



Farmers have been producing potatoes in Colorado for over 140 years. Some of the most progressive farmers in Colorado grow over 80 varieties of potatoes today with the goal of producing the most nutritious, highest quality potatoes in the nation. They incorporate the newest state of the art farming, storage, and conservation practices to supply potatoes year round. The goal is “Quality at it’s Peak” while sustaining and enhancing the state’s environment.

### **Economics & Rankings**

Today there are approximately 59,000 acres of potatoes produced in Colorado. The northeastern section of the state produces a summer crop while the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado produces a fall crop harvested in September. Colorado ranks:

- 5<sup>th</sup> in overall production nationwide
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in fresh market production nationwide
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in seed production nationwide

The 2007 potato crop was valued at \$182 million making it one of Colorado’s leading agricultural industries. Colorado potatoes operate under both a Federal and State Marketing Order that requires all potatoes be inspected for size, shape, bruising, and appearance to insure only the highest quality are marketed to retailers, food service, and consumers.

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