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Potato Stocks Down 9 Percent from January 2008

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 3.3 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, 2007 and 2008 crops ¹

State	2007 Crop			2008 Crop		
	Production	Total stocks Jan 1, 2008	Jan 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Jan 1, 2009	Jan 1 stocks as % 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>
California	3,792	1,600	42	3,939	1,500	38
Colorado	20,981	13,200	63	21,338	14,500	68
Idaho	130,010	82,000	63	114,805	73,500	64
Maine	16,668	11,400	68	14,769	10,000	68
Michigan	14,700	7,000	48	14,875	6,500	44
Minnesota	21,560	11,600	54	20,400	11,300	55
Montana	3,696	3,400	92	3,465	3,300	95
Nebraska	8,217	4,500	55	8,342	4,900	59
New York	5,216	2,100	40	5,696	1,800	32
North Dakota	23,660	12,500	53	22,680	12,500	55
Oregon	20,293	16,100	79	18,676	14,100	75
Washington	100,800	52,000	52	93,000	43,800	47
Wisconsin	28,160	16,700	59	25,730	14,800	58
13 State Total	397,753	234,100	59	367,715	212,500	58
Klamath Basin ²	-	3,400	-	-	3,300	-

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage to plant all seasons of the 2008 crop totaled 24.5 million cwt.

² Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Potatoes: Stocks by type as percent of total stocks, selected states, December 1, 2008-2009

State	Potato types									
	Reds		Round whites		Long whites		Yellows		Russets	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Colorado	3	3	1	1	-	-	11	11	85	85
Idaho	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	95	95
Maine	2	2	43	41	-	-	3	3	52	54
Michigan	1	1	83	87	-	-	1	1	15	11
Minnesota	9	8	3	2	-	-	2	1	86	89
New York	5	4	89	92	-	-	6	4	-	-
North Dakota	15	14	7	7	8	8	1	1	69	70
Oregon	1	1	7	6	1	1	1	1	90	91
Washington	3	3	5	5	11	11	1	1	80	80
Wisconsin	5	4	12	15	-	-	-	-	83	81
10 state average	4	3	9	9	3	3	2	2	82	82

Fall Potatoes: Production and stocks, Oregon and major states total, 2004-2008

Location and crop year	Production	Total stocks						
		Dec 1	Following year					
			Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
Oregon								
2004	19,775	17,000	14,500	11,800	9,000	6,200	3,900	2,100
2005	22,023	19,000	16,500	14,500	11,500	8,500	5,000	2,300
2006	18,533	16,000	13,900	11,700	9,700	7,600	4,800	2,300
2007	20,293	18,000	16,100	13,900	11,600	9,200	6,400	4,200
2008 ¹	18,676	16,100	14,100	-	-	-	-	-
13 Major states								
2004 ²	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	378,732	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,527	259,300	226,100	192,600	159,700	121,000	79,050	44,460
2007	397,753	267,500	234,100	200,500	165,000	127,000	85,460	51,920
2008 ¹	367,715	243,300	212,500	-	-	-	-	-

¹ December 1, 2008 revised.

² 15 major States.

Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2006, 2007 and 2008 crops ¹

Storage season	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To June 1	Entire season
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
Idaho and Oregon-(Malheur County)								
2006-2007	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
2007-2008	26,230	33,250	40,310	48,660	55,460	63,000	70,700	88,030
2008-2009	22,360	28,980	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington and Oregon-(other areas)								
2006-2007	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
2007-2008	30,595	36,940	42,350	50,165	57,160	67,690	72,380	82,770
2008-2009	32,570	37,750	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine ²								
2006-2007	1,755	2,360	2,910	3,465	4,185	4,810	5,470	7,635
2007-2008	1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,990	4,670	5,240	7,640
2008-2009 ³	1,635	2,240	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other states ⁴								
2006-2007	14,270	17,695	21,290	24,545	28,040	31,370	34,830	43,565
2007-2008	15,040	17,535	20,755	23,900	26,650	29,710	32,600	39,430
2008-2009	15,195	18,375	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total								
2006-2007	74,095	91,185	107,740	126,880	145,565	163,030	181,930	214,185
2007-2008	73,565	89,895	106,230	126,165	143,260	165,070	180,920	217,870
2008-2009 ³	71,760	87,345	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dehydrated ⁵								
2006-2007	14,590	19,250	23,635	27,885	32,210	36,480	40,915	49,370
2007-2008	12,815	16,785	21,040	25,350	29,500	33,650	37,975	46,760
2008-2009	10,745	14,565	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Total excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME and WI.

² Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

³ December revised.

⁴ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

⁵ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in the above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

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