

FLORIDA Field Crops

Stocks

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The 13 major potato States held 253 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2005, down 6 percent from last year and 5 percent below December 1, 2003, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 68 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent red, 12 percent round white, 2 percent long white (Shepody), and 83 percent russets, with fewer long whites and more round whites and russets than a year ago for comparable States.

Disappearance of 120 million cwt from the start of harvest to December 1, is down 8 percent from last year and 10 percent below 2 years ago for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 14.0 million cwt, is down 9 percent from last year and 6 percent below the same date in 2003 for comparable States.

Processors have used 65.9 million cwt of 2005 crop potatoes so far this season, down 7 percent from a year ago and 9 percent below 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, total processing decreased 7 percent from a year ago and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing dropped 6 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 12.2 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year and 14 percent below the same date in 2003.

Western States held 176 million cwt of potatoes in storage on December 1, down 5 percent from last year and 1 percent below 2 years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 10 percent from last year, Colorado's potato sheds stored 9 percent less than in 2004, stocks in Montana are 6 percent below last season, and California's stocks decreased 47 percent from last year. Oregon's potato stocks are up 12 percent from last year and Washington's potato sheds stored 4 percent more than last season.

Central States accounted for 61.2 million cwt of potato stocks on December 1, down 9 percent from last year and 14 percent below 2 years ago for comparable States. Wisconsin's potato stocks are down 2 percent from last year, North Dakota's potato sheds are 29 percent below last season, and Nebraska's stocks decreased 10 percent from December 1, 2004. Michigan and Minnesota's potato sheds both stored 4 percent more than last year.

Eastern States stored 16.0 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, down 8 percent from last year and 1 percent below 2 years ago for comparable States. Maine's potato sheds hold 14 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks increased 35 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on December 1, 2004 and 2005^{1/}

State	Crop of 2004			Crop of 2005		
	Production	Stocks Dec 1, 2004	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Dec 1, 2005	December as percent of production
	1,000 cwt	1,000 cwt	Percent	1,000 cwt	1,000 cwt	Percent
California	3,648	3,000	82	3,240	1,600	49
Colorado	23,791	18,000	76	22,292	16,300	73
Idaho	131,970	93,500	71	116,975	84,000	72
Maine	19,065	15,000	79	15,820	12,900	82
Michigan	13,650	8,000	59	13,920	8,300	60
Minnesota	18,920	13,000	69	17,630	13,500	77
Montana	3,551	3,500	99	3,434	3,300	96
Nebraska	9,288	6,300	68	8,106	5,700	70
New York	5,184	2,300	44	5,226	3,100	59
North Dakota	26,765	19,600	73	20,500	14,000	68
Ohio ^{2/}	1,080	200	19			
Oregon	19,775	17,000	86	22,023	19,000	86
Pennsylvania ^{2/}	2,640	1,600	61			
Washington	93,810	50,000	53	95,480	52,000	54
Wisconsin	30,450	20,100	66	29,050	19,700	68
Total 15 States	403,587	271,100	67	373,696	253,400	68

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt. ^{2/} Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.



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POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2003-2005^{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
		<i>1,000 cwt</i>							
Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon	2003	24,310	30,730	36,260	43,640	49,570	56,380	63,770	77,530
	2004	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005	22,590							
Maine ^{2/}	2003	1,590	2,085	2,720	3,420	4,095	4,740	5,400	7,270
	2004	1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005	1,280							
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	2003	32,670	38,520	43,610	51,210	58,500	64,160	72,350	79,800
	2004	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	2005	30,340							
Other States ^{3/}	2003	13,835	16,505	19,590	22,685	25,920	29,480	32,845	42,160
	2004	12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005	11,715							
Total	2003	72,405	87,840	102,180	120,955	138,085	154,760	174,365	206,760
	2004	70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	2005	65,925							
Dehydrated ^{4/}	2003	14,250	18,440	22,050	26,090	30,290	34,630	39,070	47,750
	2004	14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
	2005	12,200							

^{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/} Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

^{3/} CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

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