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**MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 31 PERCENT BELOW 2005 LEVEL**

**April 1 Stocks:** Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 4.5 million hundredweight, 31 percent below the April 1, 2005 level, according to the USDA, NASS, MN Field Office. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 1.6 million hundredweight, down 24 percent from 2005 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 2.9 million hundredweight, down 34 percent from 2005.

**MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION**

Region 1/	April 1, 2005		April 1, 2006	
	Stocks 2005 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2006 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>1,000 Cwt</u>	
MN Area 1	2,100	32	1,600	36
MN Area 2	4,400	68	2,900	64
State Total	6,500	100	4,500	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 April 1, 2005-2006 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Crop of 2004			Crop of 2005		
	Production	Stocks April 1, 2005 <sup>2</sup>	Percent of Production	Production	Stocks April 1, 2006	Percent 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	3,648	900	25	3,240	700	22
CO	23,791	9,000	38	22,292	7,800	35
ID	131,970	52,000	39	116,975	42,500	36
ME	19,065	7,500	39	15,736	6,800	43
MI	13,650	2,200	16	13,920	2,200	16
MN	18,920	6,500	34	17,630	4,500	26
MT	3,551	1,900	54	3,434	1,700	50
NE	9,288			8,245	2,200	27
NY	5,184	300	6	5,226	500	10
ND	26,765	10,300	38	20,500	4,800	23
OH <sup>3</sup>	1,080					
OR	19,775	6,200	31	22,023	8,500	39
PA <sup>3</sup>	2,640	500	19			
WA	93,810	22,000	23	95,480	24,500	26
WI	30,450	7,200	24	27,880	7,200	26
Other States		2,400				
15 States <sup>4</sup>	403,587	128,900	32	372,581	113,900	31

<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 for the 2005 crop.

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