



# Alaska Farm Reporter



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## ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of December 1, 2011 totaled 102,000 cwt. This was 76 percent of the total 2011 production of potatoes and compares with 117,000 cwt and 78 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2009 level for the December 1 stocks was 103,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for December 1 is 114,400 cwt.

Disappearance since October 1 was 23,000 cwt, compared with 23,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 24,600 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to December 1 totaled 32,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 33,000 cwt; the five year average is 42,400 cwt. The disappearance since October 1 reflects sales, shrinkage and waste, as well as losses caused after harvest.

Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purpose and uses, including seed potatoes that are not yet moved, and shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report.

**The 13 MAJOR POTATO STATES** held 250 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2011, up 4 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2011 fall storage States' production, one percentage point below December 1, 2010. Potato disappearance, at 129 million cwt, was 10 percent above December 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 13.5 million cwt, was up 6 percent from the same date in 2010. Processors in the 9 major States have used 73.0 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 17 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 13.4 million cwt of the total processing, up 68 percent from last year.

### ALASKA POTATO STOCKS – DECEMBER 1, 2011

Year	Stocks		Production	December 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production
	Dec. 1	Oct. 1		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----			-- Percent --
2011	102.0	125.0	134.0	76%
2010	117.0	140.0	150.0	78%
2009	103.0	125.0	137.0	75%
2008	92.0	123.0	135.0	68%

## ALASKA HOG & PIG INVENTORY

Alaska inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011 was 900 head. This was down 25 percent from December 1, 2010 and down 36 percent from December 1, 2009.

Breeding inventory at 200 head was unchanged from last year, and down 33% from 2009. Market hog inventory, at 700 head was down 30% from last year, and down 36% from 2009.

Alaska Hog & Pig Inventory (Number of Head)			
December 1	2011	2010	2009
Breeding	200	200	300
Market	700	1,000	1,100
Total Hogs	900	1,200	1,400

### UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Alaska Greenhouse & Nursery Conference, January 25 & 26, 2012  
Alyeska Resort, for more information please contact  
the Cooperative Extension Service at (907)745-3360

Alaska Peony Growers Conference, January 26 & 27, 2012  
Alyeska Resort. Information available at [www.alaskapeonies.org](http://www.alaskapeonies.org)

Sustainable Agriculture Conference, March 13 - 15, 2012  
Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge, for more Information  
please contact the Cooperative Extension Service at (907)474-1530