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Oregon Potato Stocks Down 12 Percent from Last Year

The 13 major potato States held 242 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2008, down 9 percent from a year ago and 7 percent below December 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, slightly below December 1, 2007. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 4.0 million cwt on December 1, 2008, down 5 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 123 million cwt, was 6 percent below December 1, 2007 and down 5 percent from December 1, 2006. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 13.0 million cwt, was down 8 percent from the same date in 2007 and down 2 percent from 2006. Processors in the 9 major States have used 71.8 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 2 percent from the same period last year and down 3 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 10.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year and 26 percent below the same period in 2006.

Fall potatoes: Production and stocks, 2007 and 2008 crops ¹

State	2007 Crop			2008 Crop		
	Production	Total stocks Dec 1, 2007	Dec 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Dec 1, 2008	Dec 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	2,000	53	3,939	1,900	48
Colorado	20,981	15,200	72	21,338	16,400	77
Idaho	130,010	92,000	71	114,805	83,000	72
Maine	16,815	12,900	77	14,496	10,800	75
Michigan	14,700	8,800	60	13,600	8,000	59
Minnesota	20,680	13,400	65	20,160	13,000	64
Montana	3,696	3,500	95	3,564	3,500	98
Nebraska	8,217	5,300	65	8,299	5,300	64
New York	5,216	2,900	56	5,696	2,600	46
North Dakota	23,660	14,500	61	22,680	14,800	65
Oregon	20,238	18,000	89	18,387	15,900	86
Washington	102,300	59,000	58	93,000	49,500	53
Wisconsin	28,160	20,000	71	25,730	17,500	68
13 State Total	398,465	267,500	67	365,694	242,200	66
Klamath Basin ²	-	4,200	-	-	4,000	-

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant 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, December 1, 2007-2008

State	Potato types									
	Reds		Round whites		Long whites		Yellows		Russets	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<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	1	3	1	1	1	94	95
Maine	3	2	42	43	1	-	2	3	52	52
Michigan	1	1	86	83	-	-	1	1	12	15
Minnesota	12	9	8	3	-	-	-	2	80	86
New York	16	6	69	86	-	-	13	7	2	1
North Dakota	14	15	14	7	4	8	1	1	67	69
Oregon	1	1	4	7	2	1	1	1	92	90
Washington	3	3	4	5	7	11	1	1	85	80
Wisconsin	4	5	34	12	-	-	-	-	62	83
10 state average	4	4	11	9	3	3	2	2	80	82

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	20,238	18,000	16,100	13,900	11,600	9,200	6,400	4,200
2008	18,387	15,900	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 Major states								
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	398,465	267,500	234,100	200,500	165,000	127,000	85,460	51,920
2008	365,694	242,200	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ 15 major States.

Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2006, 2007 and 2008 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>	<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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine²								
2006-2007	1,755	2,360	2,910	3,465	4,185	4,810	5,470	7,635
2007-2008	1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,990	4,670	5,240	7,640
2008-2009	1,630	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other states³								
2006-2007	14,270	17,695	21,290	24,545	28,040	31,370	34,830	43,565
2007-2008	15,040	17,535	20,755	23,900	26,650	29,710	32,600	39,430
2008-2009	15,195	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total								
2006-2007	74,095	91,185	107,740	126,880	145,565	163,030	181,930	214,185
2007-2008	73,565	89,895	106,230	126,165	143,260	165,070	180,920	217,870
2008-2009	71,755	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dehydrated⁴								
2006-2007	14,590	19,250	23,635	27,885	32,210	36,480	40,915	49,370
2007-2008	12,815	16,785	21,040	25,350	29,500	33,650	37,975	46,760
2008-2009	10,745	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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