



**FORM A**  
**POTATO YIELD SURVEY INITIAL INTERVIEW**  
**2018**



**NATIONAL**  
**AGRICULTURAL**  
**STATISTICS**  
**SERVICE**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Earlier this season you gave a representative from our office information about the potato acreage on your farming operation. We are now collecting information to help determine potato production in (*Your State*) and the United States.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your responses will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347 and other applicable Federal laws. For more information on how we protect your information please visit: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality>. Response is voluntary.

Respondent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**STARTING TIME**  
(Military Time)

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According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0535-0088. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

ACRES

1. Earlier this season, the number of potato acres you had **planted or intended to plant** on all the land you operate was .....

101 . ____
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DO NOT CHANGE

Now I need to locate all of your potato fields and obtain the acreage in each field. This will be used to randomly select one or more of your fields for objective yield observations.

- ▶ Draw each potato field on grid map.
- ▶ Number fields; north to south – west to east.
- ▶ Complete column 2 if required by your Survey Statistician.
- ▶ Record the VARIETY of potatoes planted in each field.
- ▶ Obtain acres actually PLANTED in each field.  
Exclude acres in roads, ditches, rock piles and other non-planted acres.
- ▶ Obtain acres for HARVEST in each field. Exclude acres already abandoned or otherwise not intended for harvest.
- ▶ Accumulate ACRES FOR HARVEST, field by field, to a total for the entire operation.

**TABLE A**

FIELD NUMBER	FO OPTIONAL USE	VARIETY	ACRES PLANTED	ACRES FOR HARVEST Cum. = Cumulative Total
1	2	3	4	5
1			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
2			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
3			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
4			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
5			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
6			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
7			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
8			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
9			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
10			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
11			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
12			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
13			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
14			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____
15			. ____	. ____
				Cum. . ____

**TABLE A – (continued)**

FIELD NUMBER	FO OPTIONAL USE	VARIETY	ACRES PLANTED	ACRES FOR HARVEST Cum. = Cumulative Total
1	2	3	4	5
16			. ____	. ____ Cum. . ____
17			. ____	. ____ Cum. . ____
18			. ____	. ____ Cum. . ____
19			. ____	. ____ Cum. . ____
20			. ____	. ____ Cum. . ____

a. The total acres of potatoes planted on the land you operate is .....

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2. The total potato acreage (column 5) for harvest on the land you operate is. . .

ACRES

103	. ____
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Is that right?  YES – Continue.  NO – Review all fields, correct table A and item 2.

IF ITEM 2 HAS { -- A ZERO entry – Return all forms.  
-- An Acreage entry – Make selection of sample field(s).

**TABLE B**

SELECTION OF SAMPLE FIELD(S) ON THIS FARM

Sample Number(s)	Selected Acre(s)	Selected Field Number(s)
	. ____	
	. ____	
	. ____	
	. ____	
	. ____	
	. ____	
	. ____	
	. ____	
	. ____	
	. ____	

- a. Select first field in Table A in which the cumulative harvested acres equals or exceeds the selected acre for sample as shown in Table B
- b. Enter selected field number in Table B.
- c. Circle selected sample field number in Table A. Enter field acreage (Column 5) in item 3.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Variety planted in sample field .....

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**Sum Planted Acres by Variety**

. ____	. ____	. ____	. ____	. ____	. ____
. ____	. ____	. ____	. ____	. ____	. ____

All questions on this page apply to the *SAMPLE FIELD ONLY*.

3. Acres of potatoes to be harvested in Sample Field Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Exclude acres planted to potatoes but not intended for harvest.) ..... **ACRES**

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4. On what date was planting completed in this potato field? ..... **MM DD**

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5. When do you expect to begin harvesting this field? (**Month / Day**) \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. When do you plan to top kill this field? (**Month / Day**) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have or will you enter this field for certified seed production?  
 **YES = 1**       **NO = 3** ..... **CODE**

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7. Has this field been (or will it be) irrigated?     **YES = 1**       **NO = 3** ..... **CODE**

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8. With your permission I will go out to the field to make observations and dig a few hills.  
 Would that be alright?  
 **YES** – Continue.    *If this is a gleaning sample, tell the operator,  
 “After harvest, I will also lay out two small plots to determine harvest loss.”*  
 **NO** – Conclude interview and return all forms.

9. Have you or will you apply pesticides with organophosphorus content to the sample field?  
 **YES**       **NO**       **DON'T KNOW**  
 If YES, enter latest application date \_\_\_\_\_ and name of pesticide \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING:**

- Review for completeness
- Record ending time and sign name.
- Copy answers in items 5, 6, 7, 9 and variety of sample field to the kit envelope.
- Record operators’  
     Telephone number.  
     Harvest date.  
     Pesticide intentions (Item 9)

Ending Time (Military Time)	172
Enumerator Number	190
Supervisor Number	191
Area Location Code (optional)	198
County (optional)	199
Evaluation	193
R. Unit	921

10. **Enumerator Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATUS CODE**

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