



# News Release

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### North Dakota

Acreage planted to potatoes in North Dakota for 2008 is estimated at 83,000 acres, down 14 percent from 2007, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Area for harvest is forecast at 79,000 acres, a 13 percent decrease from last year. During May, wet soil conditions delayed planting progress; however, planting was virtually complete June 8, 2008, ahead of last year and five-year (2003-2007) average.

Russets account for 52 percent of the total acreage, up from 49 percent last year. Whites, at 28 percent, are down from 30 percent in 2007. Reds account for 19 percent of the total, down from 20 percent last year. Yellows account for 1 percent of the total acreage, the same as last year.

### United States

Area planted to fall potatoes in the United States for 2008 is estimated at 929,100 acres, down 8 percent from last year and 7 percent below 2006. Harvested area is forecast at 916,200 acres, also down 8 percent from 2007 and 7 percent below 2006. The decrease in planted acreage can partly be attributed to higher prices from competing crops, which influenced growers to plant crops other than potatoes.

**Fall Potatoes: Area Planted and Percent of Acreage Planted by Type of Potatoes,  
11 Major States and Total Fall States, 2007-2008**

State	Area Planted		Planted by Type <sup>1</sup>							
			Reds		Whites		Yellows		Russets	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>North Dakota</b>	97.0	83.0	20	19	30	28	1	1	49	52
Colorado	59.2	57.0	4	3	3	1	11	11	82	85
Idaho	350.0	300.0	2	2	3	3	1	1	94	94
Maine	57.1	55.0	4	4	46	40	5	3	45	53
Michigan	42.5	44.5	1	2	85	86	2	1	12	11
Minnesota	50.0	48.0	23	21	11	7	1	1	65	71
New York	19.0	18.0	12	6	77	86	10	7	1	1
Oregon	36.5	35.5	2	3	20	17	3	3	75	77
Pennsylvania	10.5	11.0	3	3	79	83	15	13	3	1
Washington	165.0	155.0	3	6	11	7	1	1	85	86
Wisconsin	64.5	64.5	10	11	33	28	1	2	56	59
<b>Total, 11 Major States</b>			6	6	19	18	2	2	73	74
<b>Total, Fall States</b>	1,010.6	929.1								

<sup>1</sup> Predominant type shown may include small portion of other types constituting less than 1 percent of State's total.