



# IDAHO POTATOES


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## PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 49,220,000 cwt. of 1999 crop raw potatoes to March 1, 4 percent less than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 41,590,000 cwt. of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 7,630,000 cwt. were produced in other states. Processing in Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin totaled 125,535,000 cwt. of raw potatoes to March 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				
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				
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				
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				
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				
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				

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 March 1 totaled 65,000,000 cwt., 1,000,000 cwt. less than on hand March 1, 1999. Disappearance, at 68,330,000 cwt., is down from last year's 72,000,000 cwt. and below 1997's 70,814,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 5,000,000 cwt., above last year's 4,300,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 60,000,000 cwt., was 1,700,000 cwt. below the amount stored on March 1, 1999.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the March 1, 2000 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 6.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 65.0 million cwt. will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 6.5 percent or 4.2 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 11.1 percent or approximately 7.2 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS DOWN 2 PERCENT

March 1, 2000 potato stocks in the 15 major potato States totaled 170 million cwt., down 2 percent from a year ago and 3 percent below two years ago. Storage accounted for 40 percent of fall production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to March 1 totaled 251 million cwt. this season, up slightly from last year and 5 percent above two years ago.

The Three Eastern States stored 11.0 million cwt. of potatoes on March 1, 2000, up 10 percent from a year ago but 9 percent below two years ago. Maine's holdings were up 11 percent, Pennsylvania's were up 7 percent, and New York's stocks were the same compared with last year.

The Six Central States accounted for 32.8 million cwt. of potato stocks this March, down 16 percent from 1999 and 6 percent below 1998. North Dakota's stocks fell 35 percent from last year and Minnesota's stocks dropped by 30 percent. Michigan was up 2 percent and Wisconsin gained 6 percent from last year.

The Six Western States held 126 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on March 1, 2000, up 1 percent from last year but 2 percent below 1998. Oregon's stocks were up 22 percent from a year ago, but were mostly offset by a 5 percent decline in Washington and a 2 percent dip in Idaho. Stocks in the three Northwest States were up less than 1 percent from last year and accounted for 64 percent of U.S. Stocks. Colorado's stocks were up 8 percent and Montana's were up 2 percent. California's potato stocks were up 13 percent from last year.

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		23,000
15 STATES							
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		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 MARCH 1, 1999 AND MARCH 1, 2000 1/

STATE	CROP OF 1998			CROP OF 1999		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 1999 2/	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2000 2/	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,708	1,600	43	4,005	1,800	45
Colorado	25,360	12,000	47	25,762	12,900	50
Idaho	138,000	66,000	48	133,330	65,000	49
Maine	18,060	8,450	47	17,813	9,400	53
Michigan	14,648	4,100	28	14,963	4,200	28
Minnesota	21,170	8,900	42	18,020	6,200	34
Montana	3,180	2,650	83	3,325	2,700	81
Nebraska	8,175			8,904		
New York	7,290	800	11	6,758	800	12
N. Dakota	28,670	12,800	45	26,400	8,300	31
Ohio	1,200			987		
Oregon	26,229	13,000	50	28,020	15,900	57
Pennsylvania	3,360	700	21	3,080	750	24
Washington	93,225	29,500	32	95,200	28,000	29
Wisconsin	30,895	11,000	36	34,000	11,700	34
Other States		2,150			2,400	
15 STATE TOTAL	423,170	173,650	41	420,567	170,050	40

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

2/ Blank State combined into "Other States".