



IDAHO POTATOES


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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 40.9 million cwt of 2001 crop raw potatoes to March 1, 19 percent less than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 35.3 million cwt of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 5.55 million cwt were produced in other states. Processing of the 2001 crop potatoes totaled 114 million cwt to March 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				
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				
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				
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				
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				
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				

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 March 1 totaled 66.0 million cwt, 10.5 million cwt less than on hand March 1, 2001. Disappearance, at 62.0 million cwt, is down from last year's 75.8 million cwt and below 2000's 68.3 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 3.10 million cwt, below last year's 6.00 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 62.9 million cwt, was 7.60 million cwt below the amount stored on March 1, 2001.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the March 1, 2002 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 5.4 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 66.0 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 5.4 percent or 3.56 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 9.3 percent or approximately 6.14 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS DOWN 15 PERCENT

March 1, 2002 potato stocks totaled 168 million cwt, down 15 percent from 2001 and 1 percent below two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 43 percent of the fall storage States' production, the same percentage as a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to March 1, at 226 million cwt, is down 13 percent from the 2000 crop and 10 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993.

Eastern States stored 8.3 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, 2002, down 21 percent from a year ago and 27 percent below two years ago. Both Maine and Pennsylvania holdings are down 20 percent from last year. New York's potato storage is down 35 percent from a year ago.

Central States accounted for 37.4 million cwt of potato stocks this March 1, down 4 percent from 2001 but 16 percent above 2000. North Dakota's stocks are up 7 percent and Wisconsin's holdings are up 10 percent from this date last year. Michigan's potato stocks are 6 percent lower than last year and Minnesota's are off 22 percent from a year ago. Combined Nebraska and Ohio stocks are 29 percent below a year ago.

Western States held 122 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, 2002, down 18 percent from last year and 3 percent below 2000. Idaho's potato stocks are down 14 percent from a year ago, while Washington is down 13 percent and Oregon is off 32 percent. Colorado's stocks are down 28 percent and Montana's dipped 9 percent from a year ago. California's potato holdings are down 85 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			
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			

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, 2001 AND MARCH 1, 2002 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2000			CROP OF 2001		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2001	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2002	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,741	1,300	35	1,113	200	18
Colorado	27,972	13,000	46	21,357	9,400	44
Idaho	152,320	76,500	50	127,980	66,000	52
Maine	17,920	8,700	49	16,120	7,000	43
Michigan	14,963	3,400	23	14,030	3,200	23
Minnesota	21,240	10,100	48	18,425	7,900	43
Montana	3,503	2,800	80	3,040	2,550	84
Nebraska 2/	10,127			8,512		
New York	5,964	1,000	17	5,942	650	11
N. Dakota	26,950	11,500	43	26,400	12,300	47
Ohio 2/	1,134			984		
Oregon	30,683	17,000	55	20,730	11,500	55
Pennsylvania	3,510	830	24	3,173	660	21
Washington	105,000	37,500	36	94,400	32,500	34
Wisconsin	33,800	10,500	31	31,955	11,500	36
Other States		3,540			2,510	
15 STATES TOTAL	458,827	197,670	43	394,161	167,870	43

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".