



Potato Release

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PROCESSING POTATOES

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 39.7 million cwt of raw potatoes to February 1, 2008, which was 6 percent less than the 42.2 million cwt processed during the same period last year and 2 percent lower than the 40.5 million cwt processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to February 1, 2008 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 38 percent of the 2007 production. Processing in the nine processing states totaled 103.5 million cwt of raw potatoes to February 1, 2008, 4 percent below the same period last year. Dehydrating usage in the nine processing states, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 20.9 million cwt of raw potatoes to February 1, 2008, 2.77 million cwt less than the quantity used during the same period last year.

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					
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					
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					
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	20,790					
NINE STATE 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	103,525					
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	20,865					

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 ME 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 February 1, 2008 were estimated at 48.0 million cwt., 11.5 million cwt. more than the 36.5 million cwt. in storage on February 1, 2007, and 7.5 million cwt. more than February 1, 2006. Disappearance of the State's crop to date was 54.3 million cwt. compared with 53.4 million cwt. a year ago.

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FEBRUARY POTATO STOCKS UP 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR



The 13 major potato States held 206 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2008, up 7 percent from last year and 9 percent above February 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 52 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.70 million cwt on February 1, 2008, 4 percent higher than last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks.

Western States held 152 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, up 12 percent from last year and 10 percent above 2006. Idaho's potato stocks were up 6 percent from last year; Washington's potato sheds held 32 percent more than last year; and Oregon's stocks increased 19 percent from last season. Montana's potato sheds held 13 percent more stocks than last year and California's potato stocks increased 8 percent from last season. Colorado's potato stocks declined 15 percent from last year.

Central States accounted for 43.3 million cwt of potato stocks on February 1, down 2 percent from last year but 10 percent above the same date in 2006. Wisconsin's potato stocks were unchanged from last year; North Dakota's sheds held 17 percent less; and potato stocks in Minnesota were 1 percent below last season. Nebraska's potato stocks decreased 8 percent from the same date in 2007. Michigan's potato sheds held 35 percent more than a year ago.

Eastern States stored 10.8 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, down 15 percent from last year and 5 percent below February 1, 2006. Maine's potato sheds held 15 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks declined 14 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 2002-2007 WASHINGTON & 13 MAJOR 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				
13 STATES 1/								
2002 2/	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003 2/	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 2/	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				

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states.

2/ Fifteen major states.

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

STATE	CROP OF 2006			CROP OF 2007		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2007	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2008 2/	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,870	1,300	34	4,223	1,400	33
Colorado	22,686	13,100	58	20,981	11,200	53
Idaho	128,915	70,000	54	131,650	74,000	56
Maine	17,980	11,300	63	16,530	9,600	58
Michigan	14,190	4,600	32	14,700	6,200	42
Minnesota	20,400	10,000	49	20,680	9,900	48
Montana	3,518	3,200	91	3,696	3,600	97
Nebraska	8,730	4,000	46	8,051	3,700	46
New York	5,700	1,400	25	5,216	1,200	23
N. Dakota	25,480	12,000	47	23,660	10,000	42
Oregon	18,533	11,700	63	20,238	13,900	69
Washington	89,900	36,500	41	102,300	48,000	47
Wisconsin	29,370	13,500	46	28,160	13,500	48
13 States Total	389,272	192,600	49	400,085	206,200	52
Klamath Basin 2/		2,600			2,700	

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 California and Klamath County, OR.