

POTATO STOCKS

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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 22% ABOVE 2003 LEVEL

February 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 11.1 million hundredweight, 22 percent above the February 1, 2003 level, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The breakdown of February 1, 2004 stocks by type indicate 11 percent red, 4 percent white and 85 percent russet.

Stocks in Area 1 totaled 3.0 million hundredweight, up 25 percent from 2003. Stocks in Area 2 totaled 8.1 million hundredweight, up 21 percent from 2003.

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Type	Feb. 1, 2003		Feb. 1, 2004	
	Stocks 2002Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2003Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
Red	960	11	1,220	11
White	490	5	480	4
Russet	7,650	84	9,400	85
Total	9,100	100	11,100	100

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Region 1/	Feb. 1, 2003		Feb. 1, 2004	
	Stocks 2002 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2003Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
MN Area 1	2,400	26	3,000	27
MN Area 2	6,700	74	8,100	73
State Total	9,100	100	11,100	100

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

15 STATES POTATO STOCKS UP 1 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 201 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 50 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Stocks by type show more reds and round whites and fewer russets than a year ago. Disappearance of 203 million cwt of potatoes is down 2 percent from last year but 4 percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 20.6 million cwt so far this season, is up 1 percent from last year and 5 percent above the same date in 2002. Processors in the 9 major States used 101 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 5 percent from a year ago but 5 percent above two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 22.1 million cwt of the total processing, down 7 percent from last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on February 1, 2003-2004 ¹

State	Crop of 2002			Crop of 2003		
	Prod	Stocks Feb 1, 2003	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Feb 1, 2004	% 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>Percent</i>
CA	4,264	2,400	56	3,444	2,000	58
CO	27,885	15,300	55	23,652	12,200	52
ID	133,385	72,500	54	123,180	67,000	54
ME	16,960	9,500	56	17,030	10,500	62
MI	13,878	5,600	40	15,015	5,600	37
MN	18,700	9,100	49	22,330	11,100	50
MT	3,224	2,900	90	3,339	3,000	90
NE	8,611	3,700	43	9,860	4,500	46
NY	5,500	1,100	20	6,510	2,400	37
ND	23,460	11,600	49	27,440	15,000	55
OH	903	20	2	1,290	130	10
OR	24,936	12,500	50	20,991	13,500	64
PA	2,590	900	35	3,915	1,100	28
WA	92,400	38,500	42	93,150	38,000	41
WI	31,125	13,700	44	32,800	14,500	44
15 States	407,821	199,320	49	403,946	200,530	50

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.