

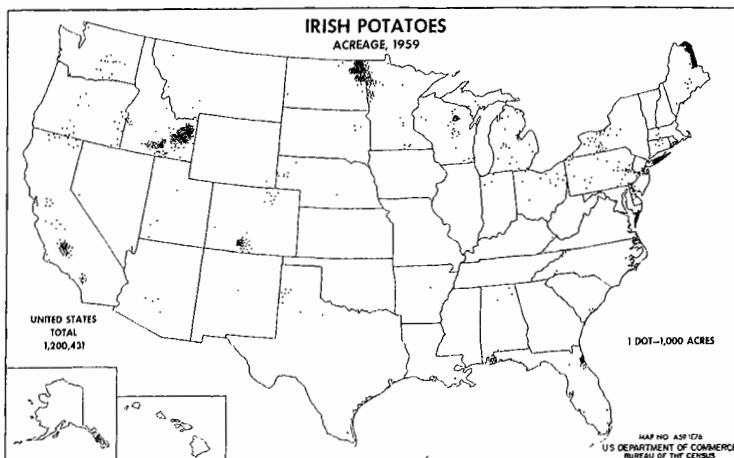
#### SUGAR BEETS HARVESTED FOR SUGAR

Sugar beets are produced in several of the irrigated areas of the West. In the Saginaw Bay area of Michigan and in other areas of production in the Eastern States, sugar beets are generally produced without irrigation. The leading producing State is California, which has about 23 percent of the total U.S. acreage. Both the Central and Imperial Valleys now grow sugar beets, with the heaviest concentration located in the lower Sacramento Valley. Colorado is the second State in acreage harvested. About 16 percent of the total U.S. crop is grown in Colorado, particularly in Weld County in the northeastern part of the State. The Snake River Valley and its tributary areas and the Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota are other major producing areas. Idaho has about 10 percent of the U.S. crop and the Red River Valley produces about 15 percent of all sugar beets harvested in the U.S.



#### SUGARCANE HARVESTED FOR SUGAR

Sugarcane is harvested for sugar in only three States—Hawaii, Louisiana, and Florida. These are all tropical or subtropical areas, since sugarcane does best in a moist tropical climate. In acreage, Louisiana is the leading State with about three-fifths (61 percent) of the total acreage. Hawaii has 27 percent and Florida 12 percent of the total acreage. Although Hawaii has less than half as much acreage as Louisiana it produces nearly twice as much sugarcane. In Hawaii the yield in 1959 was 85 tons per acre, which is one of the highest yields reported anywhere in the world. In Florida the 1959 yield was 37 tons per acre and in Louisiana it was 22 tons per acre. Fertile volcanic soils in Hawaii, alluvial soils in Louisiana, and muck and peat soils in south Florida are used for sugarcane.



#### IRISH POTATOES

The acreage of Irish potatoes shown on the accompanying map is primarily for the commercial crop. Not included are the small acreages grown on many farms throughout the Northern States in particular. Idaho and Maine are leading States in the commercial production of potatoes; Idaho accounted for about one-sixth of the 1959 crop and Maine for about a tenth (11 percent) of the total. North Dakota and Minnesota are the next ranking States with 8 and 7 percent of the total crop respectively. California and New York also have nearly 7 percent each of the total crop. Colorado, Wisconsin, and Michigan are other important producers. Scattered areas of production are found in Pennsylvania, and a very concentrated area of production may be noted on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. In Florida, early potatoes are produced in the Hastings locality to be shipped north in advance of maturing of the crops in the leading commercial areas.