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US Potato Stocks Up 8 Percent from last year

The 13 major potato States held 172 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2008, up 8 percent from last year and 10 percent above March 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 43 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from last year. Idaho's potato stocks were up 6 percent from last year; Washington's potato sheds held 40 percent more than last year; and Oregon's stocks increased 20 percent from last season. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.05 million cwt on March 1, 2008, down 7 percent from last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 228 million cwt, was down 1 percent from last year but up 4 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 19.7 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same date in 2007 but 7 percent above 2006.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes, 2006 and 2007 crops ¹

State	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007		
	Production	Total stocks Mar 1, 2007	Mar 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Mar 1, 2008	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>
Oregon	18,533	9,700	52	20,238	11,600	57
Idaho	128,915	59,500	46	131,650	63,000	48
Washington	89,900	28,500	32	102,300	40,000	39
California	3,870	1,200	31	4,223	1,100	26
Colorado	22,686	11,300	50	20,981	9,500	45
Maine	17,980	9,800	55	16,530	8,000	48
Michigan	14,190	3,300	23	14,700	4,600	31
Minnesota	20,400	8,300	41	20,680	8,500	41
Montana	3,518	3,100	88	3,696	3,300	89
Nebraska	8,730	3,400	39	8,051	3,000	37
New York	5,700	1,000	18	5,216	700	13
North Dakota	25,480	9,900	39	23,660	8,000	34
Wisconsin	29,370	10,700	36	28,160	10,500	37
13 State Total	389,272	159,700	41	400,085	171,800	43
Klamath Basin ²	-	2,200	-	-	2,050	-

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2007 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

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

Fall Potatoes: Production and stocks, Oregon and major states total, 2003-2007

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								
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	11,700	9,700	7,600	4,800	2,300
2007	20,238	18,000	16,100	13,900	11,600	-	-	-
13 Major states								
2003 ¹	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 ¹	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	374,298	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,272	259,300	226,100	192,600	159,700	121,000	79,050	44,460
2007 ²	400,085	270,100	237,500	206,200	171,800	-	-	-

¹ 15 major States.

² December 1, 2007, stocks revised.

Processing Potatoes

Processors in the 9 major States have used 123 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 3 percent from the same time last year but 8 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 25.2 million cwt of the total processing, down 10 percent from last year but 11 percent above the same date in 2006.

Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2005, 2006 and 2007 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)								
2005-2006	22,840	29,300	35,970	43,300	50,820	57,830	65,030	77,360
2006-2007	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
2007-2008	26,230	33,260	40,220	48,570	-	-	-	-
Washington and Oregon-(other areas)								
2005-2006	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855	69,360	78,550
2006-2007	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
2007-2008	28,995	34,675	39,700	47,390	-	-	-	-
Maine ²								
2005-2006	1,365	1,880	2,485	3,090	3,800	4,450	5,130	6,825
2006-2007	1,755	2,360	2,910	3,465	4,185	4,810	5,470	7,560
2007-2008	1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	-	-	-	-
Other states ³								
2005-2006	11,055	14,070	17,005	19,895	22,520	25,270	27,740	35,535
2006-2007	14,270	17,695	21,290	24,545	28,040	31,370	34,830	43,315
2007-2008	15,040	17,560	20,890	23,955	-	-	-	-
Total								
2005-2006	65,570	81,145	96,005	114,575	132,460	149,405	167,260	198,270
2006-2007	74,095	91,185	107,740	126,880	145,565	163,030	181,930	213,860
2007-2008	71,965	87,665	103,625	123,355	-	-	-	-

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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