

In the potato fields every day, Roger Hausamann and his family and harvesting crew can be found digging the crop as it reaches maturity.

Potato crop

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acres of potatoes and believes his early crop will be below average this year. The main problem for him

this year has been rainfall not enough for his crop to be as good as he'd like. Insects and diseases weren't a major worry this growing season, and now that he has started harvesting, he hopes the rains will hold off.

"When harvesting," Wolfe related, "Too much rain can be bad for a potato crop. The water gets into the potatoes and is stored there and then your crop won't store and keep as well."

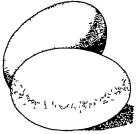
Wolfe isn't too pleased with the potato prices this year either. He explained potatoes, too.

that part of the problem is that more potatoes have been planted in the South which adds to the number harvested and the market just can't absorb all the crop.

The later variety potatoes Wolfe harvests will be better yielding, Wolfe hopes, because they have had a longer growing season and better growing conditions.

"Let's just hope that we don't get too much rain now in the harvest season", Wolfe restated. "Too much rain also delays the harvest which pushes into working in the colder weather and that always cuts down on the

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