U.S. #1 quality, unwashed, generally 1-5/8 inches and up, sold at \$4.75 per cwt. on April 26 and declined gradually to \$4.00 by May 5. Prices remained steady until May 20 and then dropped to \$3.50. During the first days of June, Processing Stock declined to \$3.00, and by June 4 sold just below \$3.00. Table stock potatoes opened briefly at \$4.00 to \$4.25 per 50 pound bag of U.S. #1 quality but leveled off at \$4.00 until May 20, when prices eased slightly to \$3.75 to \$4.00. On May 28 the market was \$3.75.

The primary containers were 100 pound burlap sacks and 50 pound paper and burlap sacks for table stock. This season an increasing amount of table stock potatoes were shipped by truck in bulk form. Processing potatoes were bulk-loaded in truck and rail cars. Of the total domestic and Canadian shipments, 90 percent were by truck and 10 percent by rail and rail-truck (piggyback).

## ALABAMA

Production was set at 1,610,000 cwt. in the Spring of 1976, compared with 1,378,000 cwt. in 1975. Summer production was 1,189,000 cwt. in 1976, compared with 1,350,000 cwt. in 1975. The total commercial shipments in 1976 were 4,890 trucks and 86 rail cars, compared with 4,216 trucks and 34 rail cars in 1975.

Growing conditions were generally favorable during 1976. Exceptions would include the heavy rains during March which slowed cultivation. The heavy rains during early June caused some reduction in quality in South Alabama. The excessive rain in late July caused variable quality in the Northeast Alabama area.

Harvest in South Alabama started the first week of May in 1976, but it was after the middle of that month before a moderate volume was available. The South Alabama deal peaked the week ending June 12th, when 711 carlot equivalents were moved. Harvest tapered off in late June, and was finished in early July. This was about two weeks later than the previous season. Harvest in Northeast Alabama got underway in early July and peaked the week ending on July 17th, when 435 carlot equivalents were shipped. Most growers had finished harvest by August 1.

Prices at shipping point were mostly \$8.00 per cwt. on U.S. #1 size A Round Reds on May 10. Prices declined to \$7.00 per cwt. on May 24, and down to \$5.50 by June 1, then to mostly \$4.00-4.50 by June 21. Processing open market sales were mostly \$4.00 per cwt. on June 21. Chipping stock was mostly \$2.50 per cwt. in Northeast Alabama the last two weeks of July.

The main type of containers were the 100 pound burlap and 50 pound paper sack. Practically all Alabama potatoes are inspected by the Federal-State Inspection Service prior to shipment, although there was no marketing order during 1976.

## EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

The production of potatoes in Eastern North Carolina during the Spring crop of 1976 totaled 1,885,000 cwt. This was a two percent decrease from the production of 1975 which totaled 1,920,000 cwt., while it was 14 percent below the production recorded in 1974. Harvested acreage totaled 13,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 1975 but the same as 1974. The average yield per acre totaled 145 cwt., this compares to 160 in 1975 and 165 in 1974.

Planting began during the latter part of February in 1976, and progressed at a brisk rate. By the middle of March about half of the crop had been planted, with the balance generally completed by the end of the month. At this time the crop was in fair to good condition. On the 10th of April the crop was hit by frost which caused varied damage, and was later determined to be a factor in holding back yields. Dry and cool weather followed with some intermittent warm spells followed by rain, and by the end of May the crop was in fair to mostly good condition.

Harvest began during the first week of June, about one week ahead of normal. By the 15th of June, harvesting was taking place throughout the entire coastal area. Rain and wet fields delayed the potato harvesting in late June and into July and reduced the ality. Harvesting was completed in late July.

During the first week of June growers were filling some chipping contracts for around \$4.00 per bulk cwt. The first F.O.B. open market sales were reported on June 11, and showed bulk sales at \$4.50 per cwt. At this time the demand was good due to wet fields in Florida which held up harvesting and caused dealers to look to North Carolina for supplies. As the harvest resumed in Florida, the demand for chip stock from North Carolina became slow. This caused more potatoes to be graded and packaged for table stock, which carried more emphasis during the 1976 crop. The first F.O.B. report of the season for Round Whites in 100 pound sacks was issued on June 8 and recorded sales at \$8.00. The market for both table and chipping stock slipped during June, and by the 1st of July sales on table stock were \$4.00, while open market chip stock ranged from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt. A weather market developed during this first week of July, as rain fell on most spring production areas. This firmed up selling prices. Final sales of the season for table stock were reported on July 12, and ranged from \$5.50 to \$6.50, and on July 14 for open market chip stock with sales from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per bulk cwt.



POTATO PRODUCTION BY SEASONS 1974-1976

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION		
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976
	1,000 ACRES			CWT			1,000 CWT		
<b>WINTER:</b>									
CALIF	4.4	4.9	5.2	265	215	220	1,166	1,054	1,144
FLA	9.3	9.4	9.2	190	195	200	1,767	1,833	1,840
TOTAL	13.7	14.3	14.4	214	202	207	2,933	2,887	2,984
<b>SPRING:</b>									
ALA	12.5	10.6	11.5	145	130	140	1,813	1,378	1,610
ARIZ	8.6	6.2	6.8	260	245	270	2,236	1,519	1,836
CALIF	35.5	27.6	34.2	385	380	395	13,668	10,488	13,509
FLA-HASTINGS	18.8	16.2	19.3	175	195	210	3,290	3,159	4,053
-OTHERS	2.8	1.9	2.5	170	185	160	476	352	400
LA	2.8	2.6	2.6	90	70	75	252	182	195
MISS	2.0	1.9	2.0	95	90	95	190	171	190
N C	13.0	12.0	13.0	165	160	145	2,145	1,920	1,885
TEX	7.4	5.5	7.1	130	150	155	962	825	1,101
TOTAL	103.4	84.5	99.0	242	237	250	25,032	19,994	24,779
<b>SUMMER:</b>									
ALA	10.5	9.0	8.2	145	150	145	1,523	1,350	1,189
CALIF	9.9	8.4	8.5	350	370	360	3,465	3,108	3,060
COLO	6.6	7.2	7.5	275	260	260	1,815	1,872	1,950
DEL	6.8	5.7	5.8	225	165	200	1,530	941	1,160
ILL	1.6	2.0	2.7	155	190	190	248	380	513
IND	1.1	.8	.9	190	180	185	209	144	167
IOWA	3.3	3.1	2.9	200	200	185	660	620	537
MD	2.0	1.8	1.8	147	170	170	294	306	306
MICH	8.4	7.4	7.6	190	190	170	1,596	1,406	1,292
MINN	8.5	8.1	8.0	250	260	250	2,125	2,106	2,000
NEBR	2.6	2.5	2.3	150	160	165	390	400	380
N J	9.0	7.0	7.6	270	195	260	2,430	1,365	1,976
N MEX	4.2	3.5	3.2	200	200	180	840	700	576
N C	4.5	4.0	4.0	135	120	135	608	480	540
OHIO	2.9	2.9	2.9	190	165	200	551	479	580
TENN	6.0	5.0	4.7	90	85	95	540	425	447
TEX	10.2	8.6	9.6	220	250	245	2,244	2,150	2,352
VA	31.0	25.0	28.5	130	96	123	4,030	2,400	3,506
W VA	4.2	3.7	3.6	77	72	76	323	266	274
TOTAL	133.3	115.7	120.3	191	181	190	25,421	20,898	22,805

SOURCE:  
CROP REPORTING BOARD, SRS, USDA, AUGUST 1976

WEEKLY RAIL & TRUCK POTATO SHIPMENTS

January 1 - July 31, 1976

Week Ending:	FLORIDA		ALABAMA		NORTH CAROLINA		CALIFORNIA		TEXAS		VIRGINIA		OTHERS <sup>1/</sup>		TOTAL	
	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck
Jan. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	189	-	-	-	-	201	958	205	1147
10	-	6	-	-	-	-	34	778	-	1	-	-	873	2836	907	3621
17	-	4	-	-	-	-	34	752	-	2	-	-	1193	2578	1227	3336
24	-	2	-	-	-	-	41	642	-	-	-	-	1345	2446	1386	3090
31	-	23	-	-	-	-	26	545	-	-	-	-	1075	2198	1101	2766
Feb. 7	3	37	-	-	-	-	19	526	-	-	-	-	921	2137	943	2700
14	2	51	-	-	-	-	26	570	-	-	-	-	915	2553	943	3174
21	-	70	-	-	-	-	21	483	-	-	-	-	1168	2429	1189	2982
28	-	58	-	-	-	-	18	465	-	-	-	-	1100	2744	1118	3267
Mar. 6	-	68	-	-	-	-	31	533	-	-	-	-	1221	2854	1252	3455
13	2	152	-	-	-	-	42	573	-	-	-	-	1366	3024	1410	3749
20	2	189	-	-	-	-	31	559	-	-	-	-	1301	2957	1334	3705
27	10	238	-	-	-	-	24	501	-	-	-	-	1446	3231	1480	3970
Apr. 3	13	271	-	-	-	-	16	487	-	-	-	-	1340	2806	1369	3564
10	10	301	-	-	-	-	23	460	-	-	-	-	1265	2567	1298	3328
17	16	487	-	-	-	-	34	382	-	16	-	-	919	2359	969	3244
24	22	780	-	-	-	-	32	405	1	86	-	-	788	2059	843	3330
May 1	69	1030	-	-	-	-	43	386	5	142	-	-	932	1793	1049	3351
8	208	1209	5	97	-	-	86	544	13	188	-	-	876	1611	1188	3649
15	234	1228	12	265	-	-	401	650	18	140	-	-	875	1518	1540	3801
22	176	1133	15	414	-	-	746	666	15	273	-	-	602	1143	1554	3629
29	30	822	10	381	-	-	751	698	1	144	-	-	671	1052	1463	3097

WEEKLY RAIL & TRUCK POTATO SHIPMENTS

January 1 - July 31, 1976

Week Ending:	FLORIDA		ALABAMA		NORTH CAROLINA		CALIFORNIA		TEXAS		VIRGINIA		OTHERS <sup>1/</sup>		TOTAL	
	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck
June 5	48	805	7	467	-	5	857	674	-	113	-	13	347	685	1259	2762
12	62	517	16	711	-	278	1023	884	-	107	-	122	296	588	1397	3207
19	20	200	16	535	-	378	956	871	-	75	-	266	294	529	1286	2854
26	-	33	5	413	-	426	810	909	-	17	-	694	263	478	1078	2970
July 3	-	10	-	200	-	492	697	897	-	5	-	722	198	333	895	2659
10	-	1	-	252	-	324	622	826	-	134	-	1146	137	295	759	2978
17	-	2	-	435	-	226	549	754	2	272	-	802	104	413	655	2904
24	-	1	-	393	-	40	347	653	6	369	-	551	102	735	455	2742
31	-	2	-	327	-	-	110	466	3	462	-	256	144	1418	257	2931
TOTAL	927	9,730	86	4,890	-	2,169	8,454	18,728	64	2,546	-	4,572	24,278	55,327	33,809	97,962

TOTALS BY MONTH

Jan.	-	35	-	-	-	-	139	2906	-	3	-	-	4687	11016	4826	13960
Feb.	5	221	-	-	-	-	84	2059	-	-	-	-	4118	9865	4207	12145
Mar.	22	783	-	-	-	-	135	2430	-	-	-	-	6093	13233	6250	16446
Apr.	103	2576	-	-	-	-	135	1816	6	229	-	-	4393	9928	4637	14549
May	673	4720	44	1310	-	-	1994	2632	47	776	-	-	3114	5873	5872	15311
June	124	1387	42	2062	-	1403	3989	3843	-	299	-	1475	1298	2396	5453	12865
July	-	8	-	1518	-	766	1978	3042	11	1239	-	3097	575	3016	2564	12686

<sup>1/</sup> Includes All Other States

1976 SHIPPING POINT PRICES

SOUTH FLORIDA

<u>Week Ending Friday</u>	<u>ROUND REDS</u> <u>50-lb. SACKS, US #1, WASHED</u>		<u>ROUND WHITES</u> <u>50-lb. SACKS, US #1, WASHED</u>	
	<u>Size A</u>	<u>Size B</u>	<u>Size A</u>	<u>Size B</u>
Jan. 9	6.50	7.50	--	--
16	6.50	7.50	--	--
23	--	--	--	--
30	6.50	7.50	--	--
Feb. 6	5.50-6.00	7.00	--	--
13	5.50	6.50-7.00	--	--
20	5.50	7.00-7.50	--	--
27	5.50-6.50	7.50	--	--
Mar. 5	5.00-6.50	7.50	--	--
12	5.00	6.00	--	--
19	5.00	6.00	--	--
26	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	--	--
r. 2	4.50	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	--
9	4.50	5.50-6.00	4.00-4.50	5.50-6.00
16	4.50-5.00	--	4.00-4.50	5.50-6.00
23	5.00	--	4.25-4.50	6.00
29	4.50-5.00	5.50-6.00	4.25	6.00

1976 SHIPPING POINT PRICES

HASTINGS, FLORIDA

Date	<u>PROCESSING STOCK</u>	<u>T A B L E S T O C K</u>			<u>ROUND REDS</u>	
	<u>85% or more US#1</u> <u>generally 1-5/8" &amp; up</u>	<u>US#1 - Size A</u>	<u>ROUND WHITES</u>	<u>85% US #1</u>	<u>US#1 - 50 lb.</u>	
	<u>CHIP BULK</u>	<u>50 lb. sacks</u>	<u>100 lb. sacks</u>	<u>50 lb. sacks</u>	<u>Size A</u>	<u>Size B</u>
Apr. 26	4.75	4.00-4.25	8.00	--	5.00	--
27	4.50-4.75	4.00-4.25	8.00	--	5.00	--
28	4.50	4.00	7.50	--	5.00	--
29	4.25-4.50	4.00	7.50	3.75	4.50-5.00	5.25
30	4.25	4.00	7.50	3.75	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.25
May 3	4.00-4.25	4.00	7.50	3.50	4.50	5.00
4	3.75-4.25	4.00	7.50	3.50	4.50	5.00
5	4.00	4.00	7.50	3.50	4.50	5.00
6	4.00	4.00	7.50	3.50	4.00	5.00
7	4.00	4.00	7.50	3.50	4.00	5.00
10	4.00	4.00	7.50	3.50	4.00	5.00
11	4.00	4.00	7.50	3.50	4.00	5.00
12	4.00-4.25	4.00	7.50	3.50	4.00	4.50
13	4.00	4.00	7.50	3.50	3.75-4.00	4.50
14	4.00	4.00	7.50	3.50	3.75-4.00	4.50
17	4.00	4.00	7.50	3.50	3.75-4.00	4.50
18	4.00	4.00	7.50	3.50	3.75-4.00	4.50
19	4.00	4.00	7.50	3.50	3.75-4.00	4.50
20	3.75	3.75-4.00	7.00-7.50	3.50	3.50-4.00	4.25-4.50
21	3.50	3.75-4.00	7.00-7.50	3.25-3.50	3.50-4.00	4.00-4.25
24	3.50	3.75-4.00	--	3.50	3.75-4.00	4.25
25	3.50	3.75-4.00	--	3.50	3.50-4.00	4.25
26	3.50	3.75-4.00	--	3.50	3.50-3.75	4.25
27	3.50	3.75-4.00	--	3.50	3.50-3.75	4.25
28	3.50	3.75	--	3.25-3.50	3.75	4.25
June 1	3.00-3.25	3.75	--	3.25	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.25
2	3.00	3.75	--	3.25	3.00-3.25	3.75
3	3.00	3.75	--	3.25	3.00-3.25	3.75
4	2.75-3.00	3.75	--	3.25	3.25	3.75

1976 SHIPPING POINT PRICES

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

TABLE STOCK  
US #1, Size A, Washed

PROCESSING STOCK

DATE	<u>ROUND WHITES</u>	<u>ROUND WHITES</u>
	<u>100 lb. sacks</u>	<u>Bulk CWT 85% US #1 1-5/8" Min.</u>
June 8	8.00	--
9	7.00	--
10	7.00	--
11	6.00-6.50	4.50
14	6.00	4.00
15	5.00-5.50	--
16	5.00	--
17	5.00	--
18	--	--
21	4.75	--
22	4.75	--
23	4.50	--
24	4.25-4.50	--
25	4.00-4.25	2.75-2.85
28	4.00-4.25	2.75-3.00
29	4.00	2.50-3.00
30	4.00	2.50
July 1	4.00	2.00-2.50
2	--	--
5	--	--
6	4.50-4.75	2.50-2.75
7	--	--
8	--	--
9	5.00	--
10	5.00	2.25-2.50
12	5.50-6.50	2.50-2.75
13	--	2.50-3.00
14	--	2.50-2.75

1976 SHIPPING POINT PRICES

TABLE STOCKS  
100-lb. sacks US#1 Size A

PROCESSING STOCKS  
85% or more US#1 1-7/8" & up

<u>DATE</u>		<u>ROUND REDS</u>	<u>ROUND WHITES</u>	<u>ROUND WHITES</u> <u>BULK CWT</u>
			<u>SOUTH ALABAMA</u>	
May	11	8.00	--	--
	13	8.00	8.00	--
	18	8.00	8.00	--
	20	7.00	8.00	--
	25	7.00	8.00	--
	27	7.00	8.00	--
June	1	5.50	8.00	--
	3	5.50	8.00	--
	8	5.50	8.00	--
	10	5.50	8.00	--
	15	5.00	6.00	--
	17	4.50	5.50	4.00
	22	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.00	3.50
	24	4.00	4.50	3.25-3.50
	29	4.00	4.00-4.50	2.25-2.75
			<u>NORTHEAST ALABAMA</u>	
July	8	5.00-5.50	4.50	--
	13	5.50	5.50	2.75-3.00
	15	5.00	5.00	--
	20	4.50	4.50	2.50-2.75
	22	4.25-4.50	4.25-4.50	2.50-2.75
	27	4.00	4.00	2.50
	29	4.00	--	--
Aug.	3	4.00	3.50-4.00	2.25-2.50
	5	--	--	--

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

ROUND REDS

MONDAY	ATLANTA	CHICAGO	CINCINNATI	CLEVELAND	NEW YORK CITY	PHILADELPHIA
Feb. 2	--	--	--	7.00-7.25	--	--
9	--	6.50	--	6.50	6.50-7.00	6.75-7.00
16	--	7.00-7.50	--	--	--	6.75-7.25
23	--	7.00-7.25	--	6.00-6.50	7.25	6.00-6.50
Mar. 1	--	7.00-7.50	8.35	6.25-6.50	--	6.75-7.25
8	--	7.50	--	6.25-6.50	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50
15	--	7.00-7.25	6.50-7.15	6.25-6.50	7.00-7.50	6.50
22	5.75-6.00	7.00	--	--	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50
29	5.75-6.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	--	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.25
Apr. 5	5.50	6.50	--	6.00-6.25	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00
12	5.00-5.50	6.50	5.50-6.25	5.75-6.25	6.50-7.00	5.75-6.25
19	6.00	7.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	7.00-7.50	--
26	5.75-6.00	6.75-7.25	6.00-6.50	6.75-7.00	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.00
May 3	5.75-6.00	7.00	5.75-6.00	6.50-6.85	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.75
10	5.75-6.00	6.50-7.00	5.75-6.00	6.25-6.75	6.50-7.00	6.25-6.50
17	5.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	6.25	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50
24	5.00	4.50	4.50	5.75-6.00	6.00-6.50	5.25-5.50
31	5.00	4.00-4.50	4.75-5.00	5.00	6.00	5.00-5.25

ROUND WHITES

MONDAY	ATLANTA	BALTIMORE	CLEVELAND	NEW YORK CITY	PHILADELPHIA	PITTSBURGH
Mar. 22	--	--	--	6.50	5.50-5.75	--
29	--	5.75-6.00	--	5.50-6.00	--	--
Apr. 5	--	6.00	5.50-5.75	6.00-6.50	5.65-5.75	--
12	5.00	6.25-6.50	5.50-5.75	6.00	5.00-5.50	--
19	5.50	--	5.75	6.00-7.00	--	5.75-6.00
26	5.00-5.50	5.50	--	6.00-6.50	5.50-5.75	5.75-6.00
May 3	5.00	4.75-5.50	5.50-5.75	6.00	5.50	5.50-6.00
10	5.00	5.00-5.50	5.65-5.75	6.00	5.50-5.75	5.50-5.75
17	5.00	5.50	5.50-5.75	6.00-6.50	5.50-5.75	5.50-5.75
24	5.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.75	5.75-6.00	5.50-5.75	5.50-5.75
31	5.00	--	5.50	5.00-5.50	--	5.00-5.25



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

ROUND REDS

DATE	ATLANTA	PHILADELPHIA	CINCINNATI	LOUISVILLE
May 18	5.00	--	--	5.25
20	--	6.00-6.25	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.25
25	5.00	--	--	4.50
27	5.00	--	4.50-5.25	4.50-5.00
June 1	4.75	5.00	4.50-5.00	4.75
3	4.50-4.75	5.50-5.75	--	4.25-5.25
8	4.00-4.50	--	--	4.25
10	--	--	4.50-5.00	4.25
15	4.00-4.50	--	4.25-4.50	--
17	3.50-4.00	--	4.00-4.50	4.00
22	3.50-4.00	--	3.75-4.25	3.75-4.25
24	3.50	4.50	3.75-4.25	3.75-4.00
29	3.50-3.75	--	3.50-4.00	3.25
July 8	3.50	--	3.75-4.25	3.25
13	3.50	--	3.75-4.00	3.75
15	3.50	--	3.75-4.00	3.75
20	3.25-3.50	--	3.75-4.00	3.75
22	3.25-3.50	--	3.75-4.00	--
27	3.25-3.50	3.50-3.75	3.00-3.50	3.50
29	3.25-3.50	--	3.00-3.50	--
Aug. 3	3.25-3.50	--	3.25-3.75	--
5	3.25-3.50	--	3.25-3.75	--

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

ROUND WHITES

DATE	ATLANTA	CINCINNATI	LOUISVILLE	PITTSBURGH
May 18	5.00	--	--	--
20	--	5.00	5.25	--
25	--	--	5.25	5.00-5.25
27	--	--	5.25	4.75-5.25
June 1	4.75	4.50-5.00	5.25	--
3	4.50-4.75	--	5.25	5.00
8	--	--	5.25	--
10	--	5.00	5.25	--
15	4.50-4.75	5.00-5.50	--	--
17	3.75-4.00	5.00-5.50	4.25-4.50	--
22	3.50-4.00	4.50	4.00	--
24	3.50	4.50	2.00	--
29	3.00-3.25	--	3.25	--
July 8	3.25-3.50	3.50-4.00	3.25-3.50	--
13	3.50-3.75	--	3.50	--
15	3.25-3.75	--	3.50	--
20	3.25-3.50	--	3.50	--
22	--	3.50-3.75	--	--
27	3.25-3.50	3.50-3.75	--	--
29	3.00-3.25	2.50-3.75	--	--
Aug. 3	3.00-3.25	3.25	--	--
5	3.00-3.25	3.25	--	--

RAIL & TRUCK UNLOADS OF POTATOES IN 40 U.S. CITIES AND 5 CANADIAN CITIES

January 1976 - July 1976

	ALA	CA	FL	NC	TX	VA	OTHER	TOTAL
<u>U. S. CITIES</u>								
Albany, N. Y.	-	104	23	1	1	21	321	471
Atlanta, Ga.	566	92	566	18	9	29	1235	2515
Baltimore, Md.	37	91	230	155	10	190	1631	2344
Birmingham, Ala.	101	35	134	-	2	1	604	877
Boston, Mass.	2	544	183	50	-	141	2668	3588
Buffalo, N. Y.	1	168	29	-	4	56	528	786
Chicago, Ill.	144	654	193	8	67	-	3146	4212
Cincinnati, Ohio	217	107	195	40	16	-	1225	1800
Cleveland, Ohio	72	353	326	53	21	30	1450	2305
Columbia, S. C.	6	33	184	28	-	25	351	627
Dallas, Texas	5	72	30	-	602	-	2076	2785
Denver, Colo.	-	105	25	-	182	-	1678	1990
Detroit, Mich.	183	388	349	70	21	1	1904	2916
Ft. Worth, Texas	3	9	3	-	25	-	261	301
Houston, Texas	8	289	44	-	181	-	782	1304
Indianapolis, Ind.	38	76	12	-	15	-	977	1118
Kansas City, Mo.	25	97	40	-	72	2	862	1098
Los Angeles, Calif.	1	3495	61	-	2	-	2797	6356
Louisville, Ky.	205	45	174	1	17	3	1314	1759
Memphis, Tenn.	119	14	33	-	23	-	536	725
Miami, Fla.	45	20	109	15	6	20	633	848
Milwaukee, Wisc.	17	45	65	16	1	-	307	451
Minneapolis, Minn. <u>1/</u>	38	461	190	-	5	-	2589	3193
Nashville, Tenn.	58	12	24	-	4	-	610	708
New Orleans, La.	152	13	83	-	29	-	594	871
New York, N. Y. <u>2/</u>	8	855	200	21	6	136	3190	4416
Oklahoma City, Okla.	-	44	15	-	173	-	1169	1401
Philadelphia, Pa.	33	262	233	91	15	150	1771	2555
Pittsburgh, Pa.	23	205	153	25	5	44	802	1257
Portland, Ore.	-	328	6	-	-	-	633	967
Providence, R. I.	-	79	14	-	-	34	211	338
St. Louis, Mo.	171	65	44	3	131	-	1404	1818
Salt Lake City, Utah	-	241	17	-	12	-	1348	1618
San Antonio, Texas	5	125	19	-	295	-	758	1202
San Francisco, Calif. <u>3/</u>	-	1670	39	-	7	-	2253	3969
Seattle, Wash. <u>4/</u>	-	407	25	-	6	-	973	1411
<b>Total U. S. Cities</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>11,603</b>	<b>3,980</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>45,591</b>	<b>66,900</b>
<u>CANADIAN CITIES</u>								
Montreal, Que.	-	92	66	63	-	340	2463	3024
Ottawa, Ont.	-	43	12	2	-	72	627	756
Toronto, Ont.	-	332	126	27	15	61	1533	2094
Vancouver, B. C.	-	195	18	-	-	-	728	941
Winnipeg, Man.	-	103	3	-	1	-	535	642
<b>Total Canadian Cities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>5,886</b>	<b>7,457</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>12,368</b>	<b>4,205</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>51,477</b>	<b>74,357</b>

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

POTATOES: UTILIZATION OF THE 1973, 1974 AND 1975 CROP

UTILIZATION ITEMS	1973 CROP	1974 CROP	1975 CROP
	1,000 CNT.		
<b>A. SALES</b>			
1. TABLE STOCK	107,019	125,388	112,512
2. FOR PROCESSING			
A. CHIPS AND SHOESTRINGS	34,485	32,777	34,162
B. DEHYDRATION	31,407	34,660	33,562
C. FROZEN FRENCH FRIES	60,349	69,206	70,406
D. OTHER FROZEN PRODUCTS	9,564	9,218	9,334
E. CANNED POTATOES	2,664	2,561	1,942
F. OTHER CANNED PRODUCTS (HASH, STEWS, AND SOUPS)	2,544	2,052	2,024
G. STARCH AND FLOUR	2,731	3,683	2,182
TOTAL	143,744	154,157	153,612
3. OTHER SALES			
A. LIVESTOCK FEED	3,707	4,154	4,300
B. SEED	20,025	19,394	20,725
TOTAL	23,732	23,548	25,025
TOTAL SALES	274,495	303,093	291,149
<b>B. NON-SALES</b>			
1. SEED USED ON FARMS WHERE GROWN	5,135	4,415	5,019
2. HOUSEHOLD USE	988	907	880
3. FEED	440	1,221	788
4. SHRINKAGE AND LOSS	18,352	32,424	21,998
TOTAL NON-SALES	24,915	38,967	28,685
TOTAL PRODUCTION	299,410	342,060	319,834

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SOURCE:

POTATOES AND SWEETPOTATOES, AUGUST 1976

CROP REPORTING BOARD, SRS, USDA

**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, 1974, 1975 and 1976**

AREA	JULY 1, 1973		JULY 1, 1974		JULY 1, 1975	
	PLANTS	TO	PLANTS	TO	PLANTS	TO
	NUMBER	1,000 CWT	NUMBER	1,000 CWT	NUMBER	1,000 CWT
NEW ENGLAND:						
MAINE, N H, VT, MASS, R I, CONN	18	2,070	18	1,902	18	1,795
EASTERN:						
DEL, MD, N J, N Y, PA, VA, D C	55	8,000	51	7,045	50	7,497
NORTH CENTRAL:						
MICH, OHIO, W VA	36	3,746	36	3,822	36	3,923
MID - CENTRAL:						
KANS, MO, NEBR	17	1,896	15	1,767	15	2,061
MIDWEST:						
ILL, IND, IOWA, MINN, S D, N D, WIS	34	4,831	33	4,288	34	4,761
SOUTHEAST:						
AJA, FLA, GA, KY, LA, MISS, N C, S C, TENN	32	5,053	29	4,687	26	4,986
SOUTHWEST:						
ARK, TEX, OKLA	13	2,734	11	2,182	10	2,272
ROCKY MOUNTAINS:						
COLO, IDAHO, MONT, N MEX, UTAH, WYO	12	1,204	12	1,233	8	1,385
WEST COAST:						
ARIZ, CALIF, NEV, OREG, WASH, HAW	25	4,387	23	5,274	27	4,990
TOTAL	242	33,921	228	32,200	224	33,670
SHOESTRINGS		778		780		515
TOTAL USED FOR CHIPS AND SHOESTRINGS		34,699		32,980		34,185

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