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NEW YORK POTATO STOCKS DECREASE

Potato stocks, held for all purposes on March 1, 2009 by New York growers, dealers, and processors, totaled 800,000 hundredweight (cwt.), down 33 percent from last year according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Storage accounted for 14 percent of the 2008 potato production, down from 23 percent a year ago.

The 13 major potato States held 151 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2009, down 8 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below March 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 41 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, slightly below March 1, 2008. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.00 million cwt on March 1, 2009, down 2 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Potato disappearance, at 217 million cwt, was 8 percent below March 1, 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 18.7 million cwt, was down 7 percent from the same date in 2008 and 8 percent below 2007.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 117 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 8 percent from the same period last year and down 8 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 21.5 million cwt of the total processing, down 15 percent from last year and 23 percent below the same period in 2007.

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

State	Crop of 2007			Crop of 2008		
	Production	Stocks March 1, 2008	Percent of Production	Production	Stocks March 1, 2009	Percent of Production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>		<i>Percent</i>
CA	3,729	1,100	29	3,939	1,000	25
CO	20,981	9,500	45	21,338	10,900	51
ID	130,010	60,500	47	114,805	54,000	47
ME	16,668	8,000	48	14,769	7,100	48
MI	14,700	3,700	25	14,875	3,500	24
MN	21,560	8,200	38	20,400	8,700	43
MT	3,696	3,100	84	3,465	3,000	87
NE	8,217	3,000	37	8,342	3,500	42
NY	5,216	1,200	23	5,696	800	14
ND	23,660	8,000	34	22,680	8,100	36
OR	20,293	11,600	57	18,676	9,800	52
WA	100,800	35,400	35	93,000	31,400	34
WI	28,160	10,100	36	25,730	9,200	36
13 States	397,753	163,400	41	367,715	151,000	41
Klamath Basin ^{2/}		2,050			2,000	

^{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.