

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of May 1, 2008 totaled 60,000 cwt. This was 34 percent of the 2007 crop and compares with 73,000 cwt or 39 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2006 level for the May 1 stocks was 61,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for May 1 is 54,800 cwt.

Disappearance since April 1 was 15,000 cwt, compared with 14,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 18,000 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes since October 1 totaled 116,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 113,000 cwt. The five year average disappearance is 115,400 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 92.7 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2008, up 17 percent from a year ago and 22 percent above May 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 23 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 570 thousand cwt on May 1, 2008, down 5 percent from last year. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Disappearance from the start of harvest to May 1 was at 307 million cwt, 1 percent below last year but up 3 percent from 2006. Shrink and loss, at 23.4 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same period in 2007 but up 6 percent from 2006. Processors have used 158 million cwt of the 2007 potato crop so far this season, down 3 percent from last year's season-to-date usage but up 6 percent from 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon total processing decreased 1 percent from a year ago and Maine's total processing was 3 percent below 2007. Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing was 4 percent lower than last season. Dehydrating usage accounted for 33.4 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year but 11 percent above the same period in 2006.

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	STOCKS			PRODUCTION	May 1 Stocks as Percent of Production
	MAY 1*	APR. 1*	MAR. 1*		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----				-- Percent --
2007	60.0	75.0	85.0	176.0	34%
2006	73.0	87.0	99.0	186.0	39%
2005	61.0	80.0	93.0	166.0	37%

*Following year

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