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Potato Stocks Down 8 Percent from February 2008

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. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.80 million cwt on February 1, 2009, up 4 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. 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 the same date in both 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, 2007 and 2008 crops ¹

State	2007 Crop			2008 Crop		
	Production	Total stocks Feb 1, 2008	Feb 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Feb 1, 2009	Feb 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	1,400	37	3,939	1,300	33
Colorado	20,981	11,200	53	21,338	12,500	59
Idaho	130,010	71,500	55	114,805	64,000	56
Maine	16,668	9,700	58	14,769	8,500	58
Michigan	14,700	5,300	36	14,875	5,000	34
Minnesota	21,560	9,900	46	20,400	10,600	52
Montana	3,696	3,400	92	3,465	3,200	92
Nebraska	8,217	3,700	45	8,342	4,000	48
New York	5,216	1,600	31	5,696	1,200	21
North Dakota	23,660	10,000	42	22,680	10,300	45
Oregon	20,293	13,900	68	18,676	12,000	64
Washington	100,800	43,800	43	93,000	38,600	42
Wisconsin	28,160	13,900	49	25,730	12,000	47
13 State Total	397,753	199,300	50	367,715	183,200	50
Klamath Basin ²	-	2,700	-	-	2,800	-

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the 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, February 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	4	3	3	1	-	-	11	11	82	85
Idaho	2	2	-	1	2	1	1	1	95	95
Maine	2	2	40	37	-	-	2	2	56	59
Michigan	1	1	86	85	-	-	1	1	12	13
Minnesota	10	7	5	2	-	-	-	1	85	90
New York	16	4	69	93	-	-	13	3	2	-
North Dakota	13	13	10	6	4	7	1	1	72	73
Oregon	1	2	6	5	1	-	1	1	91	92
Washington	3	3	4	5	7	11	1	1	85	80
Wisconsin	1	5	31	15	-	-	1	-	67	80
10 state average	3	3	9	8	3	3	2	2	83	83

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	18,676	16,100	14,100	14,100	-	-	-	-
13 Major states								
2004 ¹	404,017	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	375,118	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,527	258,900	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,460
2007	397,753	265,500	232,300	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,960	50,420
2008 ²	367,715	243,300	212,800	183,200	-	-	-	-

¹ 15 major States.

² January 1, 2009 stocks revised.

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	35,430	-	-	-	-	-
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	42,490	-	-	-	-	-
Maine ²								
2006-2007	1,785	2,390	2,940	3,490	4,215	4,840	5,500	7,675
2007-2008	1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,990	4,670	5,240	7,550
2008-2009	1,635	2,240	2,890	-	-	-	-	-
Other states ³								
2006-2007	14,355	17,800	21,415	24,690	28,205	31,560	35,040	43,565
2007-2008	15,040	17,535	20,755	23,900	26,650	29,710	32,600	39,430
2008-2009 ⁴	12,535	15,190	18,360	-	-	-	-	-
Total								
2006-2007	74,210	91,320	107,895	127,050	145,760	163,250	182,170	214,225
2007-2008	73,565	89,895	106,230	126,165	143,260	165,070	180,920	217,780
2008-2009 ⁴	69,100	84,160	99,170	-	-	-	-	-
Dehydrated ⁵								
2006-2007	14,590	19,250	23,635	27,885	32,210	36,480	40,915	49,375
2007-2008	12,815	16,785	21,040	25,350	29,500	33,650	37,975	46,660
2008-2009 ⁶	10,745	14,570	18,410	-	-	-	-	-

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. Amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips.

³ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. Monthly amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips in WI.

⁴ December and January revised.

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

⁶ January revised.

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