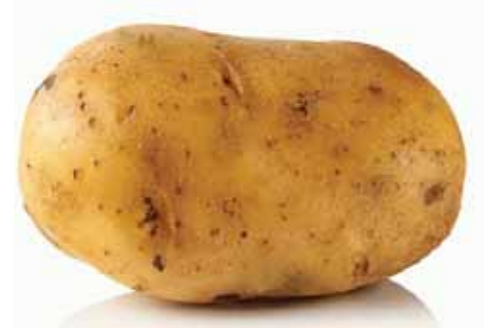


Potato production in Pakistan



Potato is grown in Pakistan on about 160,400 hectares distributed over eight different agro-ecological zones. 95% of the production is concentrated in Punjab and (KPK) Provinces. There are three seasons of potato cultivation, autumn, spring and summer.

The total production of potato in Pakistan was about 1.66 million tonnes in 2000-01 that increased to 3.14 million

tonnes in 2009-10. The production further increased from 3.49 million tonnes in 2010-11, to 3.55 million tonnes in 2011-12, which was the highest in the history of potato production in the country.

Potato produces high energy and nutritional value per unit area than wheat, rice and maize. Although potato production in Pakistan has increased many folds but it's per acre yield is still far

below than in other countries of the world.

The main potato producing districts are as follows:

Punjab: Okara, Sahiwal, Pakpattan, Sialkot, Kasur, Jhang & Lahore., **KPK:** Nowshera, Mardan, Swat, Dir & Mansehra. **Balochistan:** Killa Saifullah, Kalat & Pishin., **Sindh:** Khairpur & Shikarpur. ♦

Area of Potato cultivation (000' Hectares)

Year	Punjab	Sindh	KPK	Balochistan	Pakistan
2000-01	87.1	0.8	9.5	4.1	101.5
2001-02	91.7	0.4	9.4	3.7	105.2
2002-03	102.2	0.3	10.0	3.3	115.8
2003-04	97.1	0.4	9.4	2.8	109.7
2004-05	98.8	0.3	9.6	3.3	112.0
5 - Years' Ave:	95.4	0.4	9.6	3.4	108.8
2005-06	104.5	0.3	9.8	2.8	117.4
2006-07	120.7	0.3	9.6	2.8	133.4
2007-08	142.0	0.3	8.9	3.1	154.3
2008-09	133.2	0.4	9.1	2.3	145.0
2009-10	127.2	0.4	8.7	2.2	138.5
5 - Years' Ave	125.5	0.3	9.2	2.6	137.7
2010-11	148.1	0.4	8.9	2.0	159.4
2011-12	148.1	0.4	9.9	2.0	160.4

Source: Agriculture Statistics of Pakistan

Production of Potato ('000' Tonnes)

Year	Punjab	Sindh	KPK	Balochistan	Pakistan
2000-01	1479.7	7.5	118.9	59.6	1665.7
2001-02	1548.8	3.0	115.6	54.3	1721.7
2002-03	1761.9	2.5	133.7	48.2	1946.3
2003-04	1775.2	2.9	119.0	41.0	1938.1
2004-05	1849.8	2.5	125.1	47.5	2024.9
5 - Years' Ave:	1683.1	3.7	122.5	50.1	1859.3
2005-06	1389.6	2.6	134.2	41.5	1567.9
2006-07	2407.5	2.7	129.6	41.8	2581.6
2007-08	2387.5	2.6	117.2	31.7	2539.0
2008-09	2782.7	3.0	121.0	34.6	2941.3
2009-10	2990.9	3.3	113.7	33.5	3141.4
5 - Years' Ave	2391.6	2.8	123.1	36.6	2554.2
2010-11	3339.9	3.9	118.2	29.7	3491.7
2011-12	3396.5	4.0	119.0	31.0	3550.5

Source: Agriculture Statistics of Pakistan.