

POTATO STOCKS

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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 6 PERCENT BELOW 2004 LEVEL

January 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 11.6 million hundredweight, 6 percent below the January 1, 2004 level, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The breakdown of January 1, 2005 stocks by type indicate 9% red, 5% white and 86% russet.

Stocks in Area 1 totaled 3.2 million hundredweight, down 3 percent from 2004 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 8.4 million hundredweight, down 8 percent from 2004.

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Type	Jan. 1, 2004		Jan. 1, 2005	
	Stocks 2002 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2003 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
Red	1,500	12	1,040	9
White	600	5	580	5
Russet	10,300	83	9,980	86
Total	12,400	100	11,600	100

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Region 1/	Jan. 1, 2004		Jan. 1, 2005	
	Stocks 2002 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2003 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
MN Area 1	3,300	27	3,200	28
MN Area 2	9,100	73	8,400	72
State Total	12,400	100	11,600	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahnomon, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

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Potato Stocks Up 2 Percent from Last Year

The 15 major potato States held 238 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 59 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type show a smaller percentage of reds and round whites but a larger percentage of long whites and russets than a year ago. Disappearance of 165 million cwt of potatoes is down 3 percent from last year and 6 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 20.0 million cwt so far this season, is up 15 percent from last year and 10 percent above the same date in 2003. Processors in the 9 major States used 86.0 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 2 percent from a year ago and 7 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 17.0 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year and 13 percent below the same date in 2003. December 1, 2004, stocks were revised up fractionally, with changes in Nebraska, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on January 1, 2004-2005 ¹

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004			
	Prod	Stocks Jan 1, 2004	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Dec 1, 2004	Stocks Jan 1, 2005	Jan % of Prod
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	3,528	2,100	60	3,876	3,200	2,800	72
CO	23,652	15,300	65	23,148	17,200	15,000	65
ID	123,180	76,500	62	131,970	93,500	84,500	64
ME	17,030	12,100	71	19,220	15,000	12,800	67
MI	15,015	7,700	51	13,650	8,600	6,900	51
MN	22,330	12,400	56	18,920	13,000	11,600	61
MT	3,339	3,000	90	3,551	3,400	3,300	93
NE ²	9,744	5,600	57	9,288	6,300	5,300	57
NY ²	6,510	1,600	25	5,184	2,500	1,800	35
ND	27,440	17,300	63	26,765	19,600	17,500	65
OH	1,097	190	17	1,080	200	120	11
OR	20,991	15,800	75	19,775	17,000	14,500	73
PA ²	3,375	1,500	44	2,640	1,300	1,100	42
WA	93,150	44,000	47	93,810	50,000	43,000	46
WI	32,800	18,500	56	30,450	21,000	18,000	59
15 States ²	403,181	233,590	58	403,327	271,800	238,220	59

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

² December 1, 2004, stocks revised.

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