

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of June 1, 2008 totaled 38,000 cwt. This was 22 percent of the 2007 crop and compares with 45,000 cwt or 24 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2006 level for the June 1 stocks was 32,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for June 1 is 28,800 cwt.

Disappearance since May 1 was 22,000 cwt, compared with 28,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 26,000 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes since October 1 totaled 138,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 141,000 cwt. The five year average disappearance is 141,400 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 58.4 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2008, up 31 percent from a year ago and 40 percent above June 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 15 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from last year. Disappearance from the start of harvest to June 1 was at 342 million cwt, 1 percent below last year but up 3 percent from 2006. Shrink and loss, at 24.6 million cwt, was down 4 percent from the same period in 2007 but up 4 percent from 2006. Processors have used 176 million cwt of the 2007 potato crop so far this season, down 3 percent from last year's season-to-date usage but up 5 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 37.5 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year but 10 percent above the same period in 2006.

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	STOCKS			PRODUCTION	June 1 Stocks as Percent of Production
	JUN 1*	MAY. 1*	APR. 1*		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----				-- Percent --
2007	38.0	60.0	75.0	176.0	22%
2006	45.0	73.0	87.0	186.0	24%
2005	32.0	61.0	80.0	166.0	19%

*Following year

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