



# IDAHO POTATOES


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## PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 57,820,000 cwt. of 1999 crop raw potatoes to April 1, 4 percent less than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 49,850,000 cwt. of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 7,970,000 cwt. were produced in other states. Processing in Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin totaled 146,020,000 cwt. of raw potatoes to April 1, 2 percent less than the comparable period last year.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING.<sup>1/</sup> EIGHT STATES, 1998 AND 1999

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 JUNE 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore. All Potatoes	1998-99	10,410	19,190	27,510	34,700	42,670	51,210	60,040	68,550	76,410	92,860
	1999-00	11,620	20,310	27,970	34,490	40,790	49,220	57,820			
IDAHO Potatoes	1998-99	6,990	14,660	22,730	29,390	37,090	45,110	53,150	60,980	67,970	83,390
	1999-00	7,210	14,500	21,820	27,900	33,640	41,590	49,850			
Maine <sup>2/</sup>	1998-99			1,430	1,935	2,530	2,985	3,595	4,180	4,705	5,945
	1999-00			1,375	1,670	2,310	2,995	3,640			
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	1998-99	18,610	26,700	33,630	38,890	45,650	53,290	60,930	67,180	74,190	83,730
	1999-00	19,040	26,820	33,440	39,620	45,500	53,350	61,080			
Other States <sup>3/</sup>	1998-99			11,615	14,550	18,150	20,900	24,710	27,855	31,635	37,662
	1999-00			11,785	14,495	17,295	19,970	23,480			
TOTAL (8 STATES)	1998-99			74,185	90,075	109,000	128,385	149,275	167,765	186,940	220,197
	1999-00			74,570	90,275	105,895	125,535	146,020			

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Does not include quantities used for potato chips in Maine, Mich., Minn., N. Dak. or Wis. 2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. 3/ Mich., Minn., N. Dak. and Wis.

## STOCKS

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 50,000,000 cwt., 2,000,000 cwt. less than on hand April 1, 1999. Disappearance, at 83,330,000 cwt., is down from last year's 86,000,000 cwt. and below 1997's 84,314,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 3,600,000 cwt., above last year's 3,300,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 46,400,000 cwt., was 2,300,000 cwt. below the amount stored on April 1, 1999.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the April 1, 2000 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 8.3 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 50.0 million cwt. will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 8.3 percent or 4.2 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 14.2 percent or approximately 7.1 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS DOWN 3 PERCENT

April 1, 2000 potato stocks totaled 128 million cwt., down 3 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below two years ago. Storage accounted for 30 percent of fall production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to April 1 totaled 293 million cwt. this season, up slightly from last year and 5 percent above two years ago.

The Three Eastern States stored 8.11 million cwt. of potatoes on April 1, 2000, up 20 percent from a year ago but 2 percent below two years ago. Maine's holdings were up 20 percent, Pennsylvania's were up 33 percent, and New York's stocks were equal to last year.

The Six Central States accounted for 22.3 million cwt. of potato stocks this April, down 21 percent from a year ago and 10 percent below 1998. North Dakota's stocks were off 41 percent from last year, Minnesota's stocks dropped 30 percent, and Wisconsin's stocks were down 6 percent. Michigan's stocks were up 23 percent from a year ago and the Nebraska - Ohio combination was up 40 percent.

The Six Western States held 97.2 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on April 1, 2000, up 1 percent from last year but 4 percent below 1998. Oregon's stocks were up 29 percent from a year ago, but were offset by a 5 percent decline in Washington and a 4 percent drop in Idaho. Stocks in the three Northwest States were the same as last year and accounted for 66 percent of U.S. stocks. Colorado's stocks were up 9 percent and California's potato stocks were up 17 percent from last year. Montana's stocks, mostly seed, were off 5 percent.

**FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1994-99 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES**

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS					
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR				
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1
		<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>					
IDAHO							
1994	138,801	100,500	89,500	78,000	68,000	55,000	39,500
1995	132,657	96,000	85,000	73,500	62,500	49,500	36,000
1996	142,800	102,000	92,000	82,000	70,000	56,000	41,000
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500
1998	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	23,000
15 STATES 1/							
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
1999	420,567	274,370	238,160	205,780	170,050	127,570	50,270

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ Stocks not available prior to 1998.

**PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON APRIL 1, 1999 AND APRIL 1, 2000 1/**

STATE	CROP OF 1998			CROP OF 1999		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 1999 2/	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2000 2/	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,708	1,200	32	4,005	1,400	35
Colorado	25,360	9,300	37	25,762	10,100	39
Idaho	138,000	52,000	38	133,330	50,000	38
Maine	18,060	6,000	33	17,813	7,200	40
Michigan	14,648	2,200	15	14,963	2,700	18
Minnesota	21,170	6,700	32	18,020	4,700	26
Montana	3,180	1,740	55	3,325	1,650	50
Nebraska	8,175			8,904		
New York	7,290	350	5	6,758	350	5
N. Dakota	28,670	10,500	37	26,400	6,200	23
Ohio	1,200			987		
Oregon	26,229	10,500	40	28,020	13,500	48
Pennsylvania	3,360	420	13	3,080	560	18
Washington	93,225	21,500	23	95,200	20,500	22
Wisconsin	30,895	7,800	25	34,000	7,300	21
Other States		1,010			1,410	
15 STATE TOTAL	423,170	131,220	31	420,567	127,570	30

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant 2000 crops. 1999 crop usage totaled 29.5 million cwt.

2/ Nebraska and Ohio combined into "Other States".