

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of February 1, 2008 totaled 103,000 cwt. This was 59 percent of the 2007 crop and compares with 112,000 cwt or 60 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2005 level for the February 1 stocks was 106,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for February 1 is 96,400 cwt.

Disappearance since January 1 was 11,000 cwt, the same as last year. The five year average for the same time period is 15,200 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to February 1 totaled 73,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 74,000 cwt. The five year average is 73,800 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 206 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2008, up 7 percent from last year and 9 percent above February 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 52 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.70 million cwt on February 1, 2008, up 4 percent from last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks.

Potato disappearance, at 194 million cwt, was down 1 percent from last year but up 5 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 18.0 million cwt, was down 2 percent from the same date in 2007 but 7 percent above 2006. Processors in the 9 major States have used 104 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 4 percent from the same time last year but 8 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 20.9 million cwt of the total processing, down 12 percent from last year but 9 percent above the same date in 2006.

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| Year | Stocks | | | | Production | February 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production |
|------|-----------------------|---------|--------|--------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| | Feb. 1* | Jan. 1* | Dec. 1 | Oct. 1 | | |
| | ----- 1,000 Cwt ----- | | | | | -- Percent -- |
| 2007 | 103.0 | 114.0 | 127.0 | 150.0 | 176.0 | 59% |
| 2006 | 112.0 | 123.0 | 133.0 | 157.0 | 186.0 | 60% |
| 2005 | 106.0 | 118.0 | 129.0 | 145.0 | 166.0 | 64% |

* following year

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