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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 47 PERCENT BELOW 2005 LEVEL

May 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 2.7 million hundredweight, 47 percent below the May 1, 2005 level, according to the USDA, NASS, MN Field Office. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 1.0 million hundredweight, down 38 percent from 2005 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 1.7 million hundredweight, down 51 percent from 2005.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Region 1/	May 1, 2005		May 1, 2006	
	Stocks 2004 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2005 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>1,000 Cwt</u>	
MN Area 1	1,600	31	1,000	37
MN Area 2	3,500	69	1,700	63
State Total	5,100	100	2,700	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahnomen, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on May 1, 2005-2006¹

State	Crop of 2004			Crop of 2005		
	Production	Stocks May 1, 2005 ²	Percent of Production	Production	Stocks May 1, 2006 ²	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	500	14	3,240	400	12
CO	23,791	6,000	25	22,292	4,300	19
ID	131,970	38,500	29	116,975	30,000	26
ME	19,065	5,000	26	15,736	4,600	29
MI	13,650	900	7	13,920	900	6
MN	18,920	5,100	27	17,630	2,700	15
MT	3,551	500	14	3,434		
NE	9,288			8,245	1,200	15
NY	5,184			5,226		
ND	26,765	7,200	27	20,500	2,800	14
OH ³	1,080					
OR	19,775	3,900	20	22,023	5,000	23
PA ³	2,640					
WA	93,810	15,500	17	95,480	17,000	18
WI	30,450	3,800	12	27,880	3,700	13
Other States		1,650			350	
15 States ⁴	403,587	88,550	22	372,581	72,950	20

¹ 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.

² Missing stocks combined into "Other Sts".

³ Stock estimates discontinued for the 2005 crop.

⁴ 13 States for the 2005 crop.