



NEWS RELEASE

Potato Stocks
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North Dakota

Stocks of potatoes totaled 4.80 million hundredweight (cwt) on June 1, 2005 in North Dakota growers, dealers and processors storage facilities, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Stocks are down 4 percent from last year, but up 78 percent from June 1, 2003. Current stocks represent 18 percent of production, same as last year, but up 12 percent from two years ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest totaled 22.0 million cwt, down 2 percent from 2004, but up 6 percent from two years ago. Disappearance during May totaled 2.40 million cwt. This was below last May's disappearance of 3.30 million cwt and 2.80 million cwt two years ago. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

United States

The 15 major potato States held 51.0 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2005, up 11 percent from both last year and June 1, 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 13 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 2 percentage points above last year. Disappearance of 352 million cwt of potatoes is down 1 percent from last year and 2 percent below two years ago. Processors in the 9 major States have used 173 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 1 percent from a year ago and 4 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 36.0 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year and 11 percent below the same date in 2003.

Fall Potatoes: Production and June 1 Stocks

State	Crop of 2003		Crop of 2004	
	Production	Stocks June 1, 2004	Production	Stocks June 1, 2005
	-- 1,000 Cwt --		-- 1,000 Cwt --	
North Dakota	27,440	5,000	26,765	4,800
California	3,528	1/	3,876	1/
Colorado	23,652	2,600	23,148	2,700
Idaho	123,180	19,500	131,970	24,000
Maine	17,030	2,300	19,220	3,000
Michigan	15,015	1/	13,650	1/
Minnesota	22,330	3,500	18,920	3,500
Montana	3,339	1/	3,551	1/
Nebraska	9,744	1/	9,288	1/
New York	6,510	1/	5,184	1/
Ohio	1,097	1/	1,080	1/
Oregon	20,991	2,900	19,775	1,800
Pennsylvania	3,375	1/	2,640	1/
Washington	93,150	7,000	93,810	8,000
Wisconsin	32,800	1,500	30,450	1,800
Other States		1,720		1,400
15 State Total	403,181	46,020	403,327	51,000

1/ Combined into Other States.

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