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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 11 PERCENT ABOVE 2006 LEVEL

March 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 7.9 million hundredweight, 11 percent above the March 1, 2006 level, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 2.0 million hundredweight, down 5 percent from 2006 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 7.9 million hundredweight, up 18 percent from 2006.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Type	March 1, 2006		March 1, 2007	
	Stocks 2005 Crop <u>1,000 Cwt</u>	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2006 Crop <u>1,000 Cwt</u>	Percent of Total Stocks
MN Area 1	2,100	30	2,000	25
MN Area 2	5,000	70	5,900	75
State Total	7,100	100	7,900	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahnomon, 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, 2006-2007¹

State	Crop of 2005			Crop of 2006		
	Production <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Stocks Mar. 1, 2006 <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	% of Production <i>Percent</i>	Production <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Stocks Mar. 1, 2007 <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	% of Production <i>Percent</i>
CA	3,306	900	27	3,783	1,200	32
CO	22,910	11,200	49	22,686	11,300	50
ID	118,288	56,000	47	121,820	53,500	44
ME	15,455	8,400	54	18,270	10,000	55
MI	13,910	3,100	22	14,190	3,500	25
MN	17,630	7,100	40	20,400	7,900	39
MT	3,445	3,200	93	3,518	3,000	85
NE	8,245	3,300	40	8,633	3,300	38
NY	5,226	1,200	23	5,700	800	14
ND	20,500	7,200	35	25,480	9,500	37
OR	22,023	11,500	52	18,533	9,700	52
WA	95,480	32,500	34	89,900	28,500	32
WI	27,880	9,900	36	29,370	11,000	37
13 States	374,298	155,500	42	382,283	153,200	40
Klamath Basin ²					2,200	

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.