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SOUTH FLORIDA

Production areas continue to change in South Florida. Palm Beach County acreage has declined for several years. This decline has been mostly due to adverse growing conditions and disease problems. Acreage in Southwest Florida has been cut in half over the past ten years. This reduction is mostly attributed to older growers leaving the farm, and the inability to get farm land in economical locations. The Southwest (Fort Myers) acreage has shifted toward Naples due to economic reasons. Only minor changes have transpired in the Dade County planted acreage the past ten years. Some shifting of growing locations continues as farms are used for urban building.

South Florida winter acreage planted was 9,100 in 1977, compared with 9,400 in 1976. Production was down sharply during the winter of 1977 due to a hard freeze in January. Production was estimated at 1,400,000 cwt., 23 percent below the 1976 crop. Yields were down sharply from 200 cwt. per acre to 155 cwt.. Very little acreage was completely killed, but yields were reduced sharply on more than half of the total acreage planted.

There were no serious problems during the planting of the 1977 crop. All areas in South Florida were on schedule when the extreme cold wave hit on January 18. The older fields were least damaged since chemical killing was about due anyway. The fields that were in-between young growth and maturity were hit hardest. Fort Myers experienced some damage. Dade County was damaged seriously. The yields were reduced and size ran heavy to Bs on some acreage.

Harvesting began in the Everglades and Martin County areas in early January. Fort Myers started in late January and Dade County in February. Dade County began harvest earlier than usual due to the January 18 freeze that killed plants. The overall volume was light during January, February and March. Shipments increased the latter part of April when the late fields in Dade County came into production. These late fields were very young when the January freeze hit and they escaped serious damage. Florida out-bound truck passing from January through April 25, 1977 totaled 1,583, compared with 2,737 carlot equivalents in 1976.

Shipping point prices held fairly stable in 1977. Round reds in fifty pound sacks began at \$5.00 for U.S. number one size A in early January. Prices increased to \$6.00-7.00 following the January 18 killing freeze, but dropped back to \$5.00-5.50 by mid-February. A \$5.00 market prevailed in early March, but eased up to \$6.00 the last week of March as supplies became light. There were more size B potatoes marketed in 1977 due to the January freeze. Prices ranged from \$4.50-8.00 per fifty pound bag, although a \$4.50-5.00 market caught the majority of the volume in March.

The main container was a fifty pound paper bag. A slight increase was noted in consumer packs. Master film containers holding 10 five-pound or 5 ten-pound packs was the most common consumer package. Trucks moved practically all of South Florida potatoes to market. Processing stock was shipped by bulk truck. LaRouge was the popular variety of round reds. Sebagoes were the common round white variety. The light volume of round whites did not warrant quoting prices this season.

HASTINGS

harvested acreage for the 1977 Hastings area potato crop was placed at 19,500 acres, slightly more than the 19,300 acres harvested in 1976 and up from the 16,200 acres harvested in 1975. The yield per acre for the 1977 crop averaged 210 cwt., compared with an equal 210 cwt. in 1976 and 195 cwt. per acre in 1975. Total production in the Hastings area was 4,095,000 cwt.. The crop of 1976 produced 4,053,000 cwt. and in 1975 production totaled 3,159,000 cwt..

Planting in the winter of 1977 was delayed by cold weather and a serious freeze in mid-January. Damage was minimal and most growers were planting by the end of the month. After initial weather problems, growing conditions generally were favorable, with mild, sunny and dry weather prevailing. Irrigation provided the needed moisture. Afternoon rains came later than usual into the harvest period, allowing for better digging progress and good quality yields.

Very light harvesting began in the second week of April and by the first week of May shipments were heavy. Initial quality was variable but improved as potatoes matured. Potato size was reported as slightly smaller than in 1976, when large size potatoes were common.

Peak shipments occurred during the week of May 15 to May 21 when 1892 carlot equivalents (inter and intra-state) were recorded. Heaviest daily shipments occurred on May 17 when 375 carlots were shipped. Rail and truck shipments (to June 4th) totaled 8,214 carlot equivalents. Rail movement in the Hastings area increased in 1977, with about 16 percent of the total shipments made by rail or rail-truck, compared with 10 percent a year ago.

F.O.B. shipping point prices for processing and table stock potatoes declined gradually as the harvest continued. Potatoes for processing, mostly to "chippers" and 85 percent or more U.S. #1, unwashed, generally 1 5/8 inches and up, started in the major shipping point period at \$6.00-6.25 per cwt. and declined to \$4.00 by May 10. Prices dropped to \$2.75 a week later as offerings were very heavy. At the end of May and early June prices fluctuated, mostly between \$2.50-2.75. Several loads of unwashed potatoes were directed to repackers. Table stock potato trading was fairly active the first part of May when 50 lb sacks of round white potatoes, U.S. #1, size A, sold for \$4.75. Prices declined to \$3.50 on May 20th and remained at that level for the remainder of the period.

The primary containers for table stock potatoes were 50 pound paper and burlap sacks and 100 pound burlap sacks. A number of loads were also shipped by truck to repackers in bulk form. Processing potatoes were bulk-loaded into truck, rail cars, and piggy-back rail cars.

ALABAMA

Acreage harvested during the spring of 1977 totaled 11,000, compared with 11,500 acres harvested during the spring of 1976. Acreage harvested for the 1977 summer crop totaled 7,500, compared with 8,200 acres harvested during the summer of 1976. Total spring production of 1,320,000 cwt. for 1977 was sharply lower than the 1,610,000 cwt. produced in 1976. 1977 summer production totaled 825,000 cwt., 31 percent lower than the 1,189,000 cwt. produced in 1976. Widespread drought conditions were blamed for the sharp decreases in acreage and production. The average yield per acre for the 1977 spring crop was 120 cwt. compared with 140 cwt. in 1976. The 1977 summer crop averaged 110 cwt. per acre compared with 145 cwt. in 1976.

Growing conditions were extremely dry during 1977. Plants produced fewer and smaller potatoes than normal. Hot weather contributed to wide variations in quality.

Harvest in south Alabama began in mid May with substantial volume available by the last week of the month. Peak movement occurred during the week ending June 11th when 562 carlots were shipped. Shipments then declined and finally ended in late June. The northeast Alabama-Sand Mountain harvest got underway in early July. Movement peaked during the week ending July 9th, when 366 carlots of potatoes were shipped. Harvesting ended in early August.

Quality of Alabama potatoes was variable during 1977. Early offerings showed varying degrees of skin damage. Excessive heat affected later diggings. Many fields yielded potatoes smaller than normal due to lack of moisture.

Marketing was fairly active during most of the season. Late offerings met with a decreased demand as northern growing areas came into production. U.S. #1 size A round reds started the spring season at \$10.00 per cwt.. By late May the price fell to \$8.00 per cwt., where it remained through mid June. By the end of the season, the price had fallen to \$6.50 to \$7.00 per cwt.. Round whites sold consistently at \$8.00 per cwt. for washed table stock and ranged from \$4.50 to \$5.00 for unwashed chipping stocks. The summer crop of round reds in Northeast Alabama brought \$6.00 per cwt. in early July. The price fell to \$5.50 in mid July and remained there until the end of the table stock season. Unwashed round white chipping stocks sold at \$4.25 to \$4.75 per cwt.. Virtually all shipments were made by truck during 1977. Trading was slowed by a lack of available transportation during much of the season.

The principal types of containers were 100 pound burlap sacks and 50 pound paper sacks. Some shippers noted a trend among buyers to purchase more baled consumer packs than during previous seasons. This year nearly all Alabama potatoes were inspected by the Federal-State Inspection Service prior to shipment.

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

The production of potatoes in Eastern North Carolina during the spring crop of 1977 totaled 2,010,000 cwt.. This was an increase of 125,000 cwt. from the crop produced in 1976 which totaled 1,885,000 cwt., while it was 90,000 cwt. over the production recorded in 1975. Harvested acreage totaled 13,400 acres, up 400 acres from 1976, but 600 acres less than 1975. The average yield per acre totaled 150 cwt., compared with 145 cwt. in 1976 and 160 cwt. two years ago.

Growers began planting the crop in February and by the middle of March much of the crop had been put into the ground with the balance generally completed by the end of the month. Warm and wet conditions during March and early April helped growth and development of plants but then the weather turned dry. This lasted through May and placed some of the crop under stress.

The harvest began unusually early as some potato harvesters were in the fields during the latter part of May. Activity increased considerably by the second and third weeks of June and peaked from June 20th through 28th. The harvest was generally complete by the 20th of July. Shipments totaled 2,306 carlot equivalents in 1977 compared with 2,169 during the previous season.

First of season shipping point prices on open market round whites of generally good chipping quality were recorded on June 10th at \$3.75 per bulk cwt.. Prices soon increased and within a few weeks the season high of \$4.50 was reached. Prices maintained a fairly steady level until the end of the season when prices dipped as low as \$3.25. First of season sales on tablestock round whites in 100 lb sacks were recorded on June 6th at \$7.50. This price held until June 20th when they were adjusted to \$7.00. A few days later the price slipped to \$6.00, which held to the end of the season.

POTATO PRODUCTION BY SEASONS 1975-1977

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION		
	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977
	1,000 ACRES			CWT			1,000 CWT		
<u>WINTER</u>									
CALIF	4.9	5.2	4.5	215	220	235	1,054	1,144	1,058
FLA	9.4	9.2	8.9	195	200	180	1,833	1,840	1,602
TOTAL	14.3	14.4	13.4	202	207	199	2,887	2,984	2,660
<u>SPRING</u>									
ALA	10.6	11.5	10.5	130	140	120	1,378	1,610	1,260
ARIZ	6.2	6.8	6.5	245	270	270	1,519	1,836	1,755
CALIF	27.6	34.2	30.8	380	395	385	10,488	13,509	11,858
FLA-HASTINGS	16.2	19.3	19.5	195	210	220	3,159	4,053	4,290
- OTHER	1.9	2.5	1.7	185	160	185	352	400	315
LA	2.6	2.6	2.3	70	75	75	182	195	173
MISS	1.5	1.4	1.3	90	95	90	135	133	117
N C	12.0	13.0	13.4	160	145	165	1,920	1,885	2,211
TEX	5.5	7.1	5.4	150	155	165	825	1,101	891
TOTAL	84.1	98.4	91.4	237	251	250	19,958	24,722	22,870
<u>SUMMER</u>									
ALA	9.0	8.2	7.5	150	145	100	1,350	1,189	750
CALIF	8.4	8.1	8.4	370	360	360	3,108	2,916	3,024
COLO	7.2	7.5	6.9	260	265	260	1,872	1,988	1,794
DEL	6.0	5.8	5.3	175	200	210	1,050	1,160	1,113
ILL	2.8	2.8	2.3	190	190	200	532	532	460
IND	1.7	2.1	2.1	180	185	175	306	389	368
IOWA	2.7	2.5	2.1	200	185	225	540	463	473
MD	1.8	1.8	1.6	170	170	150	306	306	240
MICH	7.4	7.6	7.8	190	170	185	1,406	1,292	1,443
MINN	8.1	8.0	7.5	260	250	275	2,106	2,000	2,063
NEBR	2.5	2.2	2.1	160	160	150	400	352	315
N J	7.0	7.6	8.1	195	260	265	1,365	1,976	2,147
N MEX	3.5	3.2	2.9	200	180	190	700	576	551
N C	4.0	4.0	4.0	115	125	125	460	500	500
OHIO	2.0	1.9	1.8	170	210	190	340	399	342
TENN	5.0	4.7	4.5	85	95	90	425	447	405
TEX	8.6	9.6	9.6	250	245	255	2,150	2,352	2,448
VA	25.0	28.5	27.7	96	123	125	2,400	3,506	3,463
W VA	2.8	2.6	2.4	72	76	64	202	198	154
TOTAL	115.5	118.7	114.6	182	190	192	21,018	22,541	22,053

SOURCE:
ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY, JANUARY 1978

CROP REPORTING BOARD, ESCS, USDA

WEEKLY RAIL & TRUCK POTATO SHIPMENTS

January 2 - July 30, 1977

Week Ending:	FLORIDA		ALABAMA		NORTH CAROLINA		CALIFORNIA	
	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck
Jan. 8	-	5	-	-	-	-	8	220
15	-	17	-	-	-	-	15	265
22	-	17	-	-	-	-	15	260
29	-	15	-	-	-	-	13	248
Feb. 5	-	22	-	-	-	-	8	235
12	-	44	-	-	-	-	4	237
19	-	55	-	-	-	-	5	216
26	-	70	-	-	-	-	9	198
Mar. 5	-	84	-	-	-	-	4	207
12	-	117	-	-	-	-	4	236
19	-	118	-	-	-	-	12	185
26	-	137	-	-	-	-	9	191
pr. 2	-	131	-	-	-	-	7	153
9	-	141	-	-	-	-	6	163
16	-	185	-	-	-	-	5	124
23	-	322	-	-	-	-	7	130
30	39	718	-	-	-	-	14	146
May 7	152	1176	-	-	-	-	12	209
14	344	1291	-	-	-	-	58	321
21	355	1462	-	155	-	-	246	445
28	187	1261	-	300	-	-	527	553
Jun. 4	176	1084	-	490	-	39	845	603
11	52	514	-	562	-	252	969	730
18	-	85	-	438	-	491	1061	728
25	-	1	-	194	-	572	842	882
Jul. 2	-	1	-	196	-	414	673	908
9	-	-	-	345	-	398	476	895
16	-	-	-	261	-	136	373	898
23	-	-	-	192	-	12	179	522
30	-	-	-	92	-	-	70	702

WEEKLY RAIL & TRUCK POINT SHIPMENTS

January 2 - July 30, 1977

Week Ending:	TEXAS		VIRGINIA		OTHERS		TOTAL	
	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck
Jan. 8	-	-	-	-	1145	3752	1153	3977
15	-	-	-	-	958	3321	973	3603
22	-	-	-	-	1093	3365	1108	3642
29	-	-	-	-	1189	3105	1202	3368
Feb. 5	-	-	-	-	1104	3473	1112	3730
12	-	-	-	-	923	3497	927	3778
19	-	-	-	-	888	2991	893	3263
26	-	-	-	-	689	2358	698	3126
Mar. 5	-	2	-	-	778	3161	782	3454
12	-	-	-	-	813	3438	817	3791
19	-	-	-	-	774	3750	786	4053
26	-	-	-	-	774	3428	783	3756
Apr. 2	-	-	-	-	818	3546	825	3830
9	-	-	-	-	696	3335	702	3540
16	-	24	-	-	810	3245	815	3578
23	-	94	-	-	720	2746	722	3292
30	-	131	-	-	634	2291	687	3286
May 7	-	140	-	-	559	2190	723	3715
14	-	148	-	-	552	1737	954	3497
21	-	131	-	-	573	1278	1174	3471
28	-	68	-	-	667	1148	1351	3330
Jun. 4	-	37	-	-	409	864	1430	3117
11	-	43	-	5	424	594	1445	2700
18	-	23	-	155	377	393	1438	2313
25	-	7	-	481	300	350	1142	2487
Jul. 2	-	5	-	623	224	348	897	2495
9	-	100	-	1059	109	262	585	3059
16	-	335	-	934	32	332	405	2896
23	2	513	-	784	18	743	203	2766
30	3	702	-	423	39	1605	112	3220

1977 SHIPPING POINT PRICES

SOUTH FLORIDA

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SIZE A</u>	<u>SIZE B</u>
JAN. 4	5.00	6.00
7	5.00	6.00
11	5.00	6.00
14	5.00	6.00
18	5.50	6.50
21	6.50	7.50
25	7.00	8.00
28	6.00	7.00
Feb. 1	6.00	7.00
4	6.00	7.00
8	5.50	6.50
11	5.50	6.50
15	5.50	6.50
18	5.00-5.50	6.00-6.50
22	5.00-5.50	6.00
25	5.00-5.10	6.00
Mar. 1	5.00-5.10	6.00
4	5.00-5.10	5.50-6.00
8	5.00-5.10	5.00-5.50
11	5.00-5.10	4.50-5.00
15	5.00-5.10	4.50-5.00
18	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
22	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00
25	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00
29	6.50	5.00-5.50
Apr. 1	--	5.00-5.50
5	--	6.00
8	--	6.00
12	6.50	6.00
15	--	6.50
19	6.50	6.50
21	6.50	6.50-7.00
26	6.50	6.50-7.00
29	6.50	6.50-7.00

1977 SHIPPING POINT PRICES

HASTINGS, FLORIDA

Date	PROCESSING STOCK	T A B L E S T O C K			ROUND REDS
	85% or more US#1 generally 1-5/8" & up	US#1 - SIZE A	ROUND WHITES	85% US #1	US #1 - SIZE A
	CHIP BULK	50 lb. sacks	100 lb. sacks	50 lb. sacks	50 lb. sacks
April 26	6.00-6.25	--	--	--	--
27	5.50-6.00	--	--	--	--
28	--	--	--	--	--
29	5.00	--	--	--	--
May 2	5.00	4.25	8.00	--	--
3	4.75-5.00	4.25	8.00-9.00	--	--
4	4.75-5.00	4.25	8.00	--	--
5	4.50-4.75	4.25-4.50	8.00	--	6.50
6	4.50	4.25	8.00	--	--
9	4.00-4.50	4.25	8.00	--	--
10	4.00	4.25	8.00	--	6.50
11	4.00	4.25	8.00	--	6.50
12	3.70-4.00	4.25	8.00	--	6.50
13	3.25	4.25	8.00	--	6.00-6.50
16	3.00	4.25	8.00	3.75	6.00-6.50
17	3.00	4.00-4.25	8.00	3.75	6.00-6.50
18	2.75-3.00	4.00	8.00	3.75	6.00
19	2.75	4.00	7.50	3.50-3.75	6.00
20	2.75	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.50	3.50	5.00-6.00
23	2.75	3.50	6.50-7.50	3.50	5.00
24	2.75	3.50	6.50	3.00	5.00
25	2.50-2.75	3.50	6.50	3.00	5.00
26	2.50-2.75	3.50	6.50	3.00	5.00
27	2.50-2.75	3.50	6.50	3.00	4.50-5.00
31	2.75	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.50	3.00-3.50	4.00
June 1	2.50-2.75	3.50	6.50	3.00	4.00
2	2.50-2.75	3.50	6.50	3.00	4.00
3	2.50-2.75	3.50	6.50	3.00	3.50

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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>SOUTH ALABAMA</u>	<u>BULK CWT</u>
May 23	10.00	8.00	--
24	10.00	8.00	--
25	10.00	8.00	--
26	10.00	8.00	--
27	10.00	8.00	--
31	8.00	8.00	--
June 1	8.00	8.00	--
2	8.00	8.00	--
3	8.00	8.00	--
6	8.00	8.00	--
7	8.00	8.00	--
8	8.00	8.00	--
9	8.00	8.00	--
10	7.00-7.50	8.00	--
13	7.00-7.50	8.00	5.00
14	6.50-7.00	8.00	5.00
15	6.50-7.00	8.00	4.75-5.00
16	6.50-7.00	8.00	4.75
17	6.50-7.00	8.00	4.75
20	6.50-7.00	8.00	4.50
21	6.50-7.00	8.00	4.50
<u>NORTHEAST ALABAMA</u>			
July 5	6.00	--	4.50-4.75
6	6.00	--	4.50-4.75
7	6.00	--	4.50-4.75
8	6.00	--	4.50-4.75
11	5.50	--	4.25-4.75
12	5.50	--	4.25-4.75
13	5.50	--	4.25-4.75
14	5.50	--	4.50
15	5.50	--	4.50
18	5.50	--	4.50
19	5.50	--	4.50
20	5.50	--	4.50
21	5.50	--	4.50

1977 SHIPPING POINT PRICES

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

DATE	<u>TABLE STOCK</u>		<u>PROCESSING STOCK</u>
	<u>US #1, Size A, Washed</u>		
	<u>100 lb. sacks</u>	<u>50 lb. sacks</u>	<u>ROUND WHITES</u> <u>Bulk CWT 85% US #1 1-5/8" Min.</u>
June 6	7.50	4.00	--
7	7.50	4.00	--
8	7.50	4.00	--
9	7.50	4.00	--
10	7.50	4.00	3.75
13	7.50	4.00	3.75-4.50
14	7.50	4.00	4.00
15	7.50	4.00	4.00
16	7.50	4.00	4.00-4.50
17	7.50	4.00	4.00-4.50
20	7.00	3.75	4.00
21	--	--	4.00-4.25
22	6.00-6.50	3.25-3.50	4.00-4.25
23	6.00	3.25	--
24	6.00	3.25	3.75-4.25
27	6.00	3.00-3.25	3.75-4.25
28	6.00	3.00-3.25	4.00
29	6.00	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25
30	--	--	--
July 1	6.00	3.00-3.25	--
4	--	--	4.00-4.25
5	6.00	3.00	3.50-3.75
6	6.00	3.00	3.25-4.00
7	--	--	--
8	--	--	3.25-4.00

WHOLESALE PRICES FOR FLORIDA POTATOES

AT SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS

50 lb. SACKS, US#1, SIZE A WASHED

PRICES QUOTED ARE FOR FIRST TRADING DAY OF WEEK UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

ROUND REDS

WEEK BEGINNING	ATLANTA	BALTIMORE Thursday Prices	CHICAGO	CLEVELAND	NEW YORK CITY	PHILADELPHIA
Feb 7	7.00	7.00	8.50	--	7.00-7.50	--
14	6.50-7.00	7.00	7.50-7.75	6.50-7.00	7.00-7.50	--
22	6.50	6.50-6.75	7.50	6.50-7.00	7.00-7.25	7.00
28	5.75-6.00	6.25-6.50	7.00	6.50-7.00	6.75-7.00	6.75-7.25
Mar 7	5.75-6.00	6.25-6.75	6.50-7.00	6.50	6.50-7.00	5.50-7.00
14	5.50-6.00	6.00-6.50	6.50-6.75	6.50	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00
21	5.50-6.00	6.25-6.50	Missing Report	6.50	6.50-7.00	6.75
28	5.50-6.00	6.75-7.00	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.50	6.50-7.00	7.00-7.25
Apr 4	7.50	7.50	7.50-7.75	6.75-7.25	7.00-8.00	7.50-8.00
11	7.50	7.50	7.50-7.75	7.75-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.50-9.00
18	7.50	8.00-8.25	8.00-8.25	7.50-8.00	8.00-8.50	9.00
25	7.50	8.00-8.25	8.00-8.25	7.50-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.50
" 2	7.50	7.75-8.25	8.00-8.50	7.50-8.25	8.50-9.00	8.75
9	7.50	7.50	8.00-8.50	8.50-9.25	8.50	8.50-8.75
16	7.50	7.50-8.00	8.00-8.50	8.25-8.50	9.00-10.00	8.50
23	7.50	6.50	8.00-8.25	6.75-7.00	8.50-9.00	6.50-7.50
31	6.50	6.00	6.00-6.50	6.25-6.50	7.50-8.00	6.00-6.50
June 6	5.25-5.50	5.00-5.50	6.00	6.25-7.00	6.50-7.00	4.50-5.00
13	5.25-5.50	--	--	6.00	6.00-6.50	--
20	5.25-5.50	--	--	6.00-6.50	--	--

ROUND WHITES

WEEK BEGINNING	ATLANTA	BALTIMORE Thursday Prices	NEW YORK CITY	PHILADELPHIA
Apr 25	--	8.25	--	--
May 2	--	8.00	--	8.50
9	4.50-4.75	5.00-6.50	6.50	5.50-6.00
16	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50
23	4.00-4.50	4.75-5.25	5.25-5.50	4.75-5.50
31	4.00-4.50	5.25-5.50	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50
6	4.00-4.50	5.00	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.25
13	4.00-4.50	5.00	5.50-6.00	--
20	4.00-4.50	--	--	--

WHOLESALE PRICES FOR ALABAMA POTATOES
 AT SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS
 50 lb. SACKS, US#1, SIZE A WASHED
 PRICES QUOTED ARE FOR FIRST TRADING DAY OF WEEK UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

ROUND REDS

WEEK BEGINNING	ATLANTA	BALTIMORE Thursday Prices	CINCINNATI Wednesday Prices	LOUISVILLE Friday Prices	NEW YORK CITY	PHILADELPHIA
MAY 23	7.50	7.00	--	7.00	8.50	7.00-7.25
31	6.50	6.00	5.75-6.50	6.50-7.00	7.50-8.50	6.50-7.00
JUNE 6	5.25-5.50	5.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-5.75	7.50-8.00	5.50-6.00
13	5.25-5.50	5.00	5.00-5.50	5.25	7.00-7.50	--
20	5.25-5.50	--	4.75-5.15	5.25	6.50	--
27	5.00-5.50	4.50	5.00-5.25	5.00	6.00-7.00	--
JULY 5	5.00-5.50	4.50	4.50-5.00	4.50	5.50-6.00	5.00
11	4.50-5.25	--	4.25-4.75	4.25-4.50	5.00-5.25	4.50
18	4.50-5.25	--	4.25-4.50	4.00	6.50	--
25	4.00-4.50	--	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00	6.50	--
AUG 1	--	--	4.00-4.25	3.85-4.00	6.00	--

WHOLESALE PRICES FOR EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA POTATOES
 AT SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS
 50 lb. SACKS, US#1, SIZE A WASHED
 PRICES QUOTED ARE FOR FIRST TRADING DAY OF WEEK UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

ROUND WHITES

WEEK BEGINNING	BALTIMORE Thursday Prices	CLEVELAND	NEW YORK CITY	PHILADELPHIA	PITTSBURGH
MAY 31	5.00-5.50	--	--	5.00-5.50	--
JUNE 6	4.25-4.50	5.25-5.50	5.25-5.50	4.50-5.00	4.75-5.00
13	4.75-5.00	5.25-5.50	5.25-5.50	5.00	5.25-5.50
20	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.25	5.00-5.25	--
27	--	5.00	--	3.75-4.25	--
JULY 5	--	--	--	4.25	--

POTATOES: UTILIZATION OF THE 1974, 1975, AND 1976 CROP

UTILIZATION ITEMS	1974 CROP ^{1/}	1975 CROP ^{1/}	1976 CROP
		1,000 CWT	
A. SALES			
1. TABLE STOCK	125,388	112,130	122,907
2. FOR PROCESSING			
A. CHIPS AND SHOESTRINGS	32,777	34,107	34,503
B. DEHYDRATION	34,660	33,821	40,354
C. FROZEN FRENCH FRIES	69,206	70,641	76,375
D. OTHER FROZEN PRODUCTS	9,218	9,334	16,151
E. CANNED POTATOES	2,561	1,946	1,914
F. OTHER CANNED PRODUCTS, (HASH, STEWS, AND SOUPS)	2,052	2,075	2,557
G. STARCH AND FLOUR	<u>3,683</u>	<u>2,182</u>	<u>2,813</u>
TOTAL	154,157	154,106	174,667
3. OTHER SALES			
A. LIVESTOCK FEED	4,154	4,300	6,324
B. SEED	<u>19,394</u>	<u>20,686</u>	<u>20,401</u>
TOTAL	23,548	24,986	26,725
TOTAL SALES	303,093	291,222	324,299
B. NON-SALES			
1. SEED USED ON FARMS WHERE GROWN	4,415	4,946	5,083
2. HOUSEHOLD USE	907	880	852
3. FEED	1,221	788	928
4. SHRINKAGE AND LOSS	<u>32,424</u>	<u>21,998</u>	<u>26,195</u>
TOTAL NON-SALES	38,967	28,612	33,058
TOTAL PRODUCTION	342,060	319,834	357,357

^{1/} REVISED

SOURCE:
POTATOES AND SWEET POTATOES, AUGUST 1977

CROP REPORTING BOARD, SRS, USDA

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES
HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS, AND LOCAL DEALERS ON
JANUARY 1, 1977 AND JANUARY 1, 1978

STATE	CROP OF 1976		CROP OF 1977	
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JAN. 1, 1977	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JAN. 1, 1978
1,000 CWT				
CALIF	6,475	3,300	5,950	3,500
COLO	9,257	5,500	9,490	5,550
CONN	494	210	466	175
IDAHO	88,455	60,500	88,200	60,500
IND	1,530	150	1,128	115
MAINE	27,440	17,900	28,320	20,800
MASS	770	225	888	265
MICH	8,330	4,300	8,800	4,100
MINN	11,055	7,400	12,960	8,600
MONT	1,806	1,670	2,016	1,760
NEBR	1,274	860	1,380	830
N H	104	60	71	50
N Y-L I	7,409	2,300	6,726	2,100
-UPSTATE	6,101	2,400	5,356	2,200
N DAK	16,940	9,400	20,800	<u>3/13,800</u>
OHIO	2,933	800	2,744	650
OREG	28,913	16,000	25,774	12,700
PA	7,140	3,900	6,375	3,400
R I	1,050	1 ^{1/2}	943	1 ^{1/2}
S DAK	286	120	1,062	705
UTAH	1,248	790	1,296	775
VT	226	130	235	130
WASH	55,800	29,700	48,685	24,500
WIS	15,370	6,200	18,038	8,500
WYO	1,701	960	1,474	710
24 STATE TOTAL	302,107	174,775	299,177	176,415
NEV	5,320	2 ^{1/2}	5,250	2 ^{1/2}
TOTAL 25 FALL STS	307,427	174,775	304,427	176,415

1/ R I STOCKS INCLUDED IN CONN.

2/ NOT INCLUDED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

3/ USERS ARE CAUTIONED THAT THE STOCKS ESTIMATE FOR NORTH DAKOTA MAY BE LESS RELIABLE THAN FOR THE OTHER STATES DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF NORTH DAKOTA STORAGE OPERATORS WHO REFUSED TO REPORT STOCKS ON THE JANUARY 1978 INQUIRY.

SOURCE:

POTATO STOCKS, JANUARY 1978

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