



IDAHO POTATOES


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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 35,720,000 cwt. of 2000 crop raw potatoes to January 1, 4 percent more than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 28,740,000 cwt. of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 6,980,000 cwt. were produced in other states. Processing in Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin totaled 97,055,000 cwt. of raw potatoes to January 1, 7 percent more than the comparable period last year.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,^{1/} EIGHT 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 JUNE 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						
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						
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						
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						
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	17,890						
TOTAL (8 STATES)	1999-00			75,015	90,845	106,625	126,495	146,970	165,090	184,510	214,525
	2000-01			78,555	97,055						

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 January 1 totaled 100,000,000 cwt., 14,000,000 cwt. more than on hand January 1, 2000. Disappearance, at 52,320,000 cwt., is up from last year's 47,330,000 cwt. and above 1999's 49,000,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 7,500,000 cwt., above last year's 6,700,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 92,500,000 cwt., was 13,200,000 cwt. above the amount stored on January 1, 2000.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the January 1, 2001 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 5.0 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 100.0 million cwt. will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 5.0 percent or 5.0 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 8.6 percent or approximately 8.6 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS RECORD HIGH, UP 14 PERCENT

January 1, 2001 potato stocks totaled a record high 273 million cwt., up 14 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set in January 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 59 percent of the fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to January 1, at 189 million cwt., was record high. 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 15.5 million cwt. of potatoes on January 1, 2001, down 9 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below two years ago. Maine's holding were down 4 percent and Pennsylvania's stocks were off 27 percent from last year. New York's storage was down 24 percent from a year ago.

The Six Central States accounted for 57.4 million cwt. of potato stocks this January 1, 10 percent above 2000 but 1 percent below 1999. Minnesota's stocks were up 44 percent and Nebraska's were up 27 percent. Stocks in North Dakota and Ohio were up 14 percent and 11 percent, respectively, from last year. Wisconsin's potato stocks were down 11 percent from a year ago and Michigan dropped 3 percent from last year.

The Six Western States held 200 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on January 1, 2001, up 17 percent from last year and 16 percent above 1999. Washington's potato stocks were up 32 percent from a year ago, while Idaho's stocks were up 16 percent, and Oregon's were up 12 percent. Colorado was up 2 percent and Montana gained 5 percent.

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					
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					

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 JANUARY 1, 2000 AND JANUARY 1, 2001 1/

STATE	CROP OF 1999			CROP OF 2000		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2000	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2001	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	4,005	2,700	67	3,741	2,100	56
Colorado	25,762	17,300	67	27,972	17,700	63
Idaho	133,330	86,000	65	152,320	100,000	66
Maine	17,813	13,000	73	17,920	12,500	70
Michigan	14,963	7,100	47	14,963	6,900	46
Minnesota	18,020	9,000	50	21,240	13,000	61
Montana	3,325	3,100	93	3,503	3,250	93
Nebraska 2/	8,904	4,320	49	10,127	5,500	54
New York	6,758	2,500	37	5,964	1,900	32
N. Dakota	26,400	13,800	52	26,950	15,800	59
Ohio	987	190	19	1,134	210	19
Oregon	28,020	20,500	73	30,683	23,000	75
Pennsylvania	3,080	1,500	49	3,510	1,100	31
Washington	95,200	41,000	43	108,000	54,000	50
Wisconsin	34,000	17,900	53	33,800	16,000	47
15 STATES	420,567	239,910	57	461,827	272,960	59

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.