



POTATOES

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NEW YORK POTATO STOCKS DOWN 14 PERCENT

Potato stocks held for all purposes on January 1, 2009 by New York growers, dealers, and processors totaled 1.80 million hundredweight (cwt.), down 14 percent from last year. The New York Agricultural Statistics Service estimated disappearance during the month of December at 800,000 cwt. the same as a year earlier. Storage accounted for 32 percent of the 2008 potato production, down from last year's January 1 storage of 40 percent.

The 13 major potato States held 213 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2009, down 9 percent from a year ago and 6 percent below January 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 58 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, down 1 point from January 1, 2008. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 3.30 million cwt on January 1, 2009, down 3 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Potato disappearance, at 155 million cwt, was 5 percent below both January 1, 2008 and 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 14.8 million cwt, was down 10 percent from the same date in 2008 and 8 percent below 2007.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 87.3 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 3 percent from the same period last year and down 4 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 14.6 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year and 24 percent below the same period in 2007.

FALL POTATOES: **Production and Stocks on January 1, 2008-2009**^{1/}

State	Crop of 2007			Crop of 2008			
	Production	Stocks Jan. 1, 2008	Percent of Production	Production	Stocks Dec. 1, 2008	Stocks Jan. 1, 2009	January Percent of Production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 cwt.</i>		<i>Percent</i>
CA	3,792	1,600	42	3,939	1,900	1,500	38
CO	20,981	13,200	63	21,338	16,400	14,500	68
ID	130,010	82,000	63	114,805	83,000	73,500	64
ME ^{2/}	16,668	11,400	68	14,769	11,300	10,000	68
MI	14,700	7,000	48	14,875	8,300	6,500	44
MN	21,560	11,600	54	20,400	13,000	11,300	55
MT	3,696	3,400	92	3,465	3,400	3,300	95
NE	8,217	4,500	55	8,342	5,500	4,900	59
NY	5,216	2,100	40	5,696	2,600	1,800	32
ND	23,660	12,500	53	22,680	14,800	12,500	55
OR	20,293	16,100	79	18,676	16,100	14,100	75
WA	100,800	52,000	52	93,000	49,500	43,800	47
WI	28,160	16,700	59	25,730	17,500	14,800	58
13 Sts ^{2/}	397,753	234,100	59	367,715	243,300	212,500	58
Klamath Basin ^{3/}		3,400			4,000	3,300	

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop.

Seed usage for all seasons in 2008 totaled 24.6 million cwt.

^{2/} December 1, 2008, stocks revised.

^{3/} Estimates began in December 2006. Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. Oregon.