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US Potato stocks virtually unchanged from last year

The 13 major potato States held 220 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2007, virtually unchanged from last year but 7 percent below January 1, 2005, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 58 percent of the 2006 fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from last year. Klamath Basin stocks were added to the potato stocks program starting with December 2006 and total 3.40 million cwt on January 1, 2007. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 162 million cwt, is up 6 percent from last year. Season to date shrink and loss, at 16.1 million cwt, is up 7 percent from last year. Processors in the 9 major States have used 88.5 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 9 percent from a year ago and 3 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 16.5 million cwt of the total processing, up 5 percent from last year but 11 percent below the same date in 2005.

Western States held 151 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, down 4 percent from last year. Idaho's potato stocks are down 1 percent from last year, Washington's potato sheds held 9 percent less than last year, and Oregon's stocks declined 16 percent from last season. Colorado potato sheds held 1 percent more stocks than last year, Montana's stocks are up 3 percent from 2006, and California's potato stocks increased 15 percent from last season.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes, 2005 and 2006 crops ¹

State	Crop of 2005			Crop of 2006		
	Production	Total stocks Jan 1, 2006	Jan 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Jan 1, 2007	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>
Oregon	22,023	16,500	75	18,533	13,900	75
Idaho	118,288	75,500	64	121,820	74,500	61
Washington	95,480	46,500	49	89,900	42,500	47
California	3,306	1,300	39	3,783	1,500	40
Colorado	22,910	15,000	65	22,686	15,200	67
Maine	15,455	11,200	72	18,270	13,000	71
Michigan	13,910	6,200	45	14,190	6,600	47
Minnesota	17,630	11,100	63	20,400	10,700	52
Montana	3,445	3,300	96	3,518	3,400	97
Nebraska	8,245	4,700	57	8,633	4,800	56
New York	5,226	2,200	42	5,700	1,900	33
North Dakota	20,500	11,500	56	25,480	15,000	59
Wisconsin	27,880	15,500	56	29,370	17,000	58
13 State Total	374,298	220,500	59	382,283	220,000	58
Klamath Basin ²	-	-	-	-	3,400	-

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2006 totaled 25.6 million cwt.

² Estimates began in 2006. Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath County, Oregon.

Fall Potatoes: Production and stocks, Oregon and 13 state total, 2002-2006

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>							
Oregon								
2002	24,936	12,500	15,800	12,500	9,900	7,500	5,000	2,300
2003	20,991	18,000	15,800	13,500	11,000	8,400	5,500	2,900
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	-	-	-	-	-
15 Major states								
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 ¹	374,298	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006 ^{1 2}	382,283	252,200	220,000	-	-	-	-	-

¹ 13 major States.

² December 1, 2006, stocks revised.

Processing Potatoes

Processors have used 88.5 million cwt of 2006 crop potatoes so far this season, up 9 percent from a year ago and 3 percent above 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon total processing increased 12 percent from a year ago, Maine's total processing was 26 percent above the same date in 2006, and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing was up 3 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 16.5 million cwt of the total processing, up 5 percent from last year but 11 percent below the same date in 2005.

Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2004, 2005 and 2006 crops¹

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>							
Idaho and Oregon-(Malheur County)								
2004-2005	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
2005-2006	22,840	29,300	35,970	43,300	50,820	57,830	65,030	77,360
2006-2007	26,130	32,810	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington and Oregon-(other areas)								
2004-2005	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
2005-2006	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855	69,360	78,550
2006-2007	30,980	37,060	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine ²								
2004-2005	1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
2005-2006	1,365	1,880	2,485	3,090	3,800	4,450	5,130	6,825
2006-2007	1,755	2,360	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other states ³								
2004-2005	12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
2005-2006	11,055	14,070	17,005	19,895	22,520	25,270	27,740	35,535
2006-2007	13,465	16,265	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total								
2004-2005	70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
2005-2006	65,570	81,145	96,005	114,575	132,460	149,405	167,260	198,270
2006-2007	72,330	88,495	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

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