



IDAHO POTATOES


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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 58,910,000 cwt. of 2000 crop raw potatoes to April 1, 2 percent more than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 50,250,000 cwt. of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 8,660,000 cwt. were produced in other states. Processing of the 2000 crop potatoes totaled 151,415,000 cwt. to April 1, up 3 percent from the 1999 crop and 1 percent above two years ago. March processing of 19,860,000 cwt. fell 5 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	58,910			
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	50,250			
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	4,225			
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	62,860			
Other States ^{3/}	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	25,420			
TOTAL (9 STATES)	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	151,415			

^{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.

STOCKS

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 59,500,000 cwt., 9,500,000 cwt. more than on hand April 1, 2000. Disappearance, at 92,820,000 cwt., is up from last year's 83,330,000 cwt. and above 1999's 86,000,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 5,100,000 cwt., 1,500,000 cwt. more than last year's 3,600,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 54,400,000 cwt., was 8,000,000 cwt. above the amount stored on April 1, 2000.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the April 1, 2001 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 8.3 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 59.5 million cwt. will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 8.3 percent or 4.9 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 14.2 percent or approximately 8.4 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS RECORD HIGH, UP 20 PERCENT

April 1, 2001 potato stocks totaled a record high 154 million cwt., up 20 percent from last year and 17 percent above two years ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 33 percent of the fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. This year's record high stocks exceeded the previous record set April 1, 1997 by 4 percent. Disappearance from the start of harvest to April 1 was a record high 308 million cwt.

The Three Eastern States stored 7.20 million cwt. of potatoes on April 1 2001, down 14 percent from a year ago but 6 percent above two years ago. Maine's holdings were down 8 percent and New York's stocks were off 57 percent from last year. Pennsylvania's storage was down 40 percent from last year.

The Six Central States accounted for 27.3 million cwt. of potato stocks this April 1, 17 percent above April 2000 but 3 percent below 1999. Minnesota's stocks were up 72 percent and the Nebraska-Ohio combination was up 42 percent. Stocks in North Dakota were up 32 percent from last year. Wisconsin's stocks were down 13 percent and Michigan's potato stocks were 44 percent below a year ago.

The Six Western States held 120 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on April 1, 2001, up 24 percent from the last two years. Washington's potato stocks were up 61 percent from a year ago, while Idaho's stocks increased 19 percent, and Oregon's were up 5 percent. Colorado's stocks increased 2 percent from last year and Montana's were up 27 percent. California's stocks were down 29 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
		<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
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000
2000	152,320	110,500	100,000	86,500	75,000	59,500	
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
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915
2000	461,827	309,520	272,960	235,050	198,320	154,030	

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, 2000 AND APRIL 1, 2001 1/

STATE	CROP OF 1999			CROP OF 2000		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2000	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2001	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	4,005	1,400	35	3,741	1,000	27
Colorado	25,762	10,100	39	27,972	10,300	37
Idaho	133,330	50,000	38	152,320	59,500	39
Maine	17,813	7,200	40	17,920	6,600	37
Michigan	14,963	2,700	18	14,963	1,500	10
Minnesota	18,020	4,700	26	21,240	8,100	38
Montana	3,325	1,650	50	3,503	2,100	60
Nebraska 2/ 3/	8,904			10,127		
New York	6,758	700	10	5,964	300	5
N. Dakota	26,400	6,900	26	26,950	9,100	34
Ohio 3/	987			1,134		
Oregon	28,020	13,000	46	30,683	13,600	44
Pennsylvania	3,080	500	16	3,510	300	9
Washington	95,200	20,500	22	108,000	33,000	31
Wisconsin	34,000	7,700	23	33,800	6,700	20
Other States		1,360			1,930	
15 STATES	420,567	128,410	31	461,827	154,030	33

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".