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US Potato Stocks Down 2 Percent from Last Year

The 13 major potato States held 114 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2007, down 2 percent from last year and 12 percent below April 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 30 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 1.40 million cwt on April 1, 2007. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 269 million cwt, is up 4 percent from last year. Season to date shrink and loss, at 21.9 million cwt, is up 8 percent from last year. Processors in the 9 major States have used 144 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 9 percent from a year ago and 6 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 30.2 million cwt of the total processing, up 13 percent from last year and 1 percent above the same date in 2005.

Western States held 81.3 million cwt of potatoes in storage on April 1, down 8 percent from last year. Idaho's potato stocks are down 6 percent from last year, Washington's potato sheds held 16 percent less than last year, and Oregon's stocks declined 11 percent from last season. Colorado potato sheds held 2 percent more stocks than last year and California's potato stocks increased 14 percent from last season. Montana's potato stocks are unchanged from last year.

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

State	Crop of 2005			Crop of 2006		
	Production	Total stocks Apr 1, 2006	Apr 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Apr 1, 2007	Apr 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	8,500	39	18,533	7,600	41
Idaho	118,288	43,500	37	121,820	41,000	34
Washington	95,480	25,000	26	89,900	21,000	23
California	3,306	700	21	3,783	800	21
Colorado	22,910	8,800	38	22,686	9,000	40
Maine	15,455	6,500	42	18,270	7,900	43
Michigan	13,910	1,700	12	14,190	2,000	14
Minnesota	17,630	4,500	26	20,400	5,600	27
Montana	3,445	1,900	55	3,518	1,900	54
Nebraska	8,245	2,200	27	8,633	2,200	25
New York	5,226	500	10	5,700	400	7
North Dakota	20,500	5,300	26	25,480	7,200	28
Wisconsin	27,880	6,600	24	29,370	7,000	24
13 State Total	374,298	115,700	31	382,283	113,600	30
Klamath Basin ²	-	-	-	-	1,400	-

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	17,500	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	11,700	9,700	7,600	-	-
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	187,800	153,200	113,600	-	-

¹ 13 major States.

² December 1, 2006, stocks revised.

Processing Potatoes

Processors have used 144 million cwt of 2006 crop potatoes so far this season, up 9 percent from a year ago and 6 percent above 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon total processing increased 9 percent from a year ago, Maine's total processing was 10 percent above the same date in 2006, and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing was up 2 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 30.2 million cwt of the total processing, up 13 percent from last year and 1 percent above 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	40,100	47,730	55,380	-	-	-
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	42,190	49,930	56,690	-	-	-
Maine²								
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	2,910	3,465	4,165	-	-	-
Other states³								
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	16,905	20,450	23,820	27,815	-	-	-
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	89,135	105,650	124,945	144,050	-	-	-

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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