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NEW YORK POTATO STOCKS DECREASE

Potato stocks, held for all purposes on February 1, 2009 by New York growers, dealers, and processors, totaled 1.20 million hundredweight (cwt.), down 25 percent from last year according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Disappearance in January 2009 at 600,000 cwt., up 20 percent from last year. Storage accounted for 21 percent of the 2008 potato production, down 10 percent from a year ago.

The 13 major potato States held 183 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2009, down 8 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below February 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 50 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, unchanged from February 1, 2008. Stocks by type were 3.4 percent red, 8.3 percent round white, 3.2 percent long white (*Shepody*), 1.7 percent yellows, and 83.4 percent russets.

Potato disappearance, at 185 million cwt, was 7 percent below February 1, 2008 and 6 percent below 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 16.9 million cwt, was down 8 percent from both the same date in 2008 and 2007.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 99.2 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 7 percent from the same period last year and down 8 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 18.4 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year and 22 percent below the same period in 2007.

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

State	Crop of 2007			Crop of 2008			
	Production	Stocks Feb. 1, 2008	Percent of Production	Production	Stocks Jan. 1, 2009	Stocks Feb. 1, 2009	February Percent of Production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>			<i>Percent</i>
CA	3,792	1,400	37	3,939	1,500	1,300	33
CO	20,981	11,200	53	21,338	14,500	12,500	59
ID	130,010	71,500	55	114,805	73,500	64,000	56
ME	16,668	9,700	58	14,769	10,000	8,500	58
MI	14,700	5,300	36	14,875	6,500	5,000	34
MN ^{2/}	21,560	9,900	46	20,400	11,800	10,600	52
MT	3,696	3,400	92	3,465	3,300	3,200	92
NE ^{2/}	8,217	3,700	45	8,342	4,700	4,000	48
NY	5,216	1,600	31	5,696	1,800	1,200	21
ND	23,660	10,000	42	22,680	12,500	10,300	45
OR	20,293	13,900	68	18,676	14,100	12,000	64
WA	100,800	43,800	43	93,000	43,800	38,600	42
WI	28,160	13,900	49	25,730	14,800	12,000	47
13 States	397,753	199,300	50	367,715	212,800	183,200	50
Klamath Basin ^{3/}		2,700			3,300	2,800	

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 24.5 million cwt.

2/ January 1, 2009 stocks revised.

3/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR. Included in the 13 State total.

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