



NEWS RELEASE

Potato Stocks
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North Dakota January 1 Potato Stocks

North Dakota

Stocks of potatoes in North Dakota's growers, dealers and processors storage facilities on January 1, 2005 were estimated at 17.5 million hundredweight (cwt), up 1 percent from last year and 25 percent from 2003, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Current stocks represent 65 percent of production, up from 63 percent last year. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

Stocks by type are 63 percent russets, 16 percent round whites, 10 percent long whites, and 11 percent reds. As a percent of total stocks, russets and long whites are up from 2004, while round whites and reds are down.

This report also contains size and grade information from the Potato Objective Yield Survey that was released on December 15, 2004. Size and grade measurements came from potatoes harvested in the Objective Yield Survey sample plots. Potatoes were sent to laboratories for sizing and grading according to accepted U. S. fresh grading standards.

United States

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 percent 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.

Fall Potatoes: Production and January 1 Stocks

State	Crop of 2003		Crop of 2004			Stocks by Type as Percent of Total Stocks ^{1/}							
	Production	Stocks Jan. 1, 2004	Production	Stocks		Reds		Round Whites		Long Whites		Russets	
				Dec. 1, 2004 ^{1/}	Jan. 1, 2005	Dec 2004	Jan 2005	Dec 2004	Jan 2005	Dec 2004	Jan 2005		
	-- 1,000 Cwt --		-- 1,000 Cwt --			--- Percent ---							
NORTH DAKOTA	27,440	17,300	26,765	19,600	17,500	13	11	20	16	11	10	56	63
California	3,528	2,100	3,876	3,200	2,800								
Colorado	23,652	15,300	23,148	17,200	15,000	5	5	2	2			93	93
Idaho	123,180	76,500	131,970	93,500	84,500	1	1			5	5	94	94
Maine	17,030	12,100	19,220	15,000	12,800	3	3	45	42	3	1	49	54
Michigan	15,015	7,700	13,650	8,600	6,900	1		89	90			10	10
Minnesota	22,330	12,400	18,920	13,000	11,600	9	9	4	5	1		86	86
Montana	3,339	3,000	3,551	3,400	3,300								
Nebraska	9,744	5,600	9,288	6,300	5,300								
New York	6,510	1,600	5,184	2,500	1,800	5	5	90	90			5	5
Ohio	1,097	190	1,080	200	120								
Oregon	20,991	15,800	19,775	17,000	14,500	1	1	1	1	1	1	97	97
Pennsylvania	3,375	1,500	2,640	1,300	1,100	2	1	98	99				
Washington	93,150	44,000	93,810	50,000	43,000	1	1	1		6	4	92	95
Wisconsin	32,800	18,500	30,450	21,000	18,000	4	1	36	38			60	61
11 State Total						3	2	12	11	4	4	81	83
15 State Total	403,181	233,590	403,327	271,800	238,220								

^{1/} December revised.

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Grading Categories of Potatoes, 2003 and 2004 Crop ^{1/}

Type and State	No. 1 2 Inch Minimum ^{2/}		No. 2 or Processing Usable 1 1/2 Inch Minimum ^{3/}		Cull ^{4/}		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Round Red Potatoes MN	73.6	81.0	21.8	14.6	4.6	4.4	100.0	100.0
Round White Potatoes ME ^{5/}	77.4	85.5	10.7	7.9	11.9	6.6	100.0	100.0
ND	82.1	86.4	11.9	8.8	6.0	4.8	100.0	100.0
WI	80.4	80.0	19.4	19.9	0.2	0.1	100.0	100.0
Long Potatoes: (Russet and Shepody) ID ^{6/}	69.7	78.6	29.4	20.9	0.9	0.5	100.0	100.0
ME ^{5/}	61.2	70.2	21.7	12.4	17.1	17.4	100.0	100.0
MN	80.1	77.0	17.0	19.9	2.9	3.1	100.0	100.0
ND	73.9	77.8	18.1	17.5	8.0	4.7	100.0	100.0
OR	77.3	78.2	21.8	21.2	0.9	0.6	100.0	100.0
WA	79.1	82.6	19.2	16.7	1.7	0.7	100.0	100.0
WI	83.8	79.9	16.2	20.0		0.1	100.0	100.0

1/ Gross yield basis. 2/ Potatoes which meet the requirements for US #1, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service. 3/ Potatoes which meet the requirements for US #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service. 4/ Potatoes not meeting the requirements for US #1 or US #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service. 5/ Percent of net yield - adjusted for field loss. 6/ Russets only.

Round Potatoes: Size Categories, 2004 Crop ^{1/}

Type and State	1 1/2	1 7/8	2	2 1/4	2 1/2	3 1/2	4 Inch and over	Total
	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	1 7/8	2	2 1/4	2 1/2	3 1/2	4		
Inches								
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Red Potatoes MN	6.9	6.1	14.5	18.6	52.5	1.4		100.0
White Potatoes ME ^{2/}	1.7	3.0	9.8	16.2	63.2	5.7	0.4	100.0
ND	4.1	3.8	11.0	19.3	55.0	5.6	1.2	100.0
WI	3.6	2.8	8.9	13.7	64.7	5.6	0.7	100.0

1/ Gross yield basis. 2/ Percent of net yield - adjusted for field loss.

Long Potatoes (Russet & Shepody): Size Categories, 2004 Crop ^{1/}

State	1 1/2	1 5/8	1 7/8	2 in. or 4-6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 and Over	Total
	-	-	-											
	1 5/8	1 7/8	2											
Inches														
Ounce														
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
ID ^{2/}	1.8	6.7	4.9	26.8	9.2	8.7	7.8	6.1	5.2	4.4	3.5	2.7	12.2	100.0
MN	1.8	8.8	7.2	35.0	11.6	9.9	7.8	4.9	3.8	2.4	1.9	1.1	3.8	100.0
ND	1.1	6.9	5.5	26.1	10.7	9.9	8.7	6.7	5.9	3.7	3.6	2.3	8.9	100.0
OR	1.8	4.3	3.1	20.2	9.3	9.4	8.5	8.0	6.3	5.4	4.4	2.9	16.4	100.0
WA	0.9	3.7	3.0	21.7	10.0	9.0	8.2	7.0	6.3	5.7	4.8	4.0	15.7	100.0
WI	4.5	4.3	5.9	32.4	12.2	9.7	8.2	6.5	3.9	3.7	2.4	2.1	4.2	100.0

1/ Gross yield basis. 2/Russets only.

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