



# FIELD CROPS

## POTATO STOCKS

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### MARCH POTATO STOCKS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The 13 major potato States held 153 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2007, down 1 percent from last year and 8 percent below March 1, 2005, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 40 percent of the 2006 fall storage States' production, down 2 percentage points from last year. Klamath Basin stocks were added to the potato stocks program starting with December 2006 and total 2.20 million cwt on March 1, 2007. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks.

Disappearance of 229 million cwt from the start of harvest to March 1, is up 5 percent from last year. Shrink and loss, at 20.1 million cwt, is up 9 percent from the previous year.

Processors have used 125 million cwt of 2006 crop potatoes so far this season, up 9 percent from a year ago and 5 percent above 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon total processing increased 10 percent from a year ago, Maine's total processing was 12 percent above the same date in 2006, and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing was up 3 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 25.6 million cwt of the total processing, up 12 percent from last year but 2 percent below the same date in 2005.

Western States held 107 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, down 7 percent from last year. Idaho's potato stocks are down 4 percent from last year, Washington's potato sheds held 12 percent less than last year, Oregon's stocks declined 16 percent from last season, and potato stocks in Montana are down 6 percent from 2006. Colorado potato sheds held 1 percent more stocks than last year and California's potato stocks increased 33 percent from last season. Central States accounted for 35.2 million cwt of potato stocks on March 1, up 15 percent from last year. Wisconsin's potato stocks increased 11 percent from last year, North Dakota's sheds held 32 percent more, Minnesota stocks are up 11 percent, and potato stocks in Michigan are 13 percent above last season. Nebraska's potato stocks are unchanged from the same date in 2006.

Eastern States stored 10.8 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, up 13 percent from last year. Maine's potato sheds held 19 percent more than last year, while New York's potato stocks declined 33 percent from a year ago.

### FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on March 1, 2006 and 2007<sup>1/</sup>

State	Crop of 2005			Crop of 2006		
	Production	Stocks Mar 1, 2006	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Mar 1, 2007	Percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	3,306	900	27	3,783	1,200	32
Colorado	22,910	11,200	49	22,686	11,300	50
Idaho	118,288	56,000	47	121,820	53,500	44
Maine	15,455	8,400	54	18,270	10,000	55
Michigan	13,910	3,100	22	14,190	3,500	25
Minnesota	17,630	7,100	40	20,400	7,900	39
Montana	3,445	3,200	93	3,518	3,000	85
Nebraska	8,245	3,300	40	8,633	3,300	38
New York	5,226	1,200	23	5,700	800	14
North Dakota	20,500	7,200	35	25,480	9,500	37
Oregon	22,023	11,500	52	18,533	9,700	52
Washington	95,480	32,500	34	89,900	28,500	32
Wisconsin	27,880	9,900	36	29,370	11,000	37
Total 13 States	374,298	155,500	42	382,283	153,200	40
Klamath Basin <sup>2/</sup>					2,200	

<sup>1/</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2006 totaled 25.6 million cwt.

<sup>2/</sup> Estimates began in December 2006. Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. OR.

**POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2004-2006<sup>1/</sup>**

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	2004	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005	22,840	29,300	35,970	43,300	50,820	57,830	65,030	77,360
	2006	26,130	32,810	40,100	47,730				
Maine <sup>2/</sup>	2004	1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005	1,365	1,880	2,485	3,090	3,800	4,450	5,130	6,825
	2006	1,755	2,360	2,910	3,465				
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	2004	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	2005	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,885	69,360	78,550
	2006	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930				
Other States <sup>3/</sup>	2004	12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005	11,055	14,070	17,005	19,895	22,520	25,270	27,740	35,535
	2006	13,465	16,905	20,450	23,835				
Total	2004	70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	2005	65,570	81,145	96,005	114,575	132,460	149,405	167,260	198,270
	2006	72,330	89,135	105,650	124,960				
Dehydrated <sup>4/</sup>	2004	14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,810
	2005	11,920	15,655	19,225	22,765	26,605	30,065	34,130	41,625
	2006	12,860	17,130	21,270	25,550				

<sup>1/</sup> 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 and WI.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

<sup>3/</sup> CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

<sup>4/</sup> Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

**FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1997 through 2006**

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 <sup>1/</sup>
		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>						
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	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 <sup>2/</sup>	374,298	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006 <sup>2/</sup>	382,283	252,200	220,000	187,800	153,200			

<sup>1/</sup> Data not available prior to 1998.

<sup>2/</sup> Thirteen major States.