

## 2014 Seed Crop

Seed potato acreage was up in 2014 when compared to 2013 (Table 1). When comparing the crop from the past three years, the 2012 seed potato crop covered the most acres (114,828 acres). Most states either maintained the same number of acres, or increased their production. North Dakota had the largest increase in certified potato acres by 13.6%. Only Idaho and Michigan had fewer acres in 2014 compared to 2013. Yields are expected to be average or above average in 2014. This should provide sufficient seed for the 2015 growing season as long as there are no major storage problems.

Table 1. Certified seed potato acres from 2012, 2013, and 2014.

State	2012	2013	2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	
	----- Acres -----				%
Idaho	35,899	32,890	32,367	-523	-1.6
North Dakota	14,452	14,170	16,104	1,934	13.6
Colorado	13,834	9,737	10,995	1,258	12.9
Maine	11,445	10,754	10,861	107	1.0
Montana	10,427	10,129	10,195	66	0.7
Wisconsin	8,635	8,404	8,637	233	2.8
Nebraska	5,326	5,825	6,115	290	5.0
Minnesota	6,082	5,385	5,580	195	3.6
Washington	2,919	3,028	3,165	137	4.5
Oregon	2,708	2,545	2,964	419	16.5
Michigan	2,350	2,253	2,187	-66	-2.9
New York	751	617	617	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,828</b>	<b>105,737</b>	<b>109,787</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>3.8</b>