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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 1 PERCENT BELOW 2007 LEVEL

February 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 9.9 million hundredweight, 1 percent below the February 1, 2007 level, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The breakdown of February 1, 2008 stocks by type indicate 85 percent russet, 10 percent red, and 5 percent white.

Stocks in Area 1 totaled 1.7 million hundredweight, down 35 percent from 2007. Stocks in Area 2 totaled 8.2 million hundredweight, up 11 percent from 2007.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS

Type ¹	Feb. 1, 2007		Feb. 1, 2008	
	Stocks 2006 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2007 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
Red	1,100	11	990	10
White	600	6	500	5
Russet	8,300	83	8,410	85
Total	10,000	100	9,900	100

1/ Yellow type potatoes are included in White type.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION¹

Type	Feb. 1, 2007		Feb. 1, 2008	
	Stocks 2006 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2007 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
MN Area 1	2,600	26	1,700	17
MN Area 2	7,400	74	8,200	83
State Total	10,000	100	9,900	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 Up 7 Percent from Last Year

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 accounted for 52 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.70 million cwt on February 1, 2008, up 4 percent from last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 194 million cwt, was down 1 percent from last year but up 5 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 18.0 million cwt, was down 2 percent from the same date in 2007 but 7 percent above 2006. Processors in the 9 major States have used 104 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 4 percent from the same time last year but 8 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 20.9 million cwt of the total processing, down 12 percent from last year but 9 percent above the same date in 2006.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on February 1, 2007-2008¹

State	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007		
	Production	Stocks Feb. 1, 2007	% of Production	Production	Stocks Feb. 1, 2008	% 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	3,870	1,300	34	4,223	1,400	33
CO	22,686	13,100	58	20,981	11,200	53
ID	128,915	70,000	54	131,650	74,000	56
ME	17,980	11,300	63	16,530	9,600	58
MI	14,190	4,600	32	14,700	6,200	42
MN	20,400	10,000	49	20,680	9,900	48
MT	3,518	3,200	91	3,696	3,600	97
NE	8,730	4,000	46	8,051	3,700	46
NY	5,700	1,400	25	5,216	1,200	23
ND	25,480	12,000	47	23,660	10,000	42
OR	18,533	11,700	63	20,238	13,900	69
WA	89,900	36,500	41	102,300	48,000	47
WI	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.