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POTATO ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND STOCKS

The USDA NASS, Minnesota Field Office provides potato acreage, production, and stocks by two potato areas in Minnesota as requested by the potato industry. Area 1 includes fourteen Minnesota counties primarily located in the Red River Valley. Area 2 includes all remaining counties in Minnesota.

2007 Fall Potato Production: Minnesota's fall potato production is estimated at 20.7 million hundredweight, up 1 percent from last year. Planted acreage at 50,000 was 1,000 acres below the 2006 level. Harvested acreage of 47,000 was down 1,000 acres from 2006. Minnesota's yield is forecast at 440 hundredweight per acre, 15 hundredweight above last year and 10 hundredweight above the 2004 record of 430 hundredweight per acre. Area 1 yield averaged 310 hundredweight per acre and the Area 2 yield averaged 485 hundredweight per acre.

December 1, 2007 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 13.5 million hundredweight, up 2 percent from the December 1, 2006 level. The breakdown of stocks by type indicates 12 percent red, 8 percent white, and 80 percent russet. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 2.8 million hundredweight, down 16 percent from 2006. Potato stocks by type in Area 1 break out as 54 percent red, 11 percent white, and 35 percent russet. Stocks in Area 2 totaled 10.7 million hundredweight, up 7 percent from 2006. Potato stocks by type in Area 2 break out as 1 percent red, 7 percent white and 92 percent russet.

The 13 major potato states held 270 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2007, up 4 percent from last year and 6 percent above December 1, 2005. Potatoes in storage account for 68 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 4.20 million cwt on December 1, 2007, up 5 percent from last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 130 million cwt, is virtually unchanged from last year but up 8 percent from 2005. Season to date shrink and loss, at 13.9 million cwt, is up 5 percent from 2006 and 9 percent above 2 years ago. Processors in the 9 major States have used 72.0 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 3 percent from a year ago but 10 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 12.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year but 7 percent above the same date in 2005.

FALL POTATOES: ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

Type 2/	Region 1/	2006 Crop				2007 Crop			
		Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	Yield Cwt.	Production (000) Cwt.	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	Yield Cwt.	Production (000) Cwt.
Red	Minnesota	10,700	9,700	235	2,280	11,500	10,500	260	2,730
White		4,600	4,100	375	1,537	6,100	5,500	389	2,140
Russet		35,700	34,200	485	16,583	32,400	31,000	510	15,810
Total		51,000	48,000	425	20,400	50,000	47,000	440	20,680
Red	MN Area 1	7,200	6,500	200	1,300	7,000	6,500	230	1,495
White		1,700	1,500	180	270	2,200	2,100	257	539
Russet		5,100	4,500	484	2,180	3,500	3,400	496	1,686
Total		14,000	12,500	300	3,750	12,700	12,000	310	3,720
Red	MN Area 2	3,500	3,200	306	980	4,500	4,000	309	1,235
White		2,900	2,600	487	1,267	3,900	3,400	471	1,601
Russet		30,600	29,700	485	14,403	28,900	27,600	512	14,124
Total		37,000	35,500	469	16,650	37,300	35,000	485	16,960

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.

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FALL POTATO: STOCKS

Type 2/	Region 1/	Dec. 1, 2006		Dec. 1, 2007	
		Stocks 2006 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks 3/	Stocks 2007 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
Red	Minnesota	1,600	12	1,620	12
White		795	6	1,080	8
Russet		10,905	82	10,800	80
Total		13,300	100	13,500	100
Red	MN Area 1	1,330	40	1,512	54
White		235	7	308	11
Russet		1,760	53	980	35
Total		3,325	100	2,800	100
Red	MN Area 2	270	3	108	1
White		560	6	772	7
Russet		9,145	92	9,820	92
Total		9,975	100	10,700	100

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3/ Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 13 Major States, December 1, 2006-2007¹

	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007		
	Production	Stocks Dec. 1, 2006	% of Production	Production	Stocks Dec. 1, 2007	% 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	3,870	1,800	47	4,223	2,000	47
CO	22,686	17,200	76	20,981	15,200	72
ID	128,915	90,000	70	131,650	94,000	71
ME	17,980	14,400	80	16,530	12,700	77
MI	14,190	8,100	57	14,700	9,500	65
MN	20,400	13,300	65	20,680	13,500	65
MT	3,518	3,300	94	3,696	3,600	97
NE	8,730	5,800	66	7,800	5,200	67
NY	5,700	3,000	53	5,216	2,800	54
ND	25,480	17,300	68	23,660	14,500	61
OR	18,533	16,000	86	20,238	18,000	89
WA	89,900	49,000	55	102,300	60,000	59
WI	29,370	20,100	68	28,160	19,000	67
13 States	389,272	259,300	67	399,834	270,000	68
Klamath Basin ²		4,000			4,200	

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.