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MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 7 PERCENT BELOW 2004 LEVEL

May 1 Stocks: Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 5.1 million hundredweight, 7 percent below the May 1, 2004 level, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 1.6 million hundredweight, up 7 percent from 2004 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 3.5 million hundredweight, down 13 percent from 2004.

MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Region 1/	May 1, 2004		May 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	1,500	27	1,600	31
MN Area 2	4,000	73	3,500	69
State Total	5,500	100	5,100	100

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

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

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004		
	Prod	Stocks May 1, 2004 ²	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks May 1, 2005 ²	% of Prod
	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent
CA	3,528	700	20	3,876	500	13
CO	23,652	4,300	18	23,148	4,600	20
ID	123,180	33,000	27	131,970	38,500	29
ME	17,030	4,100	24	19,220	5,100	27
MI	15,015	1,500	10	13,650	1,100	8
MN	22,330	5,500	25	18,920	5,100	27
MT	3,339	1,000	30	3,551	400	11
NE	9,744			9,288		
NY	6,510			5,184		
ND	27,440	8,300	30	26,765	7,200	27
OH	1,097			1,080		
OR	20,991	5,500	26	19,775	3,400	17
PA	3,375			2,640		
WA	93,150	15,000	16	93,810	15,500	17
WI	32,800	4,200	13	30,450	3,900	13
Other Sts		1,900			1,690	
15 Sts	403,181	85,000	21	403,327	86,990	22

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 Sts".