

# ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of March 1, 2008 totaled 85,000 cwt. This was 48 percent of the 2007 crop and compares with 99,000 cwt or 53 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2005 level for the March 1 stocks was 93,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for March 1 is 85,600 cwt.

Disappearance since February 1 was 18,000 cwt, compared with 13,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 10,800 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes since October 1 totaled 91,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 87,000 cwt. The five year average disappearance is 84,600 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 172 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2008, up 8 percent from last year and 10 percent above March 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 43 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.05 million cwt on March 1, 2008, down 7 percent from last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 228 million cwt, was down 1 percent from last year but up 4 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 19.7 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same date in 2007 but 7 percent above 2006. Processors in the 9 major States have used 123 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 3 percent from the same time last year but 8 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 25.2 million cwt of the total processing, down 10 percent from last year but 11 percent above the same date in 2006.

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**ALASKA POTATO STOCKS – MARCH 1, 2008**

	STOCKS			PRODUCTION	Mar. 1 Stocks as Percent of Production
	MAR. 1*	FEB. 1*	JAN. 1*		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----				-- Percent --
2007	85.0	103.0	114.0	176.0	48%
2006	99.0	112.0	123.0	186.0	53%
2005	93.0	106.0	118.0	166.0	56%

\*Following year

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