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Potato Stocks Down 8 Percent from March 2008

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, 2007 and 2008 crops ¹

State	2007 Crop			2008 Crop		
	Production	Total stocks Mar 1, 2008	Mar 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Mar 1, 2009	Mar 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	1,100	29	3,939	1,000	25
Colorado	20,981	9,500	45	21,338	10,900	51
Idaho	130,010	60,500	47	114,805	54,000	47
Maine	16,668	8,000	48	14,769	7,100	48
Michigan	14,700	3,700	25	14,875	3,500	24
Minnesota	21,560	8,200	38	20,400	8,700	43
Montana	3,696	3,100	84	3,465	3,000	87
Nebraska	8,217	3,000	37	8,342	3,500	42
New York	5,216	1,200	23	5,696	800	14
North Dakota	23,660	8,000	34	22,680	8,100	36
Oregon	20,293	11,600	57	18,676	9,800	52
Washington	100,800	35,400	35	93,000	31,400	34
Wisconsin	28,160	10,100	36	25,730	9,200	36
13 State Total	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 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.

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	12,000	9,800	-	-	-
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	183,500	151,000	-	-	-

¹ 15 major States.

² February 1, 2009 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	42,150	-	-	-	-
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	49,795	-	-	-	-
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	3,505	-	-	-	-
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	18,250	21,150	-	-	-	-
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	99,060	116,600	-	-	-	-
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 ⁴	10,745	14,570	18,405	21,535	-	-	-	-

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 February 1, 2009 revised.

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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