

# ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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All potato stocks (bin-run) in **Alaska** on June 1, 2004 totaled 11,000 cwt, down from the 13,000 cwt on hand a year ago. The five-year average stocks on hand June 1 is 32,800 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes since the start of the harvest to June 1 totaled 157,000 cwt. Last year, disappearance to June 1 was 141,000 cwt. Disappearance since May 1 was 21,000 cwt compared with 25,000 cwt a year ago and the five year average of 30,000 cwt.

Disappearance reflects sales, seed use on farm, 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 47.4 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2004, up 3 percent from last year and 10 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 12 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year.

Disappearance of 357 million cwt of potatoes is down 1 percent from last year but 4 percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 29.2 million cwt so far this season, is up 7 percent from last year and 9 percent above two years ago. This disappearance and loss includes unmarketable Maine potatoes disposed of through the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

Processors used 173 million cwt of 2003 crop potatoes so far this season, down 2 percent from a year ago but 4 percent above two years ago. May usage of 19.5 million cwt is 6 percent above both last year and two years ago. Dehydrators used 39.1 million cwt to date, down 3 percent from last year.

**Western States** held 33.2 million cwt of potatoes in storage on June 1, down 10 percent from last year but less than 1 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 2 percent from last year, Washington decreased 22 percent, and Colorado's storages held 53 percent less. Potato sheds in Oregon stored 26 percent more than last year. California's and Montana's storages combined gained 26 percent.

This is the final potato stocks report for the 2003-2004 crop. Our next report will be October 18, 2004

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	STOCKS						PRODUCTION	Jun 1 Stocks as Percent of Production
	JUN 1	MAY 1	APR 1	MAR 1	FEB 1	JAN 1		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----							-- Percent --
2004	11.0	32.0	52.0	62.0	71.0	90.0	168.0	7%
2003	13.0	38.0	52.0	68.0	79.0	101.0	154.0	8%
2002	73.0	110.0	129.5	148.0	163.0	177.0	230.0	32%

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