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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 8 PERCENT ABOVE 2006 LEVEL

February 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 9.7 million hundredweight, 8 percent above the February 1, 2006 level, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The breakdown of February 1, 2007 stocks by type indicate 83 percent russet, 11 percent red, and 6 percent white.

Stocks in Area 1 totaled 2.5 million hundredweight, down 4 percent from 2006. Stocks in Area 2 totaled 7.2 million hundredweight, up 13 percent from 2006.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS

Type	Feb. 1, 2006		Feb. 1, 2007	
	Stocks 2005 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2006 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
Red	720	8	1,060	11
White	450	5	570	6
Russet	7,830	87	8,070	83
Total	9,000	100	9,700	100

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Type	Feb. 1, 2006		Feb. 1, 2007	
	Stocks 2005 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2006 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
MN Area 1	2,600	29	2,500	26
MN Area 2	6,400	71	7,200	74
State Total	9,000	100	9,700	100

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

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Potato Stocks Down 1 Percent from Last Year

The 13 major potato States held 188 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2007, down 1 percent from last year and 7 percent below February 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 49 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 2.60 million cwt on February 1, 2007. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 194 million cwt, is up 5 percent from last year. Season to date shrink and loss, at 18.2 million cwt, is up 8 percent from last year. Processors in the 9 major States have used 106 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 10 percent from a year ago and 5 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 21.3 million cwt of the total processing, up 11 percent from last year but 3 percent below the same date in 2005.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on February 1, 2006-2007¹

State	Crop of 2005			Crop of 2006		
	Production	Stocks Feb. 1, 2006	% of Production	Production	Stocks Feb. 1, 2007	% 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>Percent</i>
CA	3,306	1,100	33	3,783	1,300	34
CO	22,910	12,900	56	22,686	13,100	58
ID	118,288	66,000	56	121,820	64,500	53
ME	15,455	9,700	63	18,270	11,500	63
MI	13,910	4,500	32	14,190	5,100	36
MN	17,630	9,000	51	20,400	9,700	48
MT	3,445	3,300	96	3,518	3,400	97
NE	8,245	3,900	47	8,633	3,900	45
NY	5,226	1,700	33	5,700	1,100	19
ND	20,500	9,400	46	25,480	12,000	47
OR	22,023	14,500	66	18,533	11,700	63
WA	95,480	40,500	42	89,900	36,500	41
WI	27,880	12,600	45	29,370	14,000	48
13 States	374,298	189,100	51	382,283	187,800	49
Klamath Basin ²					2,600	

¹ 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.

² Estimates began in December 2006. Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. OR.