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PROCESSING POTATOES

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 47.4 million cwt. of raw potatoes to March 1, 2008, 2.5 million cwt. less than the 49.9 million cwt. processed during the same period last year, and 0.9 million cwt. less than the 48.3 million cwt. processed during the same time two years ago. Processing to March 1, 2008 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 38.7 percent of the 2007 production. Dehydrating usage in the nine processing states, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 25.2 million cwt. of raw potatoes.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, ^{1/} NINE STATES, 2007 & 2008

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				
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				
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				
Other States ^{3/ 4/}	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				
TOTAL ^{4/}	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				
Dehydrated ^{5/}	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				

^{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/} February 2007 revised.

^{5/} 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 March 1, 2008 were estimated at 40.0 million cwt., 11.5 million cwt. more than the 28.5 million cwt. in storage on March 1, 2007, and 7.5 million cwt. more than the 32.5 million cwt. in storage on March 1, 2006. Disappearance of the State's crop to date was 62.3 million cwt. compared with 61.4 million cwt. a year ago.

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March Potato Stocks Up 8 Percent from Last Year

The 13 major potato States held 172 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2008, up 8 percent from last year and 10 percent above March 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 43 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from last year.

Western States held 129 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, up 13 percent from last year and 11 percent above 2006. Idaho's potato stocks were up 6 percent from last year; Washington's potato sheds held 40 percent more than last year; and Oregon's stocks increased 20 percent from last season. Montana's potato sheds held 6 percent more stocks than last year. California's and Colorado's potato stocks decreased 8 and 16 percent, respectively, from last year.

Central States accounted for 34.6 million cwt of potato stocks on March 1, down 3 percent from last year but 13 percent above the same date in 2006. Wisconsin's potato stocks were down 2 percent from last year; North Dakotas's sheds held 19 percent less; and potato stocks in Nebraska were 12 percent below last season. Minnesota's potato stocks increased 2 percent from the same date in 2007 and Michigan's potato sheds held 39 percent more than a year ago.

Eastern States stored 8.70 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, down 19 percent from last year and 9 percent below March 1, 2006. Maine's potato sheds held 18 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks declined 30 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			
13 STATES 1/								
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,110	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	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			

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states.

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

STATE	CROP OF 2006			CROP OF 2007		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2007	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % of PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2008	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % of PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,870	1,200	31	4,223	1,100	26
Colorado	22,686	11,300	50	20,981	9,500	45
Idaho	128,915	59,500	46	131,650	63,000	48
Maine	17,980	9,800	55	16,530	8,000	48
Michigan	14,190	3,300	23	14,700	4,600	31
Minnesota	20,400	8,300	41	20,680	8,500	41
Montana	3,518	3,100	88	3,696	3,300	89
Nebraska	8,730	3,400	39	8,051	3,000	37
New York	5,700	1,000	18	5,216	700	13
North Dakota	25,480	9,900	39	23,660	8,000	34
Oregon	18,533	9,700	52	20,238	11,600	57
Washington	89,900	28,500	32	102,300	40,000	39
Wisconsin	29,370	10,700	36	28,160	10,500	37
13 STATES TOTAL	389,272	159,700	41	400,085	171,800	43
Klamath Basin 2/		2,200			2,050	

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.