

# Potato Acreage and Disposition Annual (Potato PDI)



**United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service**

# Survey Overview

- The Potato Acreage and Disposition:
  - Is the most comprehensive look at potato production, disposition and value for the country
  - Measures the total utilization of an entire year's crop of potatoes
  - Used in conjunction with data collected from processors to build the annual potato report
  - Utilized by growers in making future decisions and developing marketing plans
  - Industry requested disposition information

# General Survey Information

- Project Code: **195** - Potato and Stocks Survey
- Questionnaires: mail out around July 24
- Release: *Potatoes Annual Summary*
  - Late September at 3:00 pm Eastern Time

NASS website: [www.nass.usda.gov/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/)



# Additional Information

- Collecting information on *ALL* potatoes (spring, summer, fall)
  - Round whites, reds, russets, etc.
  - *EXCLUDE* sweet potatoes
- Disposition questions ask:
  - Acres planted/harvested
  - Amount produced
  - How the potatoes were sold or utilized



# Additional Info

<b>Season</b>	<b>Usual Time of Harvest</b>
Spring	January through June
Summer	July to mid-September
Fall	August through November

A crop year is associated with the calendar year in which harvest is accomplished. Seasons are not fixed dates but are approximations because of overlapping harvests. Generally, the marketing season closely follows harvest except for fall potatoes, when marketing from storage may extend through August of the following year. Thus, the marketing year for fall potatoes is from the start of harvest through August of the following year.

# Screening Questions

- Screening: any potato acreage Planted in the Previous Crop Year that was intended for harvest?
  - If NO: Skip to Storage Capacity and Current Year Crop questions



# Production Questions

- How many total acres were **planted** for the Previous Year crop with the intention to harvest?
  - Record acreage to the nearest tenth of an acre
- How many of those acres were **harvested**?
- What was the **total production** for the Previous Year crop?
  - Usually reported in hundredweight (100 lbs)



# Sales Questions

- Of those potatoes harvested...
- What was the **quantity sold** and **dollars received** (either \$/cwt *or* total \$) for:
  - Fresh Market/table stock: includes direct to retail, wholesalers, consumer direct sales, etc.
  - Processing: includes chipping, frozen products, dehydrating and starch
  - Seed: sales to other operations
  - Livestock Feed



# Other Uses Questions

- Of those potatoes harvested...
- What was the **quantity**:
  - Used on this farm for seed to plant the Current Year crop
    - Exclude seed potatoes purchased or received in trade
  - Used on this farm for other purposes such as for food or fed to livestock
  - Harvested BUT that were lost through shrink, decay, or dumping
    - Include loads rejected after shipping that have no value

# Storage Capacity and Current Year Crop

- Total storage capacity to store potatoes
- Acres to be planted with for Current Year harvest
- Quantity of seed potatoes used to plant the Current Year crop
  - Amount of those seed potatoes used that were purchased or received in trade



# Conclusion

- For unusual circumstances or data:
  - When in doubt, comment it out
  - Especially important on specialty crops AND an entire year's worth of information
  - Office Statisticians value the “extra” information as they review the data, work on the estimates and communicate with Headquarters
- Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.