

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of April 1, 2008 totaled 75,000 cwt. This was 43 percent of the 2007 crop and compares with 87,000 cwt or 47 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2006 level for the April 1 stocks was 80,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for April 1 is 72,800 cwt.

Disappearance since March 1 was 10,000 cwt, compared with 12,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 12,800 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes since October 1 totaled 101,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 99,000 cwt. The five year average disappearance is 97,400 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 130 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2008, up 8 percent from a year ago and 12 percent above April 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 33 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from April 1, 2007. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 1.15 million cwt on April 1, 2008, down 18 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 270 million cwt, was 1 percent above April 1, 2007 and up 4 percent from 2006. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 21.6 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same date in 2007 but up 7 percent from 2006. Processors in the 9 major States have used 144 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 1 percent from the same period last year but up 9 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 29.3 million cwt of the total processing, down 9 percent from last year but 10 percent above the same period in 2006.

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	STOCKS			PRODUCTION	Apr. 1 Stocks as Percent of Production
	APR. 1*	MAR. 1*	FEB. 1*		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----				-- Percent --
2007	75.0	85.0	103.0	176.0	43%
2006	87.0	99.0	112.0	186.0	47%
2005	80.0	93.0	106.0	166.0	48%

*Following year

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