

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of January 1, 2008 totaled 114,000 cwt. This was 65 percent of the 2007 crop and compares with 123,000 cwt or 66 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2005 level for the January 1 stocks was 118,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for January 1 is 111,600 cwt.

Disappearance since December 1 was 13,000 cwt, compared with 10,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 13,400 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to January 1 totaled 62,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 63,000 cwt. The five year average is 58,600 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 238 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2008, up 5 percent from last year and 8 percent above January 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage account for 59 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 3.40 million cwt on January 1, 2008, unchanged from last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks.

Potato disappearance, at 163 million cwt, is down slightly from last year but up 6 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 16.0 million cwt, is down 1 percent from the same date in 2007 but 7 percent above 2 years ago. Processors in the 9 major States have used 87.7 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 4 percent from a year ago but 8 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 16.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year but 7 percent above the same date in 2006.

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Year	Stocks			Production	January 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production
	Jan. 1*	Dec. 1	Oct. 1		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----				-- Percent --
2007	114.0	127.0	150.0	176.0	65%
2006	123.0	133.0	157.0	186.0	66%
2005	118.0	129.0	145.0	166.0	71%

* following year

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