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**MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 2 PERCENT ABOVE 2007 LEVEL**

**March 1 Stocks:** Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 8.5 million hundredweight, two percent above the March 1, 2007 level, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 1.4 million hundredweight, down 33 percent from 2007 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 7.1 million hundredweight, up 15 percent from 2007.

**MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION**

Type	March 1, 2007		March 1, 2008	
	Stocks 2006 Crop <u>1,000 Cwt</u>	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2007 Crop <u>1,000 Cwt</u>	Percent of Total Stocks
MN Area 1	2,100	25	1,400	16
MN Area 2	6,200	75	7,100	84
State Total	8,300	100	8,500	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, 2007-2008<sup>1</sup>**

State	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007		
	Production <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Stocks Mar. 1, 2007 <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	% of Production <i>Percent</i>	Production <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Stocks Mar. 1, 2008 <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	% of Production <i>Percent</i>
CA	3,870	1,200	31	4,223	1,100	26
CO	22,686	11,300	50	20,981	9,500	45
ID	128,915	59,500	46	131,650	63,000	48
ME	17,980	9,800	55	16,530	8,000	48
MI	14,190	3,300	23	14,700	4,600	31
MN	20,400	8,300	41	20,680	8,500	41
MT	3,518	3,100	88	3,696	3,300	89
NE	8,730	3,400	39	8,051	3,000	37
NY	5,700	1,000	18	5,216	700	13
ND	25,480	9,900	39	23,660	8,000	34
OR	18,533	9,700	52	20,238	11,600	57
WA	89,900	28,500	32	102,300	40,000	39
WI	29,370	10,700	36	28,160	10,500	37
13 States	389,272	159,700	41	400,085	171,800	43
Klamath Basin <sup>2</sup>		2,200			2,050	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. OR.