

# A SIZE GUIDE TO AMERICA'S FAVORITE POTATO



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# KNOWING THE PERFECT POTATO

Idaho's growing season of warm days and cool nights, ample mountain-fed irrigation, and rich volcanic soil give Idaho® potatoes their unique texture, taste, and dependable performance. High solids and low moisture content make Idaho® russet potatoes superior to those produced in other states.

#### KEEPING IT FRESH

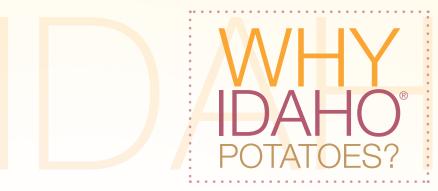
**STORAGE** To ensure maximum quality, store Idaho® potatoes under the following conditions:

- 45°-48°F (do not refrigerate)
- Dark (avoid fluorescent and natural light)
- Good air circulation
- Ideally, 95% humidity

**PERFORMANCE** Idaho® russet potatoes average 21% solids. To maintain the comforting, coveted flavor, and fluffy texture of an Idaho® potato, be sure not to store at temperatures below 42°F. Anything cooler than this causes the starches to convert to sugar, negatively affecting the performance and taste.

**RECONDITIONING** If it's been a while since your spuds have been in storage—specifically, if they've been stored under refrigeration for several weeks—it is possible to make those potatoes shine again! To recondition Idaho® potatoes, place them in a dark, well-ventilated room at 60° to 70°F for one to two weeks.

SKIP THE FOIL For the fluffiest, best-tasting Idaho® bakers, skip the foil and let the natural cover of the potato skin seal in the flavor. Foil wrapping is a great way to hold the heat in a baked potato for up to 45 minutes, so give them a wrap after baking them.







# SIZING AND PACKAGING MADE EASY

At harvest, Idaho® potatoes are carefully inspected and sorted. The pick of the crop are then sized, weighed, and packaged in convenient carton sizes. The most popular russet sizes are 100, 90, 80, and 70-count boxes. Each carton weighs 50 pounds. The potatoes on the back page are shown at actual size to help you determine the size of those you wish to order.

This wide range of available sizes offers you the versatility needed for ideal menu planning. Although your operation's needs may vary, favorite uses for the various sizes have been determined. Potatoes in the 5- to 6-ounce range are ideal for potato salads, soups and stews, hash browns, and diced or sautéed potatoes. Salad bars and side dishes seek spuds in the 7- to 9-ounce range.

The bigger sizes—10 to 12 ounces—can be hollowed out to make potato skins, served as baked potato side dishes, or topped for tasty lunchtime entrées. Potatoes weighing in at 13 ounces and above make a complete entrée when stuffed, or a hearty side dish for a full dinner. Specialty potatoes and fingerlings are suited for roasting, baking, frying, sautéing or boiling, or for making colorful potato salads.

Idaho® potato cartons or consumer bags contain No. 1 potatoes. In foodservice, the No. 2 russet potatoes are available in 50-pound burlap and paper bags. This offers a great economical option for fresh fries, fresh mashed, and any other use in which

the potatoes' original appearance is less important. Although different in appearance, No. 1 and No. 2 Idaho® potatoes are always consistent in taste and texture.

Be sure to look to Idaho® for all your processed potato needs, too! Ask your supplier about frozen, refrigerated, precut, precooked, and dehydrated products in a variety of styles and pack sizes.

# **DELICIOUS NUTRITION**

#### **Nutrition Facts**

Serving size 1 potato (148g/5.2oz)

## Amount per serving

110

Calories	<u> 110</u>				
% D	aily Value*				
Total Fat 0g	0%				
Saturated Fat 0g	0%				
Trans Fat 0g					
Cholesterol 0mg	0%				
Sodium 0mg	0%				
Total Carbohydrate 26g	9%				
Dietary Fiber 2g	7%				
Total Sugars 1g					
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%				
Protein 3g					
Vitamin D 0g	0%				
Calcium 20mg	2%				
Iron 1.1mg	6%				
Potassium 620mg	15%				
Vitamin C 27mg	30%				
Vitamin B <sub>6</sub> 0.2mg	10%				

<sup>\*</sup> The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.



Carton Size	Potatoes Per Carton		Russet Potato Size (ounces)														
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
120-count	114-126																
110-count	105-116																
100-count	95–105																
90-count	86-95																
80-count	76-84																
70-count	67–74																
60-count	57-63																
50-count	48-53																
40-count	38-42																

Most potatoes in the carton

Maximum size range





#### 100 count

## 110 count

## 120 count







## 80 count

## 90 count







#### 60 count

70 count









oz