



Potato Stocks Report

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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of December 1, 2011 totaled 102,000 cwt. This was 76 percent of the total 2011 production of potatoes and compares with 117,000 cwt and 78 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2009 level for the December 1 stocks was 103,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for December 1 is 114,400 cwt.

Disappearance since October 1 was 23,000 cwt, compared with 23,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 24,600 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to December 1 totaled 32,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 33,000 cwt; the five year average is 42,400 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 250 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2011, up 4 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2011 fall storage States' production, one percentage point below December 1, 2010. Potato disappearance, at 129 million cwt, was 10 percent above December 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 13.5 million cwt, was up 6 percent from the same date in 2010. Processors in the 9 major States have used 73.0 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 17 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 13.4 million cwt of the total processing, up 68 percent from last year.

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS – DECEMBER 1, 2011

Year	Stocks		Production	December 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production
	Dec. 1	Oct. 1		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----			-- Percent --
2011	102.0	125.0	134.0	76%
2010	117.0	140.0	150.0	78%
2009	103.0	125.0	137.0	75%
2008	92.0	123.0	135.0	68%

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