



FIELD CROPS

POTATO STOCKS

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POTATO STOCKS RECORD HIGH, UP 13 PERCENT

February 1, 2001 potato stocks totaled a record high 235 million cwt, up 13 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set in February 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 51 percent of the fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. Stocks by type were 2 percent reds, 9 percent round whites, 3 percent long white, and 86 percent russets, with more reds but fewer round whites than a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1 was a record high 227 million cwt. This disappearance was up 6 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season. January disappearance of 37.9 million cwt was also record high for the month. Shrink and loss to this point in the season was 27.9 million cwt, up 21 percent from last year and 23 percent above two years ago. This disappearance and loss includes potatoes diverted and destroyed by growers under a cooperative program to reduce surpluses.

Processing of 2000 crop potatoes totaled a record high 113 million cwt to February 1, up 4 percent from the 1999 crop and less than 1 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season for comparable States. In January, processors used 17.5 million cwt of potatoes, up 10 percent from a year ago for

comparable States. Revisions in processing data places December usage at 16.5 million cwt instead of the 18.5 million previously reported.

Eastern States stored 13.2 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, 2001, down 7 percent from a year ago but 2 percent above two years ago. Maine's holdings were down 4 percent and New York's stocks were off 28 percent from last year. Pennsylvania's storage was down 5 percent from a year ago.

Central States accounted for 48.0 million cwt of potato stocks this February 1, 12 percent above 2000 and slightly above 1999. Minnesota's stocks were up 55 percent and Nebraska's were up 29 percent. Stocks in North Dakota were up 21 percent and Ohio was up 50 percent from last year. Wisconsin's and Michigan's potato stocks were each down 10 percent from a year ago.

Western States held 174 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, 2001, up 16 percent from last year and 17 percent above 1999. Washington's potato stocks were up 34 percent from a year ago, while Idaho's stocks were up 13 percent, and Oregon's were up 10 percent. Colorado was equal to last year and Montana was up 5 percent. California's potato stocks were down 23 percent from a year ago.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on February 1, 2000 and 2001

State	Crop of 1999			Crop of 2000		
	Production 1,000 cwt	Stocks Feb 1,2000	Percent of production	Production 1,000 cwt	Stocks Feb 1,2001	February as percent of production
California	4,005	2,200	55	3,741	1,700	45
Colorado	25,762	15,100	59	27,972	15,100	54
Idaho	133,330	76,500	57	152,320	86,500	57
Maine	17,813	11,300	63	17,920	10,900	61
Michigan	14,963	5,800	39	14,963	5,200	35
Minnesota	18,020	7,500	42	21,240	11,600	55
Montana	3,325	3,000	90	3,503	3,150	90
Nebraska	8,904	3,250	37	10,127	4,200	41
New York	6,758	1,800	27	5,964	1,300	22
North Dakota	26,400	11,000	42	26,950	13,300	49
Ohio	987	100	10	1,134	150	13
Oregon	28,020	18,600	66	30,683	20,500	67
Pennsylvania	3,080	1,000	32	3,510	950	27
Washington	95,200	35,000	37	108,000	47,000	44
Wisconsin	34,000	15,000	44	33,800	13,500	40
Total 15 States	420,567	207,150	49	461,827	235,050	51

POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, nine States, 1997 through 2000 ^{1/}

State	Crop year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1 ^{2/}	Entire season
1,000 cwt									
Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon	1997	26,880	33,950	41,050	49,470	57,620	65,750		91,450
	1998	27,510	34,700	42,670	51,210	60,040	68,550	76,410	92,860
	1999	27,970	34,490	40,790	49,220	57,820	66,080	74,110	88,210
	2000	29,290	35,720	43,470					
Maine ^{3/}	1997	1,250	1,720	2,265	2,735	3,355	3,900		5,870
	1998	1,430	1,935	2,530	2,985	3,595	4,180	4,705	5,945
	1999	1,270	1,700	2,385	3,070	3,765	4,560	5,150	6,670
	2000	1,845	2,475	3,105					
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	1997	28,580	33,990	38,690	46,400	53,720	59,780		76,930
	1998	33,630	38,890	45,650	53,290	60,930	67,180	74,190	83,730
	1999	33,320	39,620	45,500	53,350	61,080	67,230	74,840	83,210
	2000	34,770	40,970	47,720					
Other States ^{4/}	1997	11,645	13,960	17,115	19,905	23,515	26,365		37,842
	1998	11,570	14,465	18,030	20,850	24,850	28,190	31,365	39,865
	1999	12,455	15,035	17,950	20,855	24,305	27,220	30,410	36,435
	2000 ^{5/}	12,650	15,860	18,255					
Total	1997	68,355	83,620	99,120	118,510	138,210	155,795		212,092
	1998	74,140	89,990	108,880	128,335	149,415	168,100	186,670	222,400
	1999	75,015	90,845	106,625	126,495	146,970	165,090	184,510	214,525
	2000 ^{5/}	78,555	95,025	112,550					

^{1/} Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI. ^{2/} Data not available prior to 1998. ^{3/} Includes Maine grown potatoes only. ^{4/} MN, ND, NV, SD, and WI in 2000. MI, MN, ND, and WI in 1997-1999. ^{5/} January 1 data revised.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1991 through 2000

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 ^{1/}
1,000 Cwt								
1991	363,541	242,070	211,005	178,515	145,820	108,865	69,110	
1992	368,516	246,820	215,990	184,560	152,795	115,785	75,040	
1993	376,954	249,410	217,300	185,490	153,435	115,170	72,860	
1994	410,839	273,290	238,560	202,470	169,570	129,825	87,600	
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	461,827	309,520	272,960	235,050				

^{1/} Data not available prior to 1998.