



FIELD CROPS

POTATO STOCKS

February 15, 2002

POTATO STOCKS DOWN 14 PERCENT

February 1, 2002 potato stocks totaled 202 million cwt, down 14 percent from 2001 and 3 percent below two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 51 percent of the fall storage States' production, the same percentage as a year ago. Stocks by type are 2 percent reds, 8 percent round whites, 3 percent long whites, and 87 percent russets, with a higher percentage of russets, but fewer round whites than a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1, at 192 million cwt, is down 14 percent from the 2000 crop and 10 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993. January disappearance of 31.7 million cwt is down 23 percent from a year ago and the lowest for this month since January 1993. Shrink and loss to this point in the season is 19.4 million cwt, down 26 percent from last year and 20 percent below two years ago.

Processing of 2001 crop potatoes totaled 96.5 million cwt to February 1, down 15 percent from the 2000 crop and 9 percent below two years ago. In January, processors used 15.6 million cwt of potatoes, down 13 percent from a year ago and one percent below two years ago.

Western States held 144 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, 2002, down 16 percent from last year and 4 percent below 2000. Idaho's potato stocks are down 13 percent from a year ago, while Washington is down 10 percent and Oregon is off 30 percent. Colorado's stocks are down 27 percent and Montana's dipped 8 percent from a year ago. California's potato holdings are down 59 percent from a year ago.

Central States accounted for 46.2 million cwt of potato stocks this February 1, down 6 percent from 2001 but 8 percent above 2000. North Dakota's stocks are up 6 percent and Wisconsin's holdings are up one percent from this date last year. Michigan's potato stocks are 8 percent lower than last year and Ohio is down 17 percent. Stocks in Minnesota are off 18 percent from a year ago and Nebraska's stocks are down 27 percent from 2001.

Eastern States stored 11.1 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, 2002, down 17 percent from a year ago and 21 percent below two years ago. Maine's holding are down 19 percent and Pennsylvania's stocks are off 18 percent from last year. New York's potato storage is the same as a year ago.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on February 1, 2001 and 2002

State	Crop of 2000			Crop of 2001		
	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2001	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2002	February as percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	3,741	1,700	45	1,113	700	63
Colorado	27,972	15,100	54	21,357	11,000	52
Idaho	152,320	87,500	57	127,980	76,000	59
Maine	17,920	10,900	61	16,120	8,800	55
Michigan	14,963	5,200	35	14,030	4,800	34
Minnesota	21,240	11,600	55	18,425	9,500	52
Montana	3,503	3,000	86	3,040	2,750	90
Nebraska	10,127	4,600	45	8,512	3,350	39
New York	5,964	1,400	23	5,942	1,400	24
North Dakota	26,950	13,700	51	26,400	14,500	55
Ohio	1,134	60	5	984	50	5
Oregon	30,683	20,000	65	20,730	14,000	68
Pennsylvania	3,510	1,100	31	3,173	900	28
Washington	105,000	44,500	42	94,400	40,000	42
Wisconsin	33,800	13,900	41	31,955	14,000	44
Total 15 States	458,827	234,260	51	394,161	201,750	51

POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, nine States, 1998-2001 ^{1/}

State	Crop year	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 County, Oregon	1998	27,510	34,700	42,670	51,210	60,040	68,550	76,410	92,860
	1999	27,970	34,490	40,790	49,220	57,820	66,080	74,110	88,210
	2000	29,290	35,720	43,470	50,580	58,910	66,760	75,270	93,460
	2001	20,940	27,330	33,620					
Maine ^{2/}	1998	1,430	1,935	2,530	2,985	3,595	4,180	4,705	5,945
	1999	1,270	1,700	2,385	3,070	3,765	4,560	5,150	6,670
	2000	1,845	2,475	3,105	3,695	4,225	4,760	5,340	7,015
	2001	1,935	2,420	3,080					
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	1998	33,630	38,890	45,650	53,290	60,930	67,180	74,190	83,730
	1999	33,320	39,620	45,500	53,350	61,080	67,230	74,840	83,210
	2000	34,770	40,970	47,720	55,250	62,860	69,850	78,010	91,130
	2001	29,270	35,310	40,540					
Other States ^{3/}	1998	11,570	14,465	18,030	20,850	24,850	28,190	31,365	39,865
	1999	12,455	15,035	17,950	20,855	24,305	27,220	30,410	35,940
	2000	12,665	16,215	18,975	22,095	25,410	28,695	31,765	39,020
	2001	12,715	15,905	19,300					
Total	1998	74,140	89,990	108,880	128,335	149,415	168,100	186,670	222,400
	1999	75,015	90,845	106,625	126,495	146,970	165,090	184,510	214,030
	2000	78,570	95,380	113,270	131,620	151,405	170,065	190,385	230,625
	2001	64,860	80,965	96,540					

^{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, MI, and WI. ^{2/} Includes Maine grown potatoes only. ^{3/} MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI in 2000 and 2001. MI, MN, ND, and WI IN 1998 and 1999.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1992 through 2001

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 ^{1/}
1,000 Cwt								
1992	368,516	246,820	215,990	184,560	152,795	115,785	75,040	
1993	376,954	249,410	217,300	185,490	153,435	115,170	72,860	
1994	410,839	273,290	238,560	202,470	169,570	129,825	87,600	
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001	394,161	266,520	233,420	201,750				

^{1/} Data not available prior to 1998.