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## **SEED POTATO STATISTICS SCOTLAND – GROWING CROP INSPECTIONS 2006**

Our statistics for seed potato crops inspected in Scotland for the 2006 growing season are now available in the SPCS Documents Section of this website.

The figures, as they stand, show that the area meeting inspection standards has decreased by approximately 470 ha to 10,171 ha. However, these figures do not include an area of some 450 ha of Estima which has passed inspection but still requires an assurance check by post harvest testing to confirm compliance with virus tolerances. Consequently, if this area is added to the final area, the total for the year will be almost identical to last year's 10,646 ha. The number of crops passing inspection this year is also very similar to last year.

The area of Maris Piper remained static and those of Desiree and Hermes have only decreased by around 100 ha each. However, these decreases have been offset by increases in other varieties such as King Edward 70 ha, Marfona 35ha and Winston 30 ha.

**If you wish to receive a notification of availability of “Entered and Passed Inspection” statistics by e-mail alert I would be grateful if you could supply your preferred e-mail address, to [christine.weir@sasa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:christine.weir@sasa.gsi.gov.uk)**

I hope you find these statistics helpful.

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