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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 24 PERCENT ABOVE 2006 LEVEL

April 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 5.6 million hundredweight, 24 percent above the April 1, 2006 level, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 1.5 million hundredweight, down 6 percent from 2006 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 4.1 million hundredweight, up 41 percent from 2006.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Type	April 1, 2006		April 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	1,600	36	1,500	27
MN Area 2	2,900	64	4,100	73
State Total	4,500	100	5,600	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, 2006-2007¹

State	Crop of 2005			Crop of 2006		
	Production <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Stocks Apr. 1, 2006 <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	% of Production <i>Percent</i>	Production <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Stocks Apr. 1, 2007 <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	% of Production <i>Percent</i>
CA	3,306	700	21	3,783	800	21
CO	22,910	8,800	38	22,686	9,000	40
ID	118,288	43,500	37	121,820	41,000	34
ME	15,455	6,500	42	18,270	7,900	43
MI	13,910	1,700	12	14,190	2,000	14
MN	17,630	4,500	26	20,400	5,600	27
MT	3,445	1,900	55	3,518	1,900	54
NE	8,245	2,200	27	8,633	2,200	25
NY	5,226	500	10	5,700	400	7
ND	20,500	5,300	26	25,480	7,200	28
OR	22,023	8,500	39	18,533	7,600	41
WA	95,480	25,000	26	89,900	21,000	23
WI	27,880	6,600	24	29,370	7,000	24
13 States	374,298	115,700	31	382,283	113,600	30
Klamath Basin ²					1,400	

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.