

Table 62. Extent of Contract Usage for Potatoes

(Based on 359 contracts reported. Producer's opinion of potatoes produced under contract)

	1977					1972					1967				
	Farms	Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV	Farms	Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV	Farms	Region I	Region II	Region III	Region IV
Total reporting.....	287	62	59	109	57	257	55	58	92	52	228	53	51	82	42
Percent of potatoes in area contracted:															
None.....	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	7	-	4	3	-
Under 25 percent.....	33	10	5	15	3	43	15	10	13	5	86	25	26	25	10
25 to 49 percent.....	69	25	15	24	5	89	29	22	31	7	68	20	10	26	12
50 to 74 percent.....	86	19	21	35	11	68	10	14	25	19	33	6	5	13	9
75 percent and over.....	99	8	18	35	38	55	1	11	22	21	34	2	6	15	11

Table 63. Operator Characteristics by Size of Operation for Potatoes

(Based on 359 contracts reported)

	Total	Acres of potatoes produced under contract in 1977					
		1 to 49 acres	50 to 99 acres	100 to 249 acres	250 to 499 acres	500 to 749 acres	750 acres and over
Years grown under contract:							
1 to 5 years.....	79	24	21	22	8	2	2
6 to 10 years.....	111	32	30	28	15	4	2
10 years and over.....	153	27	43	42	24	9	8
Type of organization:							
Individual.....	218	72	63	50	23	6	4
Partnership.....	77	10	21	26	17	2	1
Corporation.....	53	3	12	17	8	7	6
Other.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Value of products sold in 1977:							
Under \$10,000.....	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
\$10,000 to \$39,999.....	25	18	7	-	-	-	-
\$40,000 to \$99,999.....	95	41	39	14	1	-	-
\$100,000 to \$499,999.....	180	22	46	72	34	4	2
\$500,000 and over.....	44	-	4	5	14	11	10
Primary business of contractor:							
Seed company.....	16	2	7	3	4	-	-
Packer for fresh market.....	28	7	8	7	4	1	1
Processor.....	274	70	71	72	39	11	11
Other.....	31	5	10	11	2	3	-
Total reporting size of operation.....	356	86	99	94	50	15	12