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POTATO ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION November 1, 2012 Forecast

The November 1, 2012 forecast of potato acreage in **Alaska** is 680 acres planted and 650 acres harvested. Yield was forecast to be 215 cwt per acre with a total production of 140,000 cwt of potatoes. This is a 10% decrease in harvested acres (down 70 acres from 2011). Production, however, was up over 4% or 6,000 cwt from 2011.

ALASKA POTATO ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION				
	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre (cwt)	Production (cwt)
2012	680	650	215	140,000
2011	750	720	186	134,000
2010	760	750	200	150,000
2009	780	740	185	137,000
2008	800	780	173	135,000

Due to program changes, the first estimate of Potato Stocks will be made as of December 1, 2012, and will be published in mid-December. Stocks will be published every other month (December, February, April and June) for the 2012 crop.

Production of fall potatoes in the **United States** for 2012 is forecast at 422 million cwt, up 8 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 991,500 acres, is slightly above the September 1 forecast and 6 percent above the 2011 estimate. The average yield forecast, at 426 cwt per acre, is up 10 cwt from last year's yield. Total United States potato production in 2012 from all seasons is forecast at 467 million cwt, 9 percent above 2011. Harvested area, at 1.14 million acres, is up slightly from the September forecast and up 6 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 411 cwt per acre, up 12 cwt from the previous year.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk Production for **Alaska** for the July - September quarter of 2012 totaled 1.4 million pounds, down from 1.7 million pounds from the July - September quarter of 2011. Milk production during the April - June quarter of 2012 was also 1.4 million pounds. The number of milk cows, at 400 head, is down 100 head from the same period last year.

Milk production in the **United States** during the July - September quarter of 2012 totaled 48.7 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.22 million head, 15,000 head more than the same period last year.

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2011 Certified Organic Production Survey

The 2011 Certified Organic Production Survey, which was released October 2012, provides acreage, production, and sales data for a variety of certified organic crops and inventory and sales data for selected certified organic livestock commodities. In addition, data for land in farms, participation in federal farm programs, and marketing practices on certified organic farms are included.

Data from the 2011 Certified Organic Production Survey provide industry with a reliable source of public information to use to justify research projects and fund requests to benefit producers. Producers can make informed decisions about the future of their organic farming operations. The data will help shape future decisions regarding farm policy, funding allocations, and availability of goods and services.

The full report can be found online at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/current/OrganicProduction/OrganicProduction-10-04-2012.pdf>