

# ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of December 1, 2007 totaled 127,000 cwt. This was 72 percent of the total 2007 production of potatoes crop and compares with 133,000 cwt and 72 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2005 level for the December 1 stocks was 129,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for December 1 is 125,000 cwt.

Disappearance since October 1 was 23,000 cwt, compared with 24,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 22,600 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to December 1 totaled 49,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 53,000 cwt; the five year average is 45,200 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 270 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2007, up 4 percent from last year and 6 percent above December 1, 2005. Potatoes in storage account for 68 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 4.20 million cwt on December 1, 2007, up 5 percent from last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 130 million cwt, is virtually unchanged from last year but up 8 percent from 2005. Season to date shrink and loss, at 13.9 million cwt, is up 5 percent from 2006 and 9 percent above 2 years ago. Processors in the 9 major States have used 72.0 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 3 percent from a year ago but 10 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 12.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year but 7 percent above the same date in 2005.

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Year	Stocks		Production	December 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production
	Dec. 1	Oct. 1		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----			-- Percent --
2007	127.0	150.0	176.0	72%
2006	133.0	157.0	186.0	72%
2005	129.0	145.0	166.0	78%

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