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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 54.2 million cwt of 2001 crop raw potatoes to May 1, 19 percent less than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 47.5 million cwt of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 6.67 million cwt were produced in other states. Processing of the 2001 crop potatoes totaled 148 million cwt to May 1, down 13 percent from last year.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,^{1/} NINE STATES, 2000 AND 2001

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	2000-01	12,730	22,080	29,290	35,720	43,470	50,580	58,910	66,760	75,270	93,460
	2001-02	8,050	14,350	20,940	27,330	33,620	40,860	47,710	54,150		
IDAHO Potatoes	2000-01	7,790	16,030	22,840	28,740	36,000	42,530	50,250	57,390	65,470	82,610
	2001-02	5,670	10,970	17,030	22,750	28,470	35,310	41,640	47,480		
Maine ^{2/}	2000-01			1,845	2,475	3,105	3,695	4,225	4,760	5,340	7,015
	2001-02			1,935	2,420	3,080	3,665	4,250	4,725		
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2000-01	19,460	27,510	34,770	40,970	47,720	55,250	62,860	69,850	78,010	91,130
	2001-02	15,380	22,090	29,270	35,310	40,540	47,910	54,850	61,310		
Other States ^{3/}	2000-01			12,665	16,215	18,975	22,095	25,410	28,695	31,765	39,020
	2001-02			12,715	15,905	18,765	21,915	24,395	27,520		
TOTAL (9 STATES)	2000-01			78,570	95,380	113,270	131,620	151,405	170,065	190,385	230,625
	2001-02			64,860	80,965	96,005	114,350	131,205	147,705		

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI. 2/ Includes ME grown potatoes only. 3/ MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI.

STOCKS

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on May 1 totaled 40.5 million cwt, 6.50 million cwt less than on hand May 1, 2001. Disappearance, at 87.5 million cwt, is down from last year's 105 million cwt and below 2000's 97.3 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 1.40 million cwt, below last year's 3.70 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 39.1 million cwt, was 4.20 million cwt below the amount stored on May 1, 2001.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the May 1, 2002 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 9.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 40.5 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 9.5 percent or 3.85 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 16.4 percent or approximately 6.64 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS DOWN 17 PERCENT

May 1, 2002 potato stocks totaled 91.1 million cwt, down 17 percent from 2001 but 5 percent above two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 23 percent of the fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to May 1, at 303 million cwt, is down 13 percent from the 2000 crop and 9 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1992.

Eastern States stored 3.2 million cwt of potatoes on May 1, 2002, down 25 percent from a year ago and 31 percent below two years ago. Maine's holdings are down 25 percent from last year, New York and Pennsylvania stocks are combined for a 31 percent decline from a year ago.

Central States accounted for 17.1 million cwt of potato stocks this May 1, down 2 percent from 2001 but 22 percent above 2000. North Dakota's stocks are up 12 percent and Wisconsin's holdings are 21 percent above this date last year. Michigan's potato stocks are down 43 percent from last year and Minnesota's are off 26 percent from a year ago. Combined Nebraska and Ohio stocks are 12 percent below a year ago.

Western States held 70.9 million cwt of potatoes in storage on May, 2002, down 19 percent from last year but 4 percent above 2000. Idaho's potato stocks are down 14 percent from a year ago, while Washington is down 16 percent and Oregon is off 35 percent. Colorado's stocks are down 31 percent and Montana's fell 7 percent short of a year ago. California's potato holdings are down 86 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1996-2001 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								
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	111,000	101,000	87,500	76,500	61,500	47,000	26,500
2001	127,980	95,000	86,000	76,000	66,000	53,000	40,500	
15 STATES 1/								
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	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001	394,161	266,520	233,420	201,750	167,870	128,930	91,140	

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, 2001 AND MAY 1, 2002 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2000			CROP OF 2001		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 2001	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 2002	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,741	800	21	1,113	110	10
Colorado	27,972	7,400	26	21,357	5,100	24
Idaho	152,320	47,000	31	127,980	40,500	32
Maine	17,920	4,000	22	16,120	3,000	19
Michigan	14,963	700	5	14,030	400	3
Minnesota	21,240	5,800	27	18,425	4,300	23
Montana	3,503	750	21	3,040	700	23
Nebraska 2/	10,127			8,512		
New York 2/	5,964			5,942		
N. Dakota	26,950	6,800	25	26,400	7,600	29
Ohio 2/	1,134			984		
Oregon	30,683	10,000	33	20,730	6,500	31
Pennsylvania 2/	3,510			3,173		
Washington	105,000	21,500	20	94,400	18,000	19
Wisconsin	33,800	3,300	10	31,955	4,000	13
Other States		1,110			930	
15 STATES TOTAL	458,827	109,160	24	394,161	91,140	23

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant 2002 crop. Seed usage in 2001 totaled 27.4 million cwt. 2/ Combined into "Other States".

