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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 14 PERCENT BELOW 2004 LEVEL

April 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 6.5 million hundredweight, 14 percent below the April 1, 2004 level, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 2.1 million hundredweight, down 9 percent from 2004 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 4.4 million hundredweight, down 17 percent from 2004.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Region 1/	April 1, 2004		April 1, 2005	
	Stocks 2003 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2004 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks
	1,000 Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
MN Area 1	2,300	30	2,100	32
MN Area 2	5,300	70	4,400	68
State Total	7,600	100	6,500	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.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on April 1, 2004-2005¹

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004		
	Prod	Stocks Apr 1, 2004 ²	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Apr 1, 2005 ²	% 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	3,528	1,000	28	3,876	900	23
CO	23,652	7,500	32	23,148	8,500	37
ID	123,180	46,000	37	131,970	52,000	39
ME	17,030	6,500	38	19,220	7,500	39
MI	15,015	3,200	21	13,650	2,700	20
MN	22,330	7,600	34	18,920	6,500	34
MT	3,339	2,300	69	3,551	2,000	56
NE	9,744			9,288		
NY	6,510	300	5	5,184	320	6
ND	27,440	11,200	41	26,765	10,300	38
OH	1,097			1,080		
OR	20,991	8,400	40	19,775	6,200	31
PA	3,375	400	12	2,640	600	23
WA	93,150	21,500	23	93,810	22,000	23
WI	32,800	7,600	23	30,450	7,700	25
Other States		2,610			2,400	
15 States	403,181	126,110	31	403,327	129,620	32

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

² Missing stocks combined into "Other States".