

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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Potato stocks in storage in **ALASKA** as of January 1, 2004 totaled 90,000 cwt. Stocks on hand accounted for 54 percent of the 2003 crop and compares with 101,000 cwt on hand a year ago, or 66 percent on hand during the same period last year. The five-year average stocks on hand for January 1 totaled 123,000 cwt.

Disappearance since December 1, 2003 totaled 20,000 cwt compared with the 5 year average of almost 14,000 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to January 1 totaled 78,000 cwt compared with a disappearance of 53,000 cwt a year earlier. The five year average is just over 46,000 cwt. Disappearance since October 1 reflects sales, shrinkage and waste, as well as losses caused by frost damage to potatoes in both the Tanana and Matanuska-Susitna Valleys.

Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed potatoes that are not yet moved, and shrinkage, waste, and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Data are only being published at the state level this year due to confidentiality requirements

The **15 MAJOR POTATO STATES** held 234 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 58 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Stocks by type show more round whites and fewer russets than a year ago. Disappearance of 170 million cwt of potatoes is down 3 percent from last year but 5 percent above 2001 movement. Shrink and loss, at 17.4 million cwt so far this season, is down 4 percent from last year but 1 percent above the same date in 2001. Processors in the 9 major States used 86.8 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 6 percent from a year ago but 8 percent above two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 18.4 million cwt of the total processing, down 6 percent from last year. December 1, 2003, stocks were revised up slightly, with changes in Colorado, Nebraska, and New York.

WESTERN STATES held 157 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, down 5 percent from last year but up less than 1 percent from two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 7 percent from last year, Colorado decreased 14 percent and California lost 21 percent. Washington's sheds stored 1 percent more than last year, Oregon gained 5 percent, and Montana increased 3 percent.

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	STOCKS			PRODUCTION	Jan. 1 Stocks as Percent of Production
	JAN. 1	DEC. 1	OCT. 1		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----				-- Percent --
2003	90.0	110.0	147.0	168.0	54%
2002	101.0	116.0	135.0	154.0	66%
2001	177.0	189.0	215.0	230.0	77%

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