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NEW YORK POTATO STOCKS DECREASE

Potato stocks, held for all purposes on April 1, 2009 by New York growers, dealers, and processors, totaled 450,000 hundredweight (cwt.), down 10 percent from last year according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The estimated disappearance for March 2009 at 350,000 cwt., is down from 700,000 a year ago. Storage accounted for 8 percent of the 2009 potato production, down 2 points from a year ago.

The 13 major potato States held 115 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2009, down 9 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below April 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 31 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, slightly below April 1, 2008. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 1.45 million cwt on April 1, 2009, up 26 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Potato disappearance, at 253 million cwt, was 7 percent below April 1, 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 20.6 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 134 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 24.9 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, 13 Major States,**
April 1, 2008-2009^{1/}

State	Crop of 2007			Crop of 2008			
	Production	Stocks April 1, 2008	Percent of Production	Production	Stocks March 1, 2009	Stocks April 1, 2009	April Percent of Production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>			<i>Percent</i>
CA	3,792	600	16	3,939	1,000	800	20
CO	20,981	7,500	36	21,338	10,900	8,700	41
ID	130,010	49,000	38	114,805	54,000	42,500	37
ME	16,668	6,400	38	14,769	7,100	5,600	38
MI	14,700	2,100	14	14,875	3,500	1,900	13
MN	21,560	6,200	29	20,400	8,700	6,500	32
MT	3,696	2,100	57	3,465	3,000	2,100	61
NE	8,217	2,000	24	8,342	3,500	2,300	28
NY	5,216	500	10	5,696	800	450	8
ND	23,660	6,000	25	22,680	8,100	6,100	27
OR	20,293	9,200	45	18,676	9,800	7,400	40
WA	100,800	27,500	27	93,000	31,400	23,700	25
WI ^{2/}	28,160	6,400	23	25,730	9,600	6,500	25
13 States ^{2/}	397,753	125,500	32	367,715	151,400	114,550	31
Klamath Basin ^{3/}		1,150			2,000	1,450	

^{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/} March 1, 2009 stocks revised.

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