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POTATOES BY SEASONAL GROUPS
1979 - 1981
AREA, YIELD AND PRODUCTION WITH COMPARISONS

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION		
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
	1,000 ACRES			CWT			1,000 CWT		
WINTER									
CALIF	3.3	3.0	3.2	240	235	280	792	705	896
FLA	8.6	8.5	8.4	185	195	155	1,591	1,658	1,302
TOTAL	11.9	11.5	11.6	200	205	189	2,383	2,363	2,198
SPRING									
ALA	7.3	5.0	4.0	140	125	180	1,022	625	720
ARIZ	6.2	4.4	5.2	210	290	280	1,302	1,276	1,456
CALIF	28.0	22.5	26.4	395	390	390	11,060	8,775	10,296
FLA-HASTINGS	18.5	18.0	20.5	230	195	245	4,255	3,510	5,023
-OTHER	.9	.8	1.0	180	170	240	162	136	240
LA	2.0	1.7	1.6	75	70	80	150	119	128
N C	13.7	13.0	13.3	165	140	155	2,261	1,820	2,062
TEX	7.1	6.2	6.0	160	130	140	1,136	806	840
TOTAL	83.7	71.6	78.0	255	238	266	21,348	17,067	20,765
SUMMER									
ALA	9.0	9.5	9.1	170	50	150	1,530	475	1,365
CALIF	7.7	7.6	8.0	350	365	370	2,695	2,774	2,960
COLO	6.9	5.8	6.8	275	275	280	1,898	1,595	1,904
DEL	5.4	5.1	5.2	220	190	240	1,188	969	1,248
ILL	2.0	1.8	2.1	235	230	250	470	414	525
IND	1.8	1.5	1.6	160	160	170	288	240	272
IOWA	1.1	1.4	1.5	210	230	180	231	322	270
MD	1.7	1.8	1.6	165	170	195	281	306	312
MICH	8.6	8.3	8.3	180	195	175	1,548	1,619	1,453
MINN	6.3	5.4	6.1	285	290	270	1,796	1,566	1,647
NEBR	1.5	1.3	1.1	180	200	200	270	260	220
N J	8.5	8.2	8.1	250	240	255	2,125	1,968	2,066
N MEX	4.4	3.0	4.5	275	180	210	1,210	540	945
N C	3.9	3.7	4.0	120	110	120	468	407	480
OHIO	1.4	1.4	1.2	210	220	190	294	308	228
TENN	3.3	2.8	3.1	105	70	90	347	196	279
TEX	10.9	7.5	6.7	240	200	230	2,616	1,500	1,541
VA	19.2	14.0	16.0	135	110	145	2,592	1,540	2,320
TOTAL	103.6	90.1	95.0	211	189	211	21,847	16,999	20,035

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Source - Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA

POTATOES BY SEASONAL GROUPS CONTINUED

1979 - 1981

AREA, YIELD AND PRODUCTION WITH COMPARISONS

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD			PRODUCTION		
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
	1,000 ACRES			CWT			1,000 CWT		
FALL									
CALIF	17.2	17.4	18.2	370	370	370	6,364	6,438	6,734
COLO	39.5	36.5	40.0	290	300	300	11,455	10,950	12,000
CONN	2.1	1.8	1.8	220	225	270	462	405	486
IDAHO-10 SW CO	30.0	23.0	24.0	335	340	325	10,050	7,820	7,800
-OTHER CO	300.0	277.0	301.0	250	260	240	75,000	72,020	72,240
IND	4.2	3.3	3.0	255	220	205	1,071	726	615
MAINE	113.0	104.0	104.0	245	240	255	27,685	24,960	26,520
MASS	3.4	3.4	3.3	220	220	225	748	748	743
MICH	32.0	31.5	30.0	250	235	235	8,000	7,403	7,050
MINN	68.0	64.0	70.0	190	155	190	12,920	9,920	13,300
MONT	7.5	6.9	7.4	240	250	235	1,800	1,725	1,739
NEBR	5.7	6.7	7.9	260	280	285	1,482	1,876	2,252
NEV	15.0	13.0	12.0	330	340	290	4,950	4,420	3,480
N Y-LONG IS	21.8	18.8	18.5	295	255	290	6,431	4,794	5,365
-UPSTATE	23.5	25.0	25.0	275	250	275	6,463	6,250	6,875
N DAK	114.0	112.0	115.0	160	140	175	18,240	15,680	20,125
OHIO	10.0	9.5	9.0	240	210	205	2,400	1,995	1,845
OREG-MALHEUR CO	13.0	10.0	10.0	370	365	345	4,810	3,650	3,450
-OTHER CO	50.0	37.0	44.0	410	435	415	20,500	16,095	18,260
PA	24.0	22.0	21.0	250	190	250	6,000	4,180	5,250
R I	3.3	3.2	3.2	230	230	250	759	736	800
S DAK	6.5	6.7	5.4	185	160	130	1,203	1,072	702
UTAH	5.5	5.2	5.8	250	225	220	1,375	1,170	1,276
VT	.7	.6	.7	210	200	210	147	120	147
WASH	102.0	87.0	108.0	475	505	485	48,450	43,935	52,380
WIS	54.0	50.0	53.5	315	320	340	17,010	16,000	18,190
WYO	5.2	5.7	5.3	220	235	200	1,144	1,340	1,060
TOTAL	1,071.1	981.2	1,047.0	277	272	278	296,919	266,428	290,684
U. S.	1,270.3	1,154.4	1,231.6	270	262	271	342,497	302,857	333,682

Source - Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA

POTATOES - WEEKLY TRUCK SHIPMENTS 1/
(Amounts shown are in units of 1,000 cwt.)

Week ending	ID	Long Island	ME	MI	MN	NJ	NY Upstate	ND	OR	WA	WI
1981											
July 4	147	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	175	4	-	16	-	39	-	-	13	3	-
18	139	17	1	36	-	44	-	-	17	43	4
25	94	33	-	88	8	67	-	-	41	220	22
Aug. 1	34	100	1	109	65	102	8	-	78	363	108
8	6	128	2	106	122	109	17	-	80	420	184
15	11	137	5	111	168	65	13	-	77	404	250
22	17	138	14	119	170	80	18	-	88	305	299
29	44	171	22	97	92	93	20	-	67	321	294
Sept. 5	48	214	37	88	189	136	24	34	140	308	406
12	56	192	74	84	123	86	24	26	114	259	418
19	86	164	71	81	118	72	30	39	139	203	388
26	138	175	86	81	119	68	35	40	129	175	338
Oct. 3	163	189	89	76	103	59	31	39	132	136	317
10	200	200	98	68	79	63	33	71	136	158	308
17	164	205	100	45	47	61	34	87	82	126	211
24	183	190	147	48	37	23	46	79	126	117	272
31	181	171	174	54	57	1	45	107	104	88	290
Nov. 7	182	200	217	48	52	-	44	109	118	85	311
14	199	140	235	40	55	-	44	122	123	90	236
21	218	141	296	45	70	-	42	104	144	98	205
28	154	104	227	40	50	-	32	104	87	50	173
Dec. 5	169	122	284	50	59	-	45	152	107	90	199
12	194	114	320	52	42	-	33	130	109	84	228
19	200	119	324	41	51	-	27	151	113	67	195
26	148	80	285	35	37	-	29	100	83	56	124
1982											
Jan. 2	128	93	267	42	42	-	31	119	96	64	165
9	131	133	376	73	67	-	42	164	128	72	238
16	200	88	356	63	76	-	35	156	117	98	240
23	179	111	397	59	79	-	47	167	123	67	222
30	184	89	370	61	67	-	36	132	97	79	218
Feb. 6	148	111	331	53	91	-	46	117	99	76	180
13	136	82	282	40	75	-	39	132	98	85	176
20	158	70	273	28	68	-	32	119	104	69	161
27	184	71	291	27	79	-	32	134	107	65	175
Mar. 6	169	68	340	25	59	-	33	171	115	63	173
13	211	57	401	25	69	-	37	174	102	59	197
20	210	39	378	20	65	-	33	164	103	69	175
27	194	33	331	19	74	-	32	155	104	50	166
Apr. 3	209	21	403	9	60	-	37	148	94	48	137
10	253	17	388	-	63	-	31	166	128	50	148
17	250	14	445	-	67	-	29	185	96	44	150
TOTAL	6294	4545	8739	2202	3014	1168	1246	3897	4158	5327	8701

1/ Figures are final 1981, preliminary 1982.

Source: Transportation Reports Section, Market News Branch, AMS, USDA

POTATOES - WEEKLY RAIL SHIPMENTS (including BCAT) 1/
 (Amounts shown are in units of 1,000 cwt.)

Week ending	ID	MN	ND	OR	WA
1981					
July					
4	138	-	-	-	-
11	145	-	-	-	-
18	121	-	-	4	10
25	47	-	-	20	62
Aug.					
1	17	-	-	16	99
8	13	-	-	26	124
15	5	-	-	28	126
22	1	-	1	22	98
29	6	-	4	23	96
Sept.					
5	8	-	13	16	84
12	12	-	33	11	54
19	45	12	70	17	63
26	99	20	45	16	51
Oct.					
3	126	2	42	8	31
10	161	-	32	6	25
17	130	-	30	1	16
24	193	-	48	4	15
31	213	7	78	3	10
Nov.					
7	236	10	93	1	7
14	284	14	101	2	10
21	193	8	124	-	10
28	142	17	122	1	12
Dec.					
5	242	30	160	-	2
12	268	27	122	1	12
19	220	28	134	-	8
26	147	23	94	-	7
1982					
Jan.					
2	190	34	105	2	10
9	162	46	113	-	9
16	341	29	116	-	10
23	344	40	107	-	9
30	244	26	108	-	13
Feb.					
6	182	41	137	-	4
13	201	50	132	2	6
20	231	54	174	2	-
27	246	54	192	-	8
Mar.					
6	235	54	207	-	4
13	266	43	182	1	3
20	267	32	177	3	4
27	271	26	118	-	4
Apr.					
3	289	22	91	-	12
10	257	21	93	-	-
17	267	8	53	-	1
TOTAL	7205	778	3451	236	1129

1/ Figures are final through 1981, preliminary 1982. Source: Transportation Reports Section, Market News Branch, AMS, USDA

POTATO UNLOADS - RAIL AND TRUCK COMBINED IN 19 UNITED STATES CITIES AND 5 CANADA CITIES 1/ 2/

July 1981 - March 1982

(Amounts shown are in units of 1,000 cwt.)

	CA	CO	ID	ME	MI	MN	NJ	NY	ND	OR	PA	WA	WI	CAN	OTHER	TOTAL
ATLANTA	12	12	284	29	80	44	30	60	2	13	1	32	367	-	133	1099
BALT-WASH	20	-	110	229	3	4	-	323	19	7	24	65	57	16	121	998
BOSTON	194	-	177	640	5	2	5	74	6	13	-	83	39	118	136	1492
BUFFALO	23	-	21	1	1	-	-	346	-	4	-	17	9	2	20	444
CHICAGO	104	1	350	-	93	156	-	-	496	29	-	54	909	-	110	2302
CINCINNATI	10	1	490	14	181	24	-	-	64	10	1	54	124	5	141	1119
COLUMBIA	3	2	11	28	3	7	20	120	-	1	-	5	30	2	46	278
DALLAS	54	588	380	-	-	104	-	-	104	19	-	122	36	-	237	1644
DENVER	10	412	156	-	-	11	-	-	1	1	-	19	-	-	63	673
DETROIT	43	-	440	-	351	26	-	-	5	33	-	3	67	4	12	984
LOS ANGELES	1679	1	40	-	-	2	-	-	16	808	-	1283	-	-	99	3928
NEW ORLEANS	7	95	94	-	-	39	-	-	110	2	-	7	34	-	75	463
NY-NEWARK	159	-	784	789	-	18	138	965	19	48	-	120	133	152	259	3584
PHILADELPHIA	50	2	246	356	3	13	293	318	8	14	32	98	54	73	136	1696
PITTSBURGH	30	-	136	172	123	16	-	119	32	5	80	19	116	6	76	930
ST LOUIS	17	84	194	-	-	226	-	-	152	10	30	-	284	-	109	1106
SAN ANTONIO	65	368	93	-	-	5	-	-	19	36	-	66	1	-	64	717
SAN FRAN-OAKLAND	321	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	73	1002	-	326	-	-	58	1784
SEATTLE-TACOMA	167	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	10	25	-	1079	-	-	7	1292
MONTREAL, QUE.	1	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	1	-	1101	155	1279
OTTAWA, ONT.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	381	21	402
TORONTO, ONT.	43	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	19	1049	25	1151
VANCOUVER, B.C.	82	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	254	-	428	2	799
WINNIPEG, MAN.	9	-	-	-	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	324	5	376

1/ Unloads final 1981, preliminary 1982

2/ Canada cities July 1981 - Feb. 1982

Source: Transportation Reports Section, Market News Branch, AMS, USDA

NEW JERSEY POTATOES1981 SUMMER CROP

PRODUCTION - According to the New Jersey Crop Reporting Service, potato production in New Jersey totaled 2,066,000 hundred-weight in 1981, an increase of 5 percent over 1980. Harvested acreage decreased by 100 acres to 8,100 but yield per acre of 255 hundred-weight increased 15 hundredweight from 1980.

WEATHER AND CROPS - Planting of the crop got under way during the last week of March. Weather conditions were favorable for field work and planting continued over the next month. By mid-May, the early-planted fields were up 4-8 inches in some fields and showing good stands. Aided by warm temperatures, the plants grew rapidly and, by early June, began to bloom in some fields.

The first light harvest began during the first week of July with supplies limited to local outlets. Digging gradually increased as more fields matured and by early August, the harvest was moving ahead rapidly. Rainfall was extremely variable during August and September with many areas of the state becoming quite dry. Irrigation was used extensively during this period. The harvest continued with few interruptions until its completion around mid-October.

MARKETING - The first f.o.b. shipping point report was issued by the Bridgeton Office on July 27 at \$4.12½-4.25 per 50-pound sack. The next day, the price dropped to \$4.00. Competition from other shipping areas pressured the market and prices gradually declined to the season's low of \$3.12½-3.25 per 50-pound sacks in early September. Then, as supplies decreased from those areas, the market rose slightly to \$3.25-3.50 where it remained for the balance of the season.

Quality of the crop was generally very good throughout the season. Most of the crop was marketed direct from the field to the grader with only a small percentage of the total crop going into storage for any length of time.

MOVEMENT - Truck shipments reported to the market news office in Bridgeton totaled 3,988 truckloads (40,000 pounds each) in 1981 compared to 3,026 in 1980.

SHIPPING POINT PRICES
NEW JERSEY POTATOES - 1981 SUMMER CROP
US #1 SIZE A - MOSTLY SUPERIORS, CHIPPEWAS AND KATAHDINS
MOSTLY WASHED

Range for week ending	50-pound sacks	10-pound sacks		5-pound sacks baled
		loose	baled	
July 31	3.62½-4.25	.92½-1.05	.95 -1.10	.56¼-.67½
Aug. 7	3.62½-3.75	.87½- .91	.92½- .95	.53¾-.57½
14	3.37½-3.75	.82½- .91	.87½- .95	.51¼-.57½
21	3.37½-3.50	.81 - .86	.85 - .90	.51¼-.55
28	3.12½-3.50	.75 - .82½	.80 - .87½	.47½-.52½
Sept. 4	3.12½-3.25	.75 - .81	.80 - .85	.47½-.52½
11	3.37½-3.50	.80 - .85	.85 - .90	.48¾-.52½
18	3.37½-3.50	.80 - .85	.85 - .90	.48¾-.52½
25	3.37½-3.50	.80 - .82½	.85 - .87½	.48¾-.52½
Oct. 2	3.25 -3.50	.77½- .82½	.82½- .87½	.47½-.52½
7*	3.25 -3.37½	.77½- .80	.82½- .85	.47½-.48¾

* Last report of season.

MARKETING LONG ISLAND POTATOES - 1981 FALL CROP

PRODUCTION: According to the New York State Crop Reporting Board in 1981, Long Island harvested 18,500 acres. This was only 300 acres less than the 1980 crop, when 18,800 acres were harvested. The yield per acre this season was estimated at 290 hundred weight (CWT) per acre. This was 14% above the 1980 yield of 255 CWT. The estimated production of 5,365 thousand CWT was 12% above the 1980 final production figure of 4,794 thousand CWT.

WEATHER & CROP: The spring and summer growing season was generally regarded as favorable for potato production. Planting was accomplished on schedule, starting slowly in mid-March, becoming active by April and winding up by mid-May. A cool growing season combined with more than ample precipitation to create ideal growing conditions, almost a complete reversal from the previous season. These excellent growing conditions, coupled with inclement weather in competitive growing areas, resulted in an unusually early harvested initiation, starting in late June-July. Normally, harvest does not begin until mid-July. By early August most packing sheds were open for the season.

Storing conditions were also more favorable this season as both adequate and timely rainfall prompted light storing in mid-September, which became very heavy by the end of the month. Heavy storing continued through October and was virtually completed within the month.

The crop's quality and condition were excellent for the early months of the deal except for some incidence of breakdown to southern destinations. Pressure bruising became evident with superiors in late December, which increased progressively into the following months together with the crop of katahdins.

MARKETING: Grower prices during the 1981-1982 season did not reach the banner prices of last year's crop nor the depressed lows of the 1979-1980 crop. The seasonal high for the reported season was \$7.00 per bulk CWT, which was achieved during the final week of July. The price fell progressively to the seasonal low of \$5.00 per bulk CWT in late August. By mid-September the price inched back to \$5.50 per bulk CWT and, with the exception of a few instances, remained at that level until mid-January when the price climbed to \$6.00 per bulk CWT. That price held for the balance of the reported season.

In a yearly comparison, the seasonal high this season was well below last year's \$12.00 mark but well above the two-year old high of \$3.75. Furthermore, the seasonal low this season was also well below last year's \$7.00 low mark but also well above the two-year old low price of \$3.00.

PACKAGING: The most popular packages were the baled consumer packs, either the ten or five pound bags. These are packed in either film bags or open window paper sacks, although the film bags were used more frequently. Also packaged and moved in good volume were loose ten and 50-pound bags. Shipments of twenty-pound bags, unlike last season, moved very well as the much lower price at the retail level stimulated sales activity for the chain stores. Shipments of fifteen-pound bags were again light this season and not a significant factor.

MOVEMENT: For the second consecutive season, but uncharacteristically for recent years, the Long Island crop moved very well during the early months of the deal. Due to the 1980 fall crop being the smallest fall crop since 1973, the 1981 spring and summer deals finished at a faster than usual pace. Consequently, movement off Long Island was very active by early August and continued that way for the most part until Maine came into full production by mid-October. By that period shipments were approximately 300 units (500 CWT each) ahead of the previous season. Movement remained at satisfactory levels from November through December. During this period shipments advanced to 1,100 units above last year's total to date reflecting a stagnant shipping period experienced last season when the much lower price of the Maine crop stimulated heavy competitive movement there.

As in past seasons, shipments were heavy to New England at the start of the season and moved south as Maine came into full production. For the second consecutive season significant volume shipping to the south began as early as mid-August as the eastern shore Virginia and Delaware deals were completed.

SHIPPING POINT PRICES
LONG ISLAND POTATOES - 1981 FALL CROP
ROUND WHITES, U.S. #1 SIZE A

Week Ending Friday 1981	50 Lb	20 Lb	B A L E D		GROWER PRICE PER BULK CWT
			10 Lb	5 Lb	
July 31	4.07½-4.25	---	.99-1.00	.57½	7.00
August 7	3.62½-3.75	1.60	.87½-.90	.52½	6.00
14	3.32½-3.50	1.45-1.50	.82½-.85	.48½-.50	5.50
21	3.32½-3.50	1.45-1.50	.82½-.85	.47½-.50	5.50
28	3.07½-3.15	1.30-1.33	.75-.80	.45-.46½	5.00
September 4	3.07½-3.15	1.30-1.33	.77½-.80	.45-.47½	5.00
11	3.32½-3.40	1.40-1.44	.82½-.85	.47½	5.50
18	3.32½-3.40	1.40-1.43	.82½-.85	.47½	5.50
25	3.25-3.40	1.40-1.43	.80-.85	.46½-.47½	5.50
October 2	3.25-3.37½	1.40-1.43	.80-.82½	.46½-.47½	5.50
9	3.25-3.40	1.40-1.43	.80-.82½	.46½-.47½	5.50
16	3.25-3.40	1.40-1.43	.80-.82½	.45-.47½	5.50
23	3.25-3.40	1.40-1.43	.80-.82½	.45-.47½	5.50
30	3.00-3.12½	1.30-1.33	.75-.77½	.42½-.45	5.00
November 6	3.25-3.37½	1.40-1.43	.80-.82½	.45-.47½	5.50
13	3.25-3.37½	1.40-1.43	.80-.82	.45-.47½	5.50
20	3.25-3.37½	1.40-1.43	.80-.82½	.45-.47½	5.50
27	3.25-3.37½	1.40	.80-.82½	.45-.47½	5.50
December 4	3.25-3.37½	1.40	.80-.82½	.45-.47½	5.50
11	3.25-3.37½	1.40	.80-.82½	.45-.47½	5.50
18	3.25-3.37½	1.40	.80-.82½	.45-.47½	5.50
24	HOLIDAY WEEKEND - TOO FEW SALES TO QUOTE				
31	3.25-3.37½	1.40-1.43	.80-.82½	.45-.47½	5.50
<u>1982</u>					
January 8	3.25-3.37½	1.40-1.43	.80-.82½	.45-.47½	5.50
15	3.25-3.40	1.40-1.43	.80-.82½	.45-.47½	5.50
22	3.50-3.65	1.50-1.53	.85-.87½	.47½-.50	6.00
29	3.50-3.65	1.50-1.53	.85-.87½	.47½-.50	6.00
February 5	3.50-3.62½	1.50-1.53	.85-.87½	.47½-.50	6.00
12	3.50-3.62½	1.50-1.53	.85-.87½	.47½-.50	6.00
19	3.50-3.62½	1.50-1.53	.85-.87½	.47½-.50	6.00
26	3.50-3.62½	1.50-1.53	.85-.87½	.47½-.50	6.00
March 5	3.45-3.60	1.50-1.53	.85-.87½	.47½-.50	6.00
12	3.45-3.60	1.50-1.53	.85-.87½	.47½-.50	6.00

FINAL SHIPPING DESTINATIONS FOR LONG ISLAND POTATOES FOR 1981 - 1982 SEASON

	<u>1981-1982</u>	<u>1980-1981</u>
	(50,000 Lb. Units)	
NEW YORK CITY		957
PUERTO RICO		1,070
UPSTATE NEW YORK		75
NEW ENGLAND		419
OHIO, PA, W.VA.		650
NEW JERSEY		770
DELAWARE, MARYLAND, D.C., VA.		1,417
SOUTH		2,695
OTHER		266
TOTAL		<u>8,319</u>

UPSTATE NEW YORK POTATOES1981 CROP

According to the Crop Reporting Board, ESCS, USDA, the total U.S. 1981 Fall potato crop production was estimated at 290,684 thousand hundredweight, 9 percent more than the 266,428 thousand hundredweight produced in 1980, and 2 percent less than the 1979 crop of 296,919 thousand hundredweight. The 1980 crop was the smallest since 1973. Upstate New York production was estimated at 6,875 thousand hundredweight, 10 percent more than the 1980 crop. Indicated harvested acreage was 25 thousand acres with an average yield of 275 cwt. per acre compared to the 1980 crop of 25 thousand acres with an average yield of 250 cwt. per acre.

The first Stocks on Hand report, issued in December, 1981, estimated Upstate New York holdings at 4,050 thousand hundredweight, 59 percent of production, and 950,000 hundredweight more than the December 1980 stocks on hand.

Weather during March and early April was generally dry, resulting in fieldwork being ahead of schedule by mid-April. Favorable weather during May and June promoted potato fields to set by mid-June. Favorable weather conditions continued through July with early muckland potatoes harvested as early as the second week of July. September and October harvest was slowed due to rains and wet fields.

The primary market packs were loose 10-lb paper sacks and 50-lb paper sacks. Potatoes were also marketed bulk for repack.

Tablestock prices were initially at \$1.00-1.25 per 10-lb sack in July, slowly declined through August and September, and traded in a narrow range of .65-.72 from October through mid-January. Prices then rose slightly and leveled off at .73-.80 from late January through mid-April. Light supplies and good demand in late April pushed prices back to the \$1.00 level.

Total truck movement for tablestock potatoes from Upstate New York through April 1981 was approximately 2534 / 40,000-lb units, compared to 2373 units last year.

Week ending Friday	Round Whites, U.S. No. 1, size A, washed, paper sacks	
	10-1b	50-1b
<u>1981</u>		
July 31	1.00-1.25	4.50-5.75
Aug. 7	.85-1.00	4.00-4.75
14	.85- .90	4.00-4.10
21	.80- .85	3.75-4.10
28	.80- .85	3.75-4.00
Sept. 4	.70- .85	3.75-4.00
11	.65- .75	3.15-3.50
18	.65- .70	3.00-3.50
25	.65- .75	3.00-3.50
Oct. 2	.65- .72	3.00-3.50
9	.65- .75	3.00-3.50
16	.70- .75	3.25-3.50
23	.70- .75	3.25-3.50
30	.65- .72	3.00-3.25
Nov. 6	.65- .72	3.00-3.25
13	.65- .70	3.00-3.25
20	.65- .70	3.00-3.25
27	.65- .70	3.00-3.25
Dec. 4	.65- .70	3.00-3.25
11	.67- .70	3.00-3.25
18	.65- .70	3.00-3.25
25	.65- .70	3.00-3.25
<u>1982</u>		
Jan. 1	.65- .70	3.00-3.25
8	.65- .70	3.00-3.25
15	.65- .70	3.00-3.25
22	.65- .80	3.00-4.00
29	.75- .80	3.50-4.00
Feb. 5	.73- .80	3.50-4.00
12	.73- .80	3.50-4.00
19	.73- .80	3.50-4.00
26	.73- .80	3.50-4.00
Mar. 5	.73- .80	3.50-4.00
12	.73- .80	3.50-4.00
19	.73- .80	3.50-4.00
26	.73- .80	3.50-4.00
Apr. 2	.73- .80	3.00-3.50
9	.75- .80	3.00-3.50
16	.75- .90	3.00-4.50
23	.85-1.00	4.00-5.00
30	.95-1.00	4.50-5.00

BALTIMORE WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICES - 1981 CROP

ROUND WHITES U.S. NO. 1 SIZE A - WASHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED - 50-LB SACKS

Week ending Friday	:	DELAWARE	:	LONG ISLAND	:	NEW JERSEY	:	PENNSYLVANIA
<u>1981</u>								
July	31	4.50-5.00	:	4.75-5.25	:	-	:	-
Aug.	7	4.00-4.50	:	4.50-4.75	:	-	:	-
	14	4.00-4.75	:	4.50-4.75	:	-	:	-
	21	4.00-4.50	:	4.50-4.75	:	-	:	-
	28	3.50-4.00	:	4.00-4.25	:	-	:	-
Sept.	4	3.50-4.00	:	4.00-4.25	:	5.00	:	-
	11	-	:	4.00-4.50	:	-	:	-
	18	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	-
	25	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	-
Oct.	2	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	<u>unwashed</u>
	9	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	3.50-3.75
	16	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	3.50-3.75
	23	-	:	4.00-4.25	:	-	:	3.50
	30	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	3.50
Nov.	6	-	:	4.00-4.25	:	-	:	3.00
	13	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	3.00
	20	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	-
	27	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	-
Dec.	4	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	-
	11	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	3.50
	18	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	3.25-3.50
	25	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	3.25-3.50
<u>1982</u>								
Jan.	1	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	3.00-3.25
	8	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	3.00-3.25
	15	-	:	4.25	:	-	:	3.25-3.50
	22	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	3.00-3.50
	29	-	:	4.50-4.75	:	-	:	3.00-3.50
Feb.	5	-	:	4.50	:	-	:	-
	12	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	3.25-3.50
	19	-	:	4.50	:	-	:	3.25-3.50
	26	-	:	4.50	:	-	:	3.00-3.50
Mar.	5	-	:	4.50	:	-	:	3.00-3.50
	12	-	:	4.50	:	-	:	3.25-3.50
	19	-	:	4.50	:	-	:	3.25
	26	-	:	-	:	-	:	3.25
Apr.	2	-	:	-	:	-	:	3.00-3.25
	9	-	:	-	:	-	:	-
	16	-	:	-	:	-	:	-

ROUND WHITES - U.S. NO. 1 SIZE A - WASHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED - 50-LB SACKS

Week ending	:	NEW YORK	:	DELAWARE	:	LONG ISLAND	:	NEW JERSEY	:	PENNSYLVANIA
Friday	:		:		:		:		:	
<u>1981</u>										
July	31	6.00-6.50		6.00-7.00		-		-		-
Aug.	7	5.50-6.50		-		-		-		-
	14	5.50-6.00		-		-		-		-
	21	4.50-5.50		-		-		-		-
	28	4.50-5.50		-		-		-		-
Sept.	4	4.00-5.00		-		-		-		-
	11	4.00-4.50		-		-		-		-
	18	4.00-4.50		-		-		-		-
	25	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
Oct.	2	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	9	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	16	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	23	4.00-5.00		-		-		-		-
	30	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
Nov.	6	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	13	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	20	4.00-5.00		-		-		-		-
	27	4.00-5.00		-		-		-		-
Dec.	4	4.00-5.00		-		-		-		-
	11	4.00-5.00		-		-		-		-
	18	4.00-5.00		-		-		-		-
	25	4.00-5.00		-		-		-		-
<u>1982</u>										
Jan.	1	4.00-5.00		-		-		-		-
	8	4.00-5.00		-		-		-		-
	15	3.75-4.50		-		-		-		-
	22	3.75-4.50		-		-		-		-
	29	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
Feb.	5	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	12	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	19	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	26	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
Mar.	5	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	12	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	19	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	26	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
Apr.	2	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	9	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-
	16	4.50-5.00		-		-		-		-

ROUND WHITES - U.S. NO. 1 SIZE A - WASHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED - 50-LB SACKS

Week ending Friday		DELAWARE	LONG ISLAND	NEW JERSEY	PENNSYLVANIA
<u>1981</u>					
July	31	4.75-5.25	-	4.75-5.00	-
Aug.	7	4.50-5.00	-	4.50-5.00	-
	14	4.00-4.50	-	4.50	-
	21	4.00-4.25	-	4.00-4.50	-
	28	4.00-4.25	-	4.25-4.50	-
Sept.	4	-	-	4.00	-
	11	-	-	4.00	-
	18	-	-	4.00-4.50	-
	25	-	-	4.00	-
Oct.	2	-	-	4.00	-
	9	-	-	4.00	-
	16	-	3.75-4.25	-	-
	23	-	3.75-4.25	-	-
	30	-	3.50-4.25	-	-
Nov.	6	-	3.50-4.00	-	-
	13	-	3.75-4.25	-	-
	20	-	3.75-4.25	-	-
	27	-	4.00-4.25	-	-
Dec.	4	-	4.00-4.25	-	-
	11	-	4.00-4.25	-	-
	18	-	4.00-4.25	-	-
	25	-	4.00-4.25	-	-
<u>1982</u>					
Jan.	1	-	4.00-4.25	-	-
	8	-	4.00-4.25	-	-
	15	-	4.00-4.25	-	-
	22	-	4.00-4.75	-	-
	29	-	3.75-4.50	-	-
Feb.	5	-	4.25-4.50	-	-
	12	-	4.25-4.50	-	-
	19	-	4.00-4.50	-	-
	26	-	4.00-4.50	-	-
Mar.	5	-	4.00-4.50	-	-
	12	-	4.00-4.50	-	-
	19	-	4.00-4.50	-	-
	26	-	4.00-4.50	-	-
Apr.	2	-	-	-	-
	9	-	-	-	-
	16	-	-	-	-

PHILADELPHIA WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICES - 1981 CROP

ROUND WHITES - U.S. NO. 1 SIZE A - WASHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED - 50-LB SACKS

Week ending Friday		DELAWARE	LONG ISLAND	NEW JERSEY	PENNSYLVANIA
<u>1981</u>					
July	31	4.50-5.00	5.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00
Aug.	7	4.00-4.75	4.50-5.00	4.25-5.00	4.00-4.50
	14	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.50	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50
	21	3.75-4.75	4.15-4.50	3.75-4.50	4.00-4.50
	28	3.50-4.25	4.00-4.25	3.50-4.00	3.75-4.00
Sept.	4	3.50-3.75	3.75-4.25	3.25-4.25	3.75-4.00
	11	-	3.75-4.25	3.50-4.25	3.75-4.00
	18	-	3.75-4.50	3.50-4.25	3.75-4.00
	25	-	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.25	4.00
Oct.	2	-	3.75-4.25	3.75-4.00	3.50-4.00
	9	-	4.00-4.25	3.50-4.00	3.75-4.00
	16	-	4.00-4.25	3.50-4.00	-
	23	-	4.00-4.25	3.50-4.00	-
	30	-	4.00-4.25	3.75-4.25	3.75
Nov.	6	-	4.00-4.25	3.75	3.75-4.00
	13	-	4.00-4.25	3.75	3.50-3.75
	20	-	4.00-4.25	-	<u>unwashed</u> 3.50-3.75
	27	-	4.00-4.25	-	3.50-3.75
Dec.	4	-	4.00-4.25	-	3.40-3.75
	11	-	4.00-4.25	-	3.50-3.75
	18	-	4.00-4.25	-	3.25-3.75
	25	-	4.00-4.25	-	3.50-3.75
<u>1982</u>					
Jan.	1	-	4.00-4.25	-	3.50-3.75
	8	-	4.00-4.15	-	3.40-3.75
	15	-	4.00-4.25	-	3.40-3.75
	22	-	4.00-4.50	-	3.50-4.00
	29	-	4.25-4.50	-	3.65-4.00
Feb.	5	-	4.25-4.50	-	3.65-4.00
	12	-	4.25-4.50	-	3.50-4.00
	19	-	4.25-4.50	-	3.50-3.75
	26	-	4.25-4.50	-	3.65-3.75
Mar.	5	-	4.00-4.50	-	3.40-3.75
	12	-	4.25	-	3.50-3.75
	19	-	4.25-4.50	-	3.50
	26	-	4.25-4.50	-	-
Apr.	2	-	4.00-4.50	-	-
	9	-	4.25	-	-
	16	-	4.25	-	-

PITTSBURGH WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICES - 1981 CROP

ROUND WHITES U.S. NO. 1 SIZE A - WASHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED - 50-LB SACKS

Week ending Friday	:	DELAWARE	:	LONG ISLAND	:	NEW JERSEY	:	PENNSYLVANIA
<u>1981</u>								
July	31	5.25-6.00	:	-	:	-	:	-
Aug.	7	4.50-5.50	:	4.50-5.50	:	-	:	-
	14	4.25-5.00	:	4.25-5.00	:	-	:	-
	21	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	-
	28	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	-
Sept.	4	-	:	4.15-4.50	:	-	:	-
	11	-	:	4.25-5.00	:	-	:	-
	18	-	:	4.50-4.75	:	-	:	-
	25	-	:	4.25-4.75	:	-	:	-
Oct.	2	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	-
	9	-	:	4.25-4.75	:	-	:	-
	16	-	:	4.25-4.75	:	-	:	-
	23	-	:	4.25-4.75	:	-	:	4.50
	30	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	4.00-4.50
Nov.	6	-	:	-	:	-	:	-
	13	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	4.00-4.25
	20	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	4.00-4.25
	27	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	<u>including some unwashed</u> 4.25-4.50
Dec.	4	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	4.00-4.50
	11	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	4.00-4.25
	18	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	4.00-4.50
	25	-	:	4.25-4.50	:	-	:	4.00-4.50
<u>1982</u>								
Jan.	1	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.00-4.25
	8	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25
	15	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25
	22	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25
	29	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25-4.50
Feb.	5	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25-4.50
	12	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25-4.50
	19	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.50
	26	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25-4.50
Mar.	5	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25-4.50
	12	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.50
	19	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.50
	26	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25-4.50
Apr.	2	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25-4.50
	9	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25-4.50
	16	-	:	-	:	-	:	4.25-4.50