



# Idaho Potatoes

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## December Potato Processing in Idaho and Malheur County Up 1 Percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 7.03 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes during December, up 1 percent from December 2006. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 33.3 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes to January 1, down 2.4 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 27.8 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 5.49 million cwt were produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 87.7 million cwt of 2007 crop potatoes this season, down 4 percent from a year ago but 8 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 16.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year but 7 percent above the same date two years ago.

### Potatoes Used For Processing, Selected States, 2005 - 2007 Crops 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUNE 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
ID & Malheur Co, OR All Potatoes	2005-06	8,410	15,870	22,840	29,300	35,970	43,300	50,820	57,830	65,030	77,360
	2006-07	11,640	19,730	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
	2007-08	10,860	18,650	26,230	33,260						
IDAHO Potatoes	2005-06	5,580	11,880	18,200	24,430	30,810	37,870	44,960	51,140	57,610	69,170
	2006-07	8,370	15,690	22,870	29,550	36,430	43,750	50,990	57,240	64,560	78,510
	2007-08	6,760	13,460	20,900	27,770						
Maine 2/ 3/	2005-06			1,365	1,880	2,485	3,090	3,800	4,450	5,130	6,825
	2006-07			1,755	2,360	2,910	3,465	4,185	4,810	5,470	7,560
	2007-08			1,700	2,170						
WA & Other Area, OR	2005-06	16,620	23,645	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855	69,360	78,550
	2006-07	16,930	23,845	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
	2007-08	15,060	22,305	28,995	34,675						
Other States 3/ 4/	2005-06			11,055	14,070	17,005	19,895	22,520	25,270	27,740	35,535
	2006-07			14,270	17,695	21,290	24,545	28,040	31,370	34,830	43,315
	2007-08			15,040	17,560						
TOTAL 3/	2005-06			65,570	81,145	96,005	114,575	132,460	149,405	167,260	198,270
	2006-07			74,095	91,185	107,740	126,880	145,565	163,030	181,930	213,860
	2007-08			71,965	87,665						
DEHYDRATED 5/	2005-06			11,920	15,655	19,225	22,765	26,605	30,065	34,130	41,625
	2006-07			14,590	19,250	23,635	27,885	32,210	36,480	40,915	49,370
	2007-08			12,660	16,680						

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 and WI. 2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. 3/ Processing to December 1 revised. 4/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. 5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

## Idaho Potato Stocks Up 5 Percent From Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on January 1 totaled 84.0 million cwt, 4.00 million cwt more than on hand January 1, 2007. Disappearance, at 47.7 million cwt is down from last year's 48.9 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 4.20 million cwt, up from last year's 4.00 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 79.8 million cwt, were up from the 76.0 million cwt stored on January 1, 2007.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 238 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2008, up 5 percent from last year and 8 percent above January 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage account for 59 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Potato disappearance, at 163 million cwt, is down slightly from last year but up 6 percent from two years ago. Season to date shrink and loss, at 16.0 million cwt, is down 1 percent from 2007 but 7 percent above 2 years ago.

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**Potato Stocks (continued)**

Western States held 172 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, up 10 percent from last year and 9 percent above 2006. Washington's potato sheds held 27 percent more than last year, and Oregon's stocks increased 16 percent from last season. Montana's potato sheds held 6 percent more stocks than last year and California's potato stocks increased 7 percent from last season. Colorado's potato stocks declined 13 percent from last year.

Central States accounted for 51.9 million cwt of potato stocks on January 1, down 5 percent from last year but 6 percent above the same date in 2006. Wisconsin's potato stocks declined 5 percent from last year, North Dakota's sheds held 17 percent less, and potato stocks in Minnesota are 1 percent below last season. Nebraska's potato stocks decreased 8 percent from the same date in 2007. Michigan's potato sheds held 17 percent more than a year ago.

Eastern States stored 13.2 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, down 12 percent from last year and 1 percent below January 1, 2007. Maine's potato sheds held 12 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks declined 14 percent from a year ago.

**Fall Potatoes Production & Stocks, Crop Years 2002-2007, Idaho & 13 Fall States Total 1/ 2/**

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
<i>1,000 Cwt</i>								
IDAHO								
2002	133,385	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000	34,500	21,000
2003	123,180	86,000	76,500	67,000	58,000	46,000	33,000	19,500
2004	131,970	93,500	84,500	75,000	64,000	52,000	38,500	24,000
2005	118,288	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,000	43,500	31,000	18,500
2006	128,915	90,000	80,000	70,000	59,500	46,500	33,000	21,000
2007	131,650	94,000	84,000					
13 States 1/								
2002 2/	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003 2/	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 2/	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	374,298	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,272	259,300	226,100	192,600	159,700	121,000	79,050	44,460
2007 3/	400,085	270,100	237,500					

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states. 2/ 15 states prior to 2005. 3/ December 1, 2007, stocks revised.

**Production And Total Stocks Of Fall Potatoes Held By Growers, Processors And Local Dealers On January 1, 2007 And January 1, 2008 1/**

STATE	CROP OF 2006			CROP OF 2007			
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2007	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2007	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2008	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>			<i>Percent</i>			
				<i>1,000 Cwt</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	3,870	1,500	39	4,223	2,000	1,600	38
Colorado	22,686	15,200	67	20,981	15,200	13,200	63
Idaho	128,915	80,000	62	131,650	94,000	84,000	64
Maine	17,980	12,800	71	16,530	12,700	11,300	68
Michigan	14,190	6,300	44	14,700	9,500	7,400	50
Minnesota	20,400	11,600	57	20,680	13,500	11,500	56
Montana	3,518	3,300	94	3,696	3,600	3,500	95
Nebraska 2/	8,730	4,900	56	8,051	5,300	4,500	56
New York	5,700	2,200	39	5,216	2,800	1,900	36
N. Dakota	25,480	15,000	59	23,660	14,500	12,500	53
Oregon	18,533	13,900	75	20,238	18,000	16,100	80
Washington	89,900	42,500	47	102,300	60,000	54,000	53
Wisconsin	29,370	16,900	58	28,160	19,000	16,000	57
13 STATES 2/	389,272	226,100	58	400,085	270,100	237,500	59
Klamath Basin 3/		3,400			4,200	3,400	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2007 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

2/ December 1, 2007, stocks revised.

3/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR.