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**MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 4 PERCENT BELOW 2006 LEVEL**

**January 1 Stocks:** Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 10.7 million hundredweight, 4 percent below the January 1, 2006 level, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The breakdown of January 1, 2007 stocks by type indicate 11 percent red, 6 percent white and 83 percent russet.

Stocks in Area 1 totaled 2.7 million hundredweight, down 13 percent from 2006 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 8.0 million hundredweight, unchanged from 2006.

**MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS**

Type	Jan. 1, 2006		Jan. 1, 2007	
	Stocks 2005 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2006 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
Red	890	8	1,180	11
White	555	5	640	6
Russet	9,655	87	8,880	83
Total	11,100	100	10,700	100

**MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION**

Type	Jan. 1, 2006		Jan. 1, 2007	
	Stocks 2005 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2006 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
MN Area 1	3,100	28	2,700	25
MN Area 2	8,000	72	8,000	75
State Total	11,100	100	10,700	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahnommen, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

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## Potato Stocks Virtually Unchanged from Last Year

The 13 major potato States held 220 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2007, virtually unchanged from last year but 7 percent below January 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 58 percent of the 2006 fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from last year. Klamath Basin stocks were added to the potato stocks program starting with December 2006 and total 3.40 million cwt on January 1, 2007. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 162 million cwt, is up 6 percent from last year. Season to date shrink and loss, at 16.1 million cwt, is up 7 percent from last year. Processors in the 9 major States have used 88.5 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 9 percent from a year ago and 3 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 16.5 million cwt of the total processing, up 5 percent from last year but 11 percent below the same date in 2005.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on January 1, 2006-2007<sup>1</sup>**

State	Crop of 2005			Crop of 2006			
	Production	Stocks Jan 1, 2006	% of Production	Production	Stocks Dec. 1, 2006	Stocks Jan. 1, 2007	Jan % Of Production
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	3,306	1,300	39	3,783	1,800	1,500	40
CO	22,910	15,000	65	22,686	17,200	15,200	67
ID	118,288	75,500	64	121,820	84,000	74,500	61
ME <sup>2</sup>	15,455	11,200	72	18,270	14,600	13,000	71
MI	13,910	6,200	45	14,190	8,200	6,600	47
MN	17,630	11,100	63	20,400	12,000	10,700	52
MT	3,445	3,300	96	3,518	3,400	3,400	97
NE	8,245	4,700	57	8,633	5,800	4,800	56
NY	5,226	2,200	42	5,700	2,800	1,900	33
ND	20,500	11,500	56	25,480	17,300	15,000	59
OR	22,023	16,500	75	18,533	16,000	13,900	75
WA	95,480	46,500	49	89,900	49,000	42,500	47
WI	27,880	15,500	56	29,370	20,100	17,000	58
13 Sts <sup>2</sup>	374,298	220,500	59	382,283	252,200	220,000	58
Klamath Basin <sup>3</sup>					4,000	3,400	

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

<sup>2</sup> December 1, 2006, stocks revised.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates began in December 2006. Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. OR.