



WASHINGTON POTATOES

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PROCESSING POTATOES



Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 67.7 million cwt. of raw potatoes to June 1, 2008, 2.7 million cwt. less than the 70.4 million cwt. processed during the same period last year, and 1.6 million cwt. less than the 69.4 million cwt. processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to June 1, 2008 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 56.0 percent of the 2007 production. Processing in the nine processing states totaled 176.0 million cwt. of raw potatoes to June 1, 2008, 3 percent less than the same period last year. Dehydrating usage, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 37.5 million cwt. of raw potatoes.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, SELECTED 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	77,360
	2007-08	10,860	18,650	26,230	33,260	40,220	48,570	55,480	63,000	70,740	
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	4,670	5,235	
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	60,750	67,735	
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	26,615	29,535	32,270	
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	139,725	157,955	175,980	
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	29,325	33,405	37,535	

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 June 1, 2008 were estimated at 17.5 million cwt., 10.0 million cwt. more than the 7.5 million cwt. in storage on June 1, 2007, and 8.1 million cwt. more than the 9.4 million cwt. in storage on June 1, 2006. Disappearance of the State's crop to date was 84.8 million cwt. compared with 82.4 million cwt. a year ago.

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JUNE POTATO STOCKS UP 32 PERCENT FROM JUNE 1, 2007

The 13 major potato States held 58.7 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2008, up 32 percent from a year ago and 41 percent above June 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 15 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from last year. Disappearance from the start of harvest to June 1 was at 341 million cwt, 1 percent below last year but up 3 percent from 2006. Shrink and loss, at 24.6 million cwt, was down 4 percent from the same period in 2007 but up 4 percent from 2006.

Processors have used 176 million cwt of the 2007 potato crop so far this season, down 3 percent from last year's season-to-date usage but up 5 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 4 percent below 2007. Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing was 4 percent lower than last season. Dehydrating usage accounted for 37.5 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year but 10 percent above the same period in 2006.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS, 2002-2007, WASHINGTON & 15 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	7,500
2007	102,300	60,000	54,000	48,000	40,000	32,500	25,000	17,500
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	204,490	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	58,710

1/ Ohio and Pennsylvania were included until 2005. See table below for listing of 13 states.

PRODUCTION and TOTAL STOCKS of FALL POTATOES HELD by GROWERS, PROCESSORS and LOCAL DEALERS on JUNE 1, 2007 & JUNE 1, 2008 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2006			CROP OF 2007		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JUNE 1, 2007 2/	JUNE 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JUNE 1, 2008 2/	JUNE 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,870	290	7	4,223	300	7
Colorado	22,686	3,700	16	20,981	2,700	13
Idaho	128,915	21,000	16	131,650	24,500	19
Maine	17,980	3,000	17	16,530	1,950	12
Michigan	14,190			14,700		
Minnesota	20,400	2,000	10	20,680	2,500	12
Montana	3,518			3,696		
Nebraska	8,730	700	8	8,051	320	4
New York	5,700			5,216		
North Dakota	25,480	2,100	8	23,660	2,500	11
Oregon	18,533	2,300	12	20,238	4,200	21
Washington	89,900	7,500	8	102,300	17,500	17
Wisconsin	29,370	1,700	6	28,160	1,600	6
Other States		170			320	
13 States Total	389,272	44,460	11	400,085	58,710	14
Klamath Basin 3/						

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

3/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.