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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 5 PERCENT ABOVE 2007 LEVEL

April 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 6.4 million hundredweight, 5 percent above the April 1, 2007 level, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 1.1 million hundredweight, down 31 percent from 2007 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 5.3 million hundredweight, up 18 percent from 2007.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION ¹

Type	April 1, 2007		April 1, 2008	
	Stocks 2006 Crop <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2007 Crop <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Percent of Total Stocks
MN Area 1	1,600	26	1,100	17
MN Area 2	4,500	74	5,300	83
State Total	6,100	100	6,400	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, 2007-2008¹

State	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007		
	Production <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Stocks Apr. 1, 2007 <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	% of Production <i>Percent</i>	Production <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Stocks Apr. 1, 2008 <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	% of Production <i>Percent</i>
CA	3,870	800	21	4,223	600	14
CO	22,686	9,000	40	20,981	7,500	36
ID	128,915	46,500	36	131,650	51,000	39
ME	17,980	7,700	43	16,530	6,200	38
MI	14,190	1,800	13	14,700	2,900	20
MN	20,400	6,100	30	20,680	6,400	31
MT	3,518	2,300	65	3,696	1,900	51
NE	8,730	2,400	27	8,051	2,100	26
NY	5,700	500	9	5,216	300	6
ND	25,480	7,900	31	23,660	6,000	25
OR	18,533	7,600	41	20,238	8,700	43
WA	89,900	21,000	23	102,300	29,500	29
WI	29,370	7,400	25	28,160	7,000	25
13 States	389,272	121,000	31	400,085	130,100	33
Klamath Basin ²		1,400			1,150	

¹ 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.

² Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. OR.