



# IDAHO POTATOES


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## PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 66,080,000 cwt. of 1999 crop raw potatoes to May 1, 4 percent less than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 57,450,000 cwt. of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 8,630,000 cwt. were produced in other states. Processing in Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin totaled 163,320,000 cwt. of raw potatoes to May 1, 3 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	66,080		
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	57,450		
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	4,340		
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	67,230		
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	25,670		
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	163,320		

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 May 1 totaled 36,000,000 cwt., 1,000,000 cwt. less than on hand May 1, 1999. Disappearance, at 97,330,000 cwt., is down from last year's 101,000,000 cwt. and below 1997's 98,814,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 2,400,000 cwt., above last year's 1,900,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 33,600,000 cwt., was 1,500,000 cwt. below the amount stored on May 1, 1999.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the May 1, 2000 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 11.7 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 36.0 million cwt. will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 11.7 percent or 4.2 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 20.1 percent or approximately 7.2 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS DOWN 3 PERCENT

May 1, 2000 potato stocks totaled 85.7 million cwt., down 3 percent from a year ago and 8 percent below two years ago. Storage accounted for 20 percent of fall production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to May 1 totaled 335 million cwt. this season, down slightly from last year but 4 percent above two years ago.

The Three Eastern States stored 4.89 million cwt. of potatoes on May 1, 2000, up 22 percent from a year ago and 2 percent above two years ago. Maine's holdings were up 16 percent, Pennsylvania's were up 3.5 times last year, while New York's stocks were off 47 percent from last year.

The Six Central States accounted for 12.0 million cwt. of potato stocks this May 1, down 32 percent from a year ago and 20 percent below 1998. North Dakota's stocks were off 52 percent from last year, Minnesota's stocks dropped 35 percent, and Wisconsin's stocks were down 23 percent. Michigan's stocks were up 63 percent from a year ago and the Nebraska - Ohio combination was nearly triple last year.

The Six Western States held 68.8 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on May 1, 2000, up 4 percent from last year but 6 percent below 1998. Oregon's stocks were up 36 percent from a year ago, Washington was equal to last year, and Idaho's stocks were down 3 percent. Stocks in these three Northwest States were up 3 percent from last year and accounted for 70 percent of U.S. stocks.

**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	36,000
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	85,670

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 MAY 1, 1999 AND MAY 1, 2000 1/**

STATE	CROP OF 1998			CROP OF 1999		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 1999 2/	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 2000 2/	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,708	900	24	4,005	1,100	27
Colorado	25,360	6,600	26	25,762	7,400	29
Idaho	138,000	37,000	27	133,330	36,000	27
Maine	18,060	3,800	21	17,813	4,400	25
Michigan	14,648	800	5	14,963	1,300	9
Minnesota	21,170	4,300	20	18,020	2,800	16
Montana	3,180	290	9	3,325	300	9
Nebraska	8,175			8,904		
New York	7,290	75	1	6,758	40	1
N. Dakota	28,670	7,500	26	26,400	3,600	14
Ohio	1,200			987		
Oregon	26,229	7,000	27	28,020	9,500	34
Pennsylvania	3,360	130	4	3,080	450	15
Washington	93,225	14,500	16	95,200	14,500	15
Wisconsin	30,895	4,800	16	34,000	3,700	11
Other States		200			580	
15 STATE TOTAL	423,170	87,895	21	420,567	85,670	20

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".