

State Irish Potato Festival of North Carolina: North Carolina Potato Festival

In 2009, the General Assembly named the North Carolina Potato Festival as the official Irish Potato Festival.

The North Carolina Potato Festival began in 1940 as the Albemarle Potato Festival. The first festival included a parade and the Potato Queen beauty pageant. It is now the largest festival in Northeastern North Carolina.

The potato is an important crop in Northeast North Carolina. Potatoes provide North Carolina up to \$16 million dollars in sales. The average American eats 142 pounds of potatoes every year.



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