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POTATO STOCKS



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POTATO STOCKS UP 1 PERCENT

The 15 major potato storage States held 267 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, 2003, up 1 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2001. Storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Stocks by type were 4 percent red, 12 percent round white, 3 percent long white (Shepody), and 81 percent russet, with more reds and round whites and fewer russets than a year ago.

Disappearance of 137 million cwt from the start of harvest to December 1, is down 4 percent from the same period last year but 7 percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 14.7 million cwt, is down 5 percent from last year but unchanged from two years ago.

Processors used 70.7 million cwt of 2003 crop potatoes so far this season, down 8 percent from a year ago but 8 percent above two years ago. Idaho and Malheur processing decreased 14 percent while Washington and the rest of Oregon processed 4 percent less 2003 crop potatoes than a year ago. Dehydrators used 14.3 million cwt to date, down 9 percent from last year.

Western States held 179 million cwt of potatoes in storage on December 1, down 4 percent from last year but up 1 percent from two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 7 percent from last year and Colorado's stocks are down 13 percent. California's stocks decreased 18 percent from last year but Oregon's stocks increased by 3 percent. Washington's sheds stored 2 percent more than last year and Montana's stocks are up 3 percent.

Central States accounted for 69.8 million cwt of potato stocks this December, up 13 percent from last year and 8 percent above two years ago. North Dakota's stocks gained 21 percent, Ohio jumped 206 percent, Michigan went up 6 percent and Wisconsin increased 3 percent from last year's level. Minnesota's stocks are 17 percent above last year and Nebraska's storages hold 22 percent more than in 2002.

Eastern States stored 18.7 million cwt of potatoes in December 1, up 14 percent from both of the last two years. Maine's stocks were up 7 percent, New York's gained 25 percent, and Pennsylvania stocks increased 57 percent.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on December 1, 2002 and 2003 ^{1/}

| State | Crop of 2002 | | | Crop of 2003 | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| | Production | Stocks Dec 1, 2002 | Percent of production | Production | Stocks Dec 1, 2003 | December as percent of production |
| | 1,000 cwt | | Percent | 1,000 cwt | | Percent |
| California | 4,264 | 3,300 | 77 | 3,444 | 2,700 | 78 |
| Colorado | 27,885 | 20,500 | 74 | 23,652 | 17,800 | 75 |
| Idaho | 133,385 | 92,000 | 69 | 123,180 | 86,000 | 70 |
| Maine | 16,960 | 12,600 | 74 | 17,030 | 13,500 | 79 |
| Michigan | 13,878 | 7,900 | 57 | 15,015 | 8,400 | 56 |
| Minnesota | 18,700 | 12,000 | 64 | 22,330 | 14,000 | 63 |
| Montana | 3,224 | 3,100 | 96 | 3,392 | 3,200 | 94 |
| Nebraska | 8,611 | 5,500 | 64 | 9,660 | 6,700 | 69 |
| New York | 5,500 | 2,400 | 44 | 6,510 | 3,000 | 46 |
| North Dakota | 23,460 | 16,000 | 68 | 26,880 | 19,400 | 72 |
| Ohio | 903 | 85 | 9 | 1,290 | 260 | 20 |
| Oregon | 24,936 | 17,500 | 70 | 20,991 | 18,000 | 86 |
| Pennsylvania | 2,590 | 1,400 | 54 | 3,915 | 2,200 | 56 |
| Washington | 92,400 | 50,000 | 54 | 93,150 | 51,000 | 55 |
| Wisconsin | 31,125 | 20,300 | 65 | 34,020 | 21,000 | 62 |
| Total 15 States | 407,821 | 264,585 | 65 | 404,459 | 267,160 | 66 |

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2001-2003 ^{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 | Entire season |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| 1,000 cwt | | | | | | | | | |
| Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon | 2001 | 20,940 | 27,330 | 33,620 | 40,860 | 47,710 | 54,150 | 61,200 | 73,390 |
| | 2002 | 28,380 | 34,860 | 41,200 | 48,600 | 56,240 | 63,840 | 71,280 | 85,390 |
| | 2003 | 24,310 | | | | | | | |
| Maine ^{2/} | 2001 | 1,975 | 2,440 | 3,110 | 3,700 | 4,285 | 4,775 | 5,515 | 7,195 |
| | 2002 | 2,230 | 2,715 | 3,345 | 3,905 | 4,505 | 5,225 | 5,905 | 7,835 |
| | 2003 | 1,585 | | | | | | | |
| Washington and Other areas, Oregon | 2001 | 29,320 | 35,310 | 40,540 | 47,910 | 54,970 | 61,360 | 69,400 | 77,180 |
| | 2002 | 33,680 | 39,490 | 44,190 | 51,920 | 58,710 | 64,300 | 71,480 | 79,110 |
| | 2003 | 32,240 | | | | | | | |
| Other States ^{3/} | 2001 | 13,170 | 14,925 | 19,000 | 22,115 | 24,655 | 27,815 | 30,460 | 37,740 |
| | 2002 | 12,190 | 14,865 | 17,865 | 20,740 | 23,580 | 26,000 | 29,075 | 36,705 |
| | 2003 | 12,570 | | | | | | | |
| Total | 2001 | 65,405 | 80,005 | 96,270 | 114,585 | 131,620 | 148,100 | 166,575 | 195,505 |
| | 2002 | 76,480 | 91,930 | 106,600 | 125,165 | 143,035 | 159,365 | 177,740 | 209,040 |
| | 2003 | 70,705 | | | | | | | |
| Dehydrated ^{4/} | 2001 ^{5/} | | | | | | | | 38,581 |
| | 2002 | 15,670 | 19,660 | 23,710 | 27,950 | 31,910 | 36,105 | 40,455 | 48,943 |
| | 2003 | 14,250 | | | | | | | |

^{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, CO, MI, and WI.

^{2/} Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

^{3/} MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI in 2001. CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI in 2002 and 2003.

^{4/} Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

^{5/} No monthly data available.