



Potato Release

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PROCESSING POTATOES

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 53.6 million cwt. of raw potatoes to April 1, 2008, 5.4 million cwt. less than the 56.7 million cwt. processed during the same period last year, and 1.7 million cwt. less than the 55.3 million cwt. processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to April 1, 2008 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 43.8 percent of the 2007 production. Dehydrating usage in the nine processing states, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 29.3 million cwt. of raw potatoes.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, NINE STATES, 2006 & 2007 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2006-07	8,080	19,010	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
	2007-08	10,860	18,650	26,230	33,260	40,220	48,570	55,480			
Maine 2/	2006-07			1,755	2,360	2,910	3,465	4,185	4,810	5,470	7,560
	2007-08			1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,985			
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2006-07	16,950	23,895	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
	2007-08	15,060	22,305	28,995	34,675	39,700	47,390	53,645			
Other States 3/	2006-07			14,270	17,695	21,290	24,545	28,040	31,370	34,830	43,315
	2007-08			15,040	17,560	20,890	23,955	26,605			
TOTAL	2006-07			74,095	91,185	107,740	126,880	145,565	163,030	181,930	213,860
	2007-08			71,965	87,665	103,625	123,355	144,255			
Dehydrated 4/	2006-07			14,590	19,250	23,635	27,885	32,210	36,480	40,915	49,370
	2007-08			12,660	16,680	20,965	25,185	29,300			

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount 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 above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

POTATO STOCKS

Potatoes stored in Washington on April 1, 2008 were estimated at 29.5 million cwt., 8.5 million cwt. more than the 21.0 million cwt. in storage on April 1, 2007, and 4.5 million cwt. more than the 25.0 million cwt. in storage on April 1, 2006. Disappearance of the State's crop to date was 72.8 million cwt. compared with 68.9 million cwt. a year ago.

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April Potato Stocks Up 8 Percent from Last Year



The 13 major potato States held 130 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2008, up 8 percent from a year ago and 12 percent above April 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 33 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 1.15 million cwt on April 1, 2008, down 18 percent from last year. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Western States held 99.2 million cwt of potatoes in storage on April 1, up 14 percent from a year ago and 12 percent above 2006. Idaho's potato stocks were up 10 percent from last year; Washington's potato stocks were 40 percent above last year; and Oregon's stocks increased 14 percent from April 1, 2007. California's potato stocks decreased 25 percent from 2007, while Colorado's and Montana's stocks were both down 17 percent from a year ago.

Central States accounted for 24.4 million cwt of all potato stocks on April 1, down 5 percent from a year ago but 20 percent above the same date in 2006. Wisconsin's potato stocks were down 5 percent from last year; North Dakota's stocks were 24 percent below 2007; and potato stocks in Nebraska were down 13 percent from the previous season. Minnesota's stocks increased 5 percent from the same date in 2007 and Michigan's potato stocks were 61 percent higher than a year ago.

Eastern States stored 6.50 million cwt of potatoes on April 1, down 21 percent from a year earlier and 7 percent below April 1, 2006. Maine's potato stocks were 19 percent lower than last year and New York's potato stocks decreased 40 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS, 2002-2007, WASHINGTON & 13 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
1,000 Cwt.								
WASHINGTON								
2002	92,340	50,000	43,500	38,500	30,500	23,000	16,500	9,000
2003	93,150	51,000	44,000	38,000	29,500	21,500	15,000	7,000
2004	93,810	50,000	43,000	36,500	29,000	22,000	15,500	8,000
2005	95,480	52,500	46,500	40,500	32,500	25,000	17,500	9,400
2006	89,900	49,000	42,500	36,500	28,500	21,000	14,000	7,000
2007	102,300	60,000	54,000	48,000	40,000	29,500		
13 STATES 1/								
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 2/	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	130,100		

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states. 2/ Fifteen storage states until 2005.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS & LOCAL DEALERS ON APRIL 1, 2007 & APRIL 1, 2008 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2006			CROP OF 2007		
	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2007	April 1 Stocks as % of Production	Production	Total Stocks April 1, 2008	April 1 Stocks as % of Production
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,870	800	21	4,223	600	14
Colorado	22,686	9,000	40	20,981	7,500	36
Idaho	128,915	46,500	36	131,650	51,000	39
Maine	17,980	7,700	43	16,530	6,200	38
Michigan	14,190	1,800	13	14,700	2,900	20
Minnesota	20,400	6,100	30	20,680	6,400	31
Montana	3,518	2,300	65	3,696	1,900	51
Nebraska	8,730	2,400	27	8,051	2,100	26
New York	5,700	500	9	5,216	300	6
N. Dakota	25,480	7,900	31	23,660	6,000	25
Oregon	18,533	7,600	41	20,238	9,200	45
Washington	89,900	21,000	23	102,300	32,500	32
Wisconsin	29,370	7,400	25	28,160	7,000	25
13 STATES TOTAL	389,272	121,000	31	400,085	133,600	33
Klamath Basin 2/		1,400			1,150	

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/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath County, Oregon.