

OREGON POTATOES



**NATIONAL
AGRICULTURAL
STATISTICS
SERVICE**

May 15, 2008
PRESS RELEASE
Internet-www.nass.usda.gov/or
Email: nass-or@nass.usda.gov

USDA, NASS, Oregon Field Office
1220 SW 3rd Ave., Room 1735
Portland, Oregon 97204
(503) 326-2131 or 1-800-338-2157

May Potato Stocks Up 17 Percent from May 1, 2007

The 13 major potato States held 92.7 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2008, up 17 percent from a year ago and 22 percent above May 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 23 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 570 thousand cwt on May 1, 2008, down 5 percent from last year.

Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Disappearance from the start of harvest to May 1 was at 307 million cwt, 1 percent below last year but up 3 percent from 2006. Shrink and loss, at 23.4 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same period in 2007 but up 6 percent from 2006.

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

State	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007		
	Production	Total stocks May 1, 2007	May 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks May 1, 2008	May 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	4,800	26	20,238	6,400	32
Idaho	128,915	33,000	26	131,650	37,000	28
Washington	89,900	14,000	16	102,300	25,000	24
California	3,870	450	12	4,223	460	11
Colorado	22,686	5,800	26	20,981	4,400	21
Maine	17,980	5,300	29	16,530	3,950	24
Michigan	14,190	700	5	14,700	1,600	11
Minnesota	20,400	4,100	20	20,680	4,800	23
Montana ²	3,518	-	-	3,696	-	-
Nebraska	8,730	1,400	16	8,051	1,000	12
New York ²	5,700	-	-	5,216	-	-
North Dakota	25,480	4,800	19	23,660	3,900	16
Wisconsin	29,370	4,000	14	28,160	3,700	13
Other States		700			500	
13 State Total	389,272	79,050	20	400,085	92,710	23
Klamath Basin ³	-	600	-	-	570	-

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

² Stocks combined into other States.

³ 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	9,200	6,400	-
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	400,085	270,100	237,500	206,200	171,800	133,600	92,710	-

¹ 15 major States.

Processing Potatoes

Processors have used 158 million cwt of the 2007 potato crop so far this season, down 3 percent from last year's season-to-date usage but up 6 percent from 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon total processing decreased 1 percent from a year ago and Maine's total processing was 3 percent below 2007. Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing was 4 percent lower than last season. Dehydrating usage accounted for 33.4 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year but 11 percent above the same period in 2006.

Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2005, 2006 and 2007 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>							
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	55,480	63,000	-	-
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	53,645	60,750	-	-
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	3,985	4,670	-	-
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 ⁴	15,040	17,560	20,890	23,955	26,615	29,535	-	-
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 ⁴	71,965	87,665	103,625	123,355	139,715	157,955	-	-

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.

⁴ April revised.

For more details, please contact the Oregon Field Office of USDA, NASS at (503) 326-2131 or 1-800-338-2157 or via email at nass-or@nass.usda.gov. Information is also available on our home page: www.nass.usda.gov/or.