



Idaho Potatoes

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January Potato Processing in Idaho and Malheur County Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 6.96 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes during January, down 4 percent from January 2007. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 40.2 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes to February 1, down 2.7 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 34.3 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 5.90 million cwt were produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 104 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 20.9 million cwt of the total processing, down 12 percent from last year but 9 percent above the same date in 2006.

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	40,220					
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	34,320					
Maine 2/	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	2,815					
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	39,700					
Other States 3/	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	20,790					
TOTAL	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	103,525					
DEHYDRATED 4/	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	20,865					

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/ 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.

Idaho Potato Stocks Up 6 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on February 1 totaled 74.0 million cwt, 4.00 million cwt more than on hand February 1, 2007. Disappearance, at 57.7 million cwt is down from last year's 58.9 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 3.60 million cwt, up from last year's 3.40 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 70.4 million cwt, were up from the 66.6 million cwt stored on February 1, 2007.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 206 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2008, up 7 percent from last year and 9 percent above February 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage account for 52 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from last year. Potato disappearance, at 194 million cwt, was down 1 percent from last year but up 5 percent from two years ago. Season to date shrink and loss, at 18.0 million cwt, was down 2 percent from 2007 but 7 percent above 2006.

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Potato Stocks (continued)

Western States held 152 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, up 12 percent from last year and 10 percent above 2006. Idaho's potato stocks were up 6 percent from last year; Washington's potato sheds held 32 percent more than last year; and Oregon's stocks increased 19 percent from last season. Montana's potato sheds held 13 percent more stocks than last year and California's potato stocks increased 8 percent from last season. Colorado's potato stocks declined 15 percent from last year.

Central States accounted for 43.3 million cwt of potato stocks on February 1, down 2 percent from last year but 10 percent above the same date in 2006. Wisconsin's potato stocks were unchanged from last year; North Dakota's sheds held 17 percent less; and potato stocks in Minnesota were 1 percent below last season. Nebraska's potato stocks decreased 8 percent from the same date in 2007. Michigan's potato sheds held 35 percent more than a year ago.

Eastern States stored 10.8 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, down 15 percent from last year and 5 percent below February 1, 2006. Maine's potato sheds held 15 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
<u>1,000 Cwt</u>								
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	74,000				
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	400,085	270,100	237,500	206,200				

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states. 2/ 15 states prior to 2005.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on February 1, 2007 and February 1, 2008 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2006			CROP OF 2007		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2007	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2008	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,870	1,300	34	4,223	1,400	33
Colorado	22,686	13,100	58	20,981	11,200	53
Idaho	128,915	70,000	54	131,650	74,000	56
Maine	17,980	11,300	63	16,530	9,600	58
Michigan	14,190	4,600	32	14,700	6,200	42
Minnesota	20,400	10,000	49	20,680	9,900	48
Montana	3,518	3,200	91	3,696	3,600	97
Nebraska	8,730	4,000	46	8,051	3,700	46
New York	5,700	1,400	25	5,216	1,200	23
North Dakota	25,480	12,000	47	23,660	10,000	42
Oregon	18,533	11,700	63	20,238	13,900	69
Washington	89,900	36,500	41	102,300	48,000	47
Wisconsin	29,370	13,500	46	28,160	13,500	48
13 STATES	389,272	192,600	49	400,085	206,200	52
Klamath Basin 2/		2,600			2,700	

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