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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 50,580,000 cwt. of 2000 crop raw potatoes to March 1, 3 percent more than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 42,530,000 cwt. of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 8,050,000 cwt. were produced in other states. Processing of the 2000 crop potatoes totaled 131,555,000 cwt. to March 1, up 2 percent from the 1999 crop and 1 percent above two years ago. February processing of 18,635,000 cwt. fell 8 percent short of last year for comparable States.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,^{1/} 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	50,580				
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	42,530				
Maine ^{2/}	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	3,695				
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	55,250				
Other States ^{3/ 4/}	1999-00			12,455	15,035	17,950	20,855	24,305	27,220	30,410	36,435
	2000-01			12,650	16,235	18,625	22,030				
TOTAL (9 STATES) ^{4/}	1999-00			75,015	90,845	106,625	126,495	146,970	165,090	184,510	214,525
	2000-01			78,555	95,400	112,920	131,555				

^{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 ME, MI, or WI. ^{2/} Includes ME grown potatoes only. ^{3/} MN, ND, NV SD and WI in 2000. MI, MN, ND, and WI. in 1999. ^{4/} January 1 and February 1 data revised.

STOCKS

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 75,000,000 cwt., 10,000,000 cwt. more than on hand March 1, 2000. Disappearance, at 77,320,000 cwt., is up from last year's 68,330,000 cwt. and above 1999's 72,000,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 6,000,000 cwt., 1,000,000 cwt. more than last year's 5,000,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 69,000,000 cwt., was 9,000,000 cwt. above the amount stored on March 1, 2000.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the March 1, 2001 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 6.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 75.0 million cwt. will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 6.5 percent or 4.9 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 11.1 percent or approximately 8.3 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS RECORD HIGH, UP 17 PERCENT

March 1, 2001 potato stocks totaled a record high 198 million cwt., up 17 percent from last year and 5 percent above the previous record set in March 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 43 percent of the fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to March 1 was a record high 264 million cwt. This disappearance was up 5 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season.

The Three Eastern States stored 10.1 million cwt. of potatoes on March 1, 2001, down 11 percent from a year ago but 2 percent above two years ago. Maine's holdings were down 7 percent and New York's stocks were off 46 percent from last year. Pennsylvania's storage was equal to last year.

The Six Central States accounted for 38.6 million cwt. of potato stocks this March 1, 19 percent above March 2000 but 1 percent below 1999. Minnesota's stocks were up 63 percent and Nebraska-Ohio combination was up 52 percent. Stocks in North Dakota were up 23 percent from last year. Wisconsin's stocks were down 1 percent and Michigan's potato stocks were 19 percent below a year ago.

The Six Western States held 150 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on March 1, 2001, up 19 percent from last year and 20 percent above 1999. Washington's potato stocks were up 43 percent from a year ago, while Idaho's stocks increased 15 percent, and Oregon's were up 12 percent. Colorado's stocks were up 1 percent from last year and Montana was up 11 percent. California's potato stocks were down 28 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/
		<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>						
IDAHO								
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	75,000			
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	198,320			

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, 2000 AND MARCH 1, 2001 1/

STATE	CROP OF 1999			CROP OF 2000		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2000	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2001	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	4,005	1,800	45	3,741	1,300	35
Colorado	25,762	12,900	50	27,972	13,000	46
Idaho	133,330	65,000	49	152,320	75,000	49
Maine	17,813	9,400	53	17,920	8,700	49
Michigan	14,963	4,200	28	14,963	3,400	23
Minnesota	18,020	6,200	34	21,240	10,100	48
Montana	3,325	2,700	81	3,503	3,000	86
Nebraska 2/ 3/	8,904			10,127		
New York	6,758	1,300	19	5,964	700	12
N. Dakota	26,400	9,000	34	26,950	11,100	41
Ohio 3/	987			1,134		
Oregon	28,020	15,500	55	30,683	17,300	56
Pennsylvania	3,080	700	23	3,510	700	20
Washington	95,200	28,000	29	108,000	40,000	37
Wisconsin	34,000	10,600	31	33,800	10,500	31
Other States		2,320			3,520	
15 STATES	420,567	169,620	40	461,827	198,320	43

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. 3/ Stocks from states left blank combined into "Other States".