



# IDAHO POTATOES


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## PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 43,470,000 cwt. of 2000 crop raw potatoes to February 1, 7 percent more than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 36,000,000 cwt. of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 7,470,000 cwt. were produced in other states. Processing of the 2000 crop potatoes totaled a record high 112,550,000 cwt. to February 1, up 4 percent from the 1999 crop and less than 1 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season for comparable States.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,<sup>1/</sup> NINE STATES, 1999 AND 2000

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 JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore. All Potatoes	1999-00	11,620	20,310	27,970	34,490	40,790	49,220	57,820	66,080	74,110	88,210
	2000-01	12,730	22,080	29,290	35,720	43,470					
IDAHO Potatoes	1999-00	7,210	14,500	21,820	27,900	33,640	41,590	49,850	57,450	64,990	78,390
	2000-01	7,790	16,030	22,840	28,740	36,000					
Maine <sup>2/</sup>	1999-00			1,270	1,700	2,385	3,070	3,765	4,560	5,150	6,670
	2000-01			1,845	2,475	3,105					
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	1999-00	19,040	26,820	33,320	39,620	45,500	53,350	61,080	67,230	74,840	83,210
	2000-01	19,460	27,510	34,770	40,970	47,720					
Other States <sup>3/ 4/</sup>	1999-00			12,455	15,035	17,950	20,855	24,305	27,220	30,410	36,435
	2000-01			12,650	15,860	18,255					
TOTAL (9 STATES) <sup>4/</sup>	1999-00			75,015	90,845	106,625	126,495	146,970	165,090	184,510	214,525
	2000-01			78,555	95,025	112,550					

<sup>1/</sup> 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 ME, MI, or WI. <sup>2/</sup> Includes ME grown potatoes only. <sup>3/</sup> MN, ND, NV SD and WI in 2000. MI, MN, ND, and WI. in 1999. <sup>4/</sup> January 1, 2000-01 data revised.

## STOCKS

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on February 1 totaled 86,500,000 cwt., 10,000,000 cwt. more than on hand February 1, 2000. Disappearance, at 65,820,000 cwt., is up from last year's 56,830,000 cwt. and above 1999's 60,500,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 6,300,000 cwt., equaling last year's 6,300,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 80,200,000 cwt., was 10,000,000 cwt. above the amount stored on February 1, 2000.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the February 1, 2001 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 5.7 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 86.5 million cwt. will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 5.7 percent or 4.9 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 9.8 percent or approximately 8.5 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS RECORD HIGH, UP 13 PERCENT

February 1, 2001 potato stocks totaled a record high 235 million cwt., up 13 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set in February 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 51 percent of the fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1 was a record high 227 million cwt. This disappearance was up 6 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season.

The Three Eastern States stored 13.2 million cwt. of potatoes on February 1, 2001, down 7 percent from a year ago but 2 percent above two years ago. Maine's holdings were down 4 percent and New York's stocks were off 28 percent from last year. Pennsylvania's storage was down 5 percent from a year ago.

The Six Central States accounted for 48.0 million cwt. of potato stocks this February 1, 12 percent above 2000 and slightly above 1999. Minnesota's stocks were up 55 percent and Nebraska's were up 29 percent. Stocks in North Dakota were up 21 percent and Ohio was up 50 percent from last year. Wisconsin's and Michigan's potato stocks were each down 10 percent from a year ago.

The Six Western States held 174 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on February 1, 2001, up 16 percent from last year and 17 percent above 1999. Washington's potato stocks were up 34 percent from a year ago, while Idaho's stocks were up 13 percent, and Oregon's were up 10 percent. Colorado was equal to last year and Montana was up 5 percent. California's potato stocks were down 23 percent from a year ago.

**FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1995-00 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES**

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1 2/
IDAHO		<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>						
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	23,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000	21,000
2000	152,320	110,500	100,000	86,500				
15 STATES 1/								
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	461,827	309,520	272,960	235,050				

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 FEBRUARY 1, 2000 AND FEBRUARY 1, 2001 1/**

STATE	CROP OF 1999			CROP OF 2000		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2000	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2001	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	4,005	2,200	55	3,741	1,700	45
Colorado	25,762	15,100	59	27,972	15,100	54
Idaho	133,330	76,500	57	152,320	86,500	57
Maine	17,813	11,300	63	17,920	10,900	61
Michigan	14,963	5,800	39	14,963	5,200	35
Minnesota	18,020	7,500	42	21,240	11,600	55
Montana	3,325	3,000	90	3,503	3,150	90
Nebraska 2/	8,904	3,250	37	10,127	4,200	41
New York	6,758	1,800	27	5,964	1,300	22
N. Dakota	26,400	11,000	42	26,950	13,300	49
Ohio	987	100	10	1,134	150	13
Oregon	28,020	18,600	66	30,683	20,500	67
Pennsylvania	3,080	1,000	32	3,510	950	27
Washington	95,200	35,000	37	108,000	47,000	44
Wisconsin	34,000	15,000	44	33,800	13,500	40
15 STATES	420,567	207,150	49	461,827	235,050	51

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2000 totaled 29.7 million cwt.

2/ Summer estimates included with Fall in 2000.