



Wisconsin Ag News – Potatoes

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Wisconsin potato production in 2016 totaled 27.8 million hundredweight, virtually unchanged from 2015, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Potatoes 2016 Summary*. The state’s potato growers planted 65,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from 2015. Harvested acres in 2016 were reported at 64,000, up 1,500 acres from the previous year. Average yield per acre was down from 445 hundredweight in 2015 to 435 hundredweight in 2016. Price per hundredweight, at \$11.60, was up from the previous year’s \$9.70. Total value of production of the Wisconsin potato crop was up from \$270 million in 2015 to \$322 million in 2016.

Fall Potato Production - Wisconsin: 2007-2016



Fall Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – Selected States and United States: 2015-2016

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre ¹		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Colorado	57.7	57.3	57.4	57.1	393	389	22,575	22,236
Idaho	323.0	325.0	322.0	324.0	405	430	130,400	139,320
Michigan	46.0	47.0	45.0	46.0	390	370	17,550	17,020
Minnesota	41.0	43.0	40.5	42.0	400	400	16,200	16,800
Nebraska	15.5	16.5	15.3	16.4	450	450	6,885	7,380
North Dakota ..	82.0	80.0	80.0	72.0	345	300	27,600	21,600
Washington	170.0	170.0	170.0	169.0	590	625	100,300	105,625
Wisconsin	63.0	65.0	62.5	64.0	445	435	27,813	27,840
United States ..	1,066.1	1,037.0	1,054.4	1,018.3	418	433	441,205	441,411

¹ Derived

Fall Potato Production, Seed Use, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value – Selected States and United States: 2016 Crop

State	Production	Total used for seed	Farm disposition			Price per cwt	Value of	
			Where grown		Sold		Production ¹	Sales ¹
			Seed, feed, home	Shrink and loss				
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Colorado	22,236	1,430	871	1,660	19,705	9.60	213,466	188,986
Idaho	139,320	7,626	903	8,700	129,717	6.95	968,274	903,213
Michigan	17,020	1,397	280	748	15,992	10.20	173,604	163,051
Minnesota	16,800	923	73	850	15,877	9.05	152,040	143,841
Nebraska	7,380	600	248	642	6,490	11.00	81,180	71,156
North Dakota ..	21,600	1,716	280	2,000	19,320	10.30	222,480	199,127
Washington	105,625	4,199	256	6,800	98,569	7.70	813,313	757,919
Wisconsin	27,840	1,440	342	1,220	26,278	11.60	322,944	304,358
United States ..	441,411	25,323	4,284	26,460	410,667	9.08	4,009,220	3,735,913

¹ May not calculate due to rounding