



**POTATO STOCKS**

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**MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 19 PERCENT BELOW 2005 LEVEL**

**March 1 Stocks:** Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 7.1 million hundredweight, 19 percent below the March 1, 2005 level, according to the USDA, NASS, MN Field Office. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 2.1 million hundredweight, down 19 percent from 2005 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 5.0 million hundredweight, also down 19 percent from 2005.

**Minnesota Fall Potato Stocks by Region**

Region 1/	March 1, 2005		March 1, 2006	
	Stocks 2004 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2005 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	
MN Area 1	2,600	30	2,100	30
MN Area 2	6,200	70	5,000	70
State Total	8,800	100	7,100	100

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

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on March 1, 2005-2006 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Crop of 2004			Crop of 2005		
	Prod	Stocks Mar 1, 2005 <sup>2</sup>	Percent of Prod	Prod	Stocks Mar 1, 2006	Percent of Prod
	<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	3,648	1,500	41	3,240	900	28
CO	23,791	11,900	50	22,292	10,200	46
ID	131,970	64,000	48	116,975	55,000	47
ME	19,065	9,400	49	15,736	8,700	55
MI	13,650	3,600	26	13,920	3,600	26
MN	18,920	8,800	47	17,630	7,100	40
MT	3,551	2,400	68	3,434	2,900	84
NE	9,288			8,245	3,300	40
NY	5,184	700	14	5,226	1,300	25
ND	26,765	13,100	49	20,500	6,700	33
OH <sup>3</sup>	1,080					
OR	19,775	9,000	46	22,023	11,500	52
PA <sup>3</sup>	2,640	700	27			
WA	93,810	29,000	31	95,480	32,000	34
WI	30,450	10,700	35	27,880	10,500	38
Other Sts		3,220				
15 Sts <sup>4</sup>	403,587	168,020	42	372,581	153,700	41

<sup>1</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

<sup>2</sup> Missing stocks combined into "Other Sts".

<sup>3</sup> Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.

<sup>4</sup> 13 States for the 2005 crop.