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## POTATO STOCKS

Maine potato stocks on hand March 1, 2009, totaled 7.1 million hundredweight (cwt), 11 percent below March 1, 2008 holdings, and the lowest level on hand March 1 since 2002. Disappearance to March 1 in the state totaled 7.7 million cwt, compared with 8.7 million cwt moved a year earlier. Storage on March 1 accounted for 48 percent of Maine's total production, unchanged from last year and below the previous five-year average of 52 percent.

The 13 major potato States held 151 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2009, down eight percent from a year

ago and five percent below March 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 41 percent of the 2008 fall storage states' production, slightly below March 1, 2008. Potato disappearance, at 217 million cwt, was eight percent below March 1, 2008 and down six percent from 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 18.7 million cwt, was down seven percent from the same date in 2008 and eight percent below 2007. Processors in the nine major States have used 117 million cwt of potatoes this season, down eight percent from the same period last year and down eight percent from two years ago.

**FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 13 Major States, March 1, 2008 – 2009<sup>1</sup>**

| State                        | 2007 Crop      |                            |  | 2008 Crop      |                               |                            |  |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
|                              | Production     | Stocks<br>March 1,<br>2008 | Stocks as<br>Percentage of<br>Production | Production     | Stocks<br>February 1,<br>2009 | Stocks<br>March 1,<br>2009 | Stocks as<br>Percentage of<br>Production |
|                              | 1,000 Cwt      | 1,000 Cwt                  | Percent                                  | 1,000 Cwt      | 1,000 Cwt                     | 1,000 Cwt                  | Percent                                  |
| California                   | 3,792          | 1,100                      | 29                                       | 3,939          | 1,300                         | 1,000                      | 25                                       |
| Colorado                     | 20,981         | 9,500                      | 45                                       | 21,338         | 12,500                        | 10,900                     | 51                                       |
| Idaho                        | 130,010        | 60,500                     | 47                                       | 114,805        | 64,000                        | 54,000                     | 47                                       |
| <b>Maine</b>                 | <b>16,668</b>  | <b>8,000</b>               | <b>48</b>                                | <b>14,769</b>  | <b>8,500</b>                  | <b>7,100</b>               | <b>48</b>                                |
| Michigan                     | 14,700         | 3,700                      | 25                                       | 14,875         | 5,000                         | 3,500                      | 24                                       |
| Minnesota                    | 21,560         | 8,200                      | 38                                       | 20,400         | 10,600                        | 8,700                      | 43                                       |
| Montana                      | 3,696          | 3,100                      | 84                                       | 3,465          | 3,200                         | 3,000                      | 87                                       |
| Nebraska <sup>2</sup>        | 8,217          | 3,000                      | 37                                       | 8,342          | 4,200                         | 3,500                      | 42                                       |
| New York                     | 5,216          | 1,200                      | 23                                       | 5,696          | 1,200                         | 800                        | 14                                       |
| North Dakota <sup>2</sup>    | 23,660         | 8,000                      | 34                                       | 22,680         | 10,400                        | 8,100                      | 36                                       |
| Oregon                       | 20,293         | 11,600                     | 57                                       | 18,676         | 12,000                        | 9,800                      | 52                                       |
| Washington                   | 100,800        | 35,400                     | 35                                       | 93,000         | 38,600                        | 31,400                     | 34                                       |
| Wisconsin                    | 28,160         | 10,100                     | 36                                       | 25,730         | 12,000                        | 9,200                      | 36                                       |
| <b>13 STATES<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>397,753</b> | <b>163,400</b>             | <b>41</b>                                | <b>367,715</b> | <b>183,500</b>                | <b>151,000</b>             | <b>41</b>                                |
| Klamath Basin <sup>3</sup>   |                | 2,050                      |  |                | 2,800                         | 2,000                      |  |

<sup>1</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2008 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

<sup>2</sup> February 1, 2009 stocks revised.

<sup>3</sup> Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Included in the 13 state total.

SOURCE: *Potato Stocks*, 3:00 p.m., March 12, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**POTATOES: Shrinkage and Loss, 13 Fall Storage States, 2005 – 2008 Crop Years**

| Crop Year   | To Dec 1 | To Jan 1 | To Feb 1          | To Mar 1 | To Apr 1 | To May 1 | To Jun 1 |
|-------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Million Cwt |          |          |                   |          |          |          |          |
| 2005        | 12.7     | 15.0     | 16.8              | 18.4     | 20.2     | 22.0     | 23.7     |
| 2006        | 13.2     | 16.1     | 18.4              | 20.4     | 22.3     | 24.0     | 25.5     |
| 2007        | 14.2     | 16.4     | 18.4              | 20.2     | 22.1     | 24.0     | 25.3     |
| 2008        | 12.7     | 14.9     | 16.8 <sup>1</sup> | 18.7     |          |          |          |

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

SOURCE: *Potato Stocks*, 3:00 p.m., March 12, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 2004 – 2008 Crop Years**  
**Prices Received by Farmers for Fall Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average <sup>1</sup>**

| Crop Year | Aug             | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec   | Jan  | Feb                | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Market Year Average |
|-----------|-----------------|------|------|------|-------|------|--------------------|------|------|------|------|---------------------|
|           | Dollars per Cwt |      |      |      |       |      |                    |      |      |      |      |                     |
| 2004      | 5.90            | 5.15 | 5.65 | 6.15 | 6.35  | 5.90 | 6.55               | 6.60 | 6.95 | 7.30 | 7.40 | 6.50                |
| 2005      | *               | 5.85 | 6.30 | 7.90 | 8.20  | 8.20 | 8.40               | 8.75 | 9.45 | 9.30 | 8.55 | 8.25                |
| 2006      | *               | 6.25 | 6.50 | 8.15 | 8.25  | 8.40 | 7.90               | 7.60 | 8.15 | 8.20 | 8.05 | 7.80                |
| 2007      | *               | 6.20 | 6.40 | 7.25 | 7.55  | 7.60 | 8.00               | 8.55 | 8.65 | 9.15 | 8.75 | 7.90                |
| 2008      | *               | 7.20 | 7.75 | 9.80 | 10.00 | 9.85 | 10.10 <sup>2</sup> |      |      |      |      |                     |

<sup>1</sup> Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed, and feed.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary price reflecting prices received for the entire month.

\* Missing data indicates too few potatoes being marketed to set price.

SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 p.m., February 27, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**FARM NUMBERS**

**NUMBER OF FARMS: Economic Sales Class by State, 2007 – 2008**

| State and Region              | Number of Farms   |           | Economic Sales Class |           |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
|                               | 2007 <sup>1</sup> | 2008      | \$1,000 – \$9,999    |           | \$10,000 – \$99,999 |         | \$100,000 – \$249,999 |         | \$250,000 and over |         |
|                               |                   |           | 2007 <sup>1</sup>    | 2008      | 2007 <sup>1</sup>   | 2008    | 2007 <sup>1</sup>     | 2008    | 2007 <sup>1</sup>  | 2008    |
|                               | Number            |           |                      |           |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| Connecticut <sup>2</sup>      | 4,900             | 4,900     | 3,100                | 3,050     |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| Maine <sup>2</sup>            | 8,100             | 8,000     | 5,300                | 5,200     |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| Massachusetts <sup>2</sup>    | 7,700             | 7,700     | 4,800                | 4,800     |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| New Hampshire <sup>2</sup>    | 4,150             | 4,150     | 2,900                | 2,900     |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| Rhode Island <sup>2</sup>     | 1,220             | 1,220     | 750                  | 740       |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| Vermont <sup>2</sup>          | 7,000             | 7,000     | 4,000                | 4,000     |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| <b>NEW ENGLAND</b>            | 33,070            | 32,970    | 20,850               | 20,690    |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| <b>NEW ENGLAND &amp; NJ</b>   | 43,370            | 43,270    | 27,550               | 27,390    | 11,010              | 11,060  | 2,220                 | 2,220   | 2,590              | 2,600   |
| <b>NORTHEAST <sup>3</sup></b> | 142,970           | 143,070   | 83,350               | 83,090    | 37,210              | 37,360  | 11,120                | 10,920  | 11,290             | 11,700  |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b>          | 2,204,950         | 2,200,000 | 1,228,560            | 1,222,000 | 608,670             | 604,500 | 150,300               | 149,000 | 217,420            | 224,500 |

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates not available for all sales classes.

<sup>3</sup> Northeast equals CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.

**LAND IN FARMS: Economic Sales Class by State, 2007 – 2008**

| State and Region              | Land in Farms     |         | Economic Sales Class |         |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
|                               | 2007 <sup>1</sup> | 2008    | \$1,000 – \$9,999    |         | \$10,000 – \$99,999 |         | \$100,000 – \$249,999 |         | \$250,000 and over |         |
|                               |                   |         | 2007 <sup>1</sup>    | 2008    | 2007 <sup>1</sup>   | 2008    | 2007 <sup>1</sup>     | 2008    | 2007 <sup>1</sup>  | 2008    |
|                               | 1,000 Acres       |         |                      |         |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| Connecticut <sup>2</sup>      | 410               | 400     | 140                  | 130     |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| Maine <sup>2</sup>            | 1,350             | 1,350   | 480                  | 480     |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| Massachusetts <sup>2</sup>    | 520               | 510     | 210                  | 210     |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| New Hampshire <sup>2</sup>    | 470               | 470     | 230                  | 230     |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| Rhode Island <sup>2</sup>     | 70                | 70      | 30                   | 30      |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| Vermont <sup>2</sup>          | 1,230             | 1,220   | 350                  | 340     |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| <b>NEW ENGLAND</b>            | 4,050             | 4,020   | 1,440                | 1,420   |                     |         |                       |         |                    |         |
| <b>NEW ENGLAND &amp; NJ</b>   | 4,780             | 4,750   | 1,620                | 1,600   | 1,260               | 1,250   | 487                   | 490     | 1,413              | 1,410   |
| <b>NORTHEAST <sup>3</sup></b> | 19,780            | 19,600  | 5,620                | 5,400   | 5,110               | 5,000   | 2,687                 | 2,600   | 6,363              | 6,600   |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b>          | 921,460           | 919,900 | 107,870              | 106,700 | 228,220             | 225,300 | 153,407               | 151,300 | 431,963            | 436,600 |

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates not available for all sales classes.

<sup>3</sup> Northeast equals CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.

**CHICKENS**

**MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, February 2008 – 2009**

| State                | Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above |               | All Layers <sup>1</sup> |               | Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1</sup> |               | Egg Production from All Layers <sup>1</sup> |               |
|----------------------|---|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|---|---------------|
|                      | February 2008                               | February 2009 | February 2008           | February 2009 | February 2008                            | February 2009 | February 2008                               | February 2009 |
|                      | 1,000 Birds                                 |               |                         |               | Number                                   |               | Million Eggs                                |               |
| Connecticut          | 2,756                                       | 2,678         | 2,819                   | 2,741         | 2,128                                    | 2,080         | 60  | 57            |
| Maine                | 4,172                                       | 3,584         | 4,240                   | 3,667         | 2,123                                    | 1,909         | 90  | 70            |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> | 278,021                                     | 278,876       | 343,299                 | 340,752       | 2,072                                    | 2,023         | 7,114                                       | 6,893         |

<sup>1</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs*, 3:00 p.m., March 23, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**BEE AND HONEY**

Honey production from **Maine** and **Vermont** producers with five or more colonies totaled 624,000 pounds in 2008, an increase of thirteen percent from 2007. Yields from Maine's and Vermont's 12,000 colonies producing honey averaged 54 pounds in 2008, compared with 45 pounds a year earlier.

Total value of production for the two states totaled \$1.03 million, up 21 percent from the previous year. Nationwide, 2008 honey production totaled 160.9 million pounds, an eight percent increase from the previous year.

**BEE and HONEY: Colonies, Yield, Production, Value, and Stocks 2007 – 2008 <sup>1</sup>**

| State                     | Honey Producing Colonies |              | Yield per Colony |             | Production     |                | Average Price per Pound <sup>2</sup> |              | Value of Production |                | Stocks as of December 15 <sup>3</sup> |               |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
|                           | 2007                     | 2008         | 2007             | 2008        | 2007           | 2008           | 2007                                 | 2008         | 2007                | 2008           | 2007                                  | 2008          |
|                           | 1,000                    |              | Pounds           |             | 1,000 Pounds   |                | Cents                                |              | 1,000 Dollars       |                | 1,000 Pounds                          |               |
| Maine                     | 9                        | 7            | 26               | 42          | 234            | 294            | 132                                  | 150          | 309                 | 441            | 59                                    | 79            |
| Vermont                   | 5                        | 5            | 64               | 66          | 320            | 330            | 170                                  | 179          | 544                 | 591            | 96                                    | 119           |
| Other States <sup>4</sup> | 15                       | 15           | 48               | 51          | 720            | 765            | 266                                  | 229          | 1,915               | 1,752          | 230                                   | 130           |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b>      | <b>2,443</b>             | <b>2,301</b> | <b>60.7</b>      | <b>69.9</b> | <b>148,341</b> | <b>160,861</b> | <b>107.7</b>                         | <b>141.0</b> | <b>159,763</b>      | <b>226,814</b> | <b>52,635</b>                         | <b>50,445</b> |

<sup>1</sup> For producers with five or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each state.

<sup>2</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

<sup>3</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>4</sup> CT, DE, MD, MA, NH, OK, RI, and SC are combined and published as "Other States" to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

SOURCE: *Honey*, 3:00 p.m., February 27, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**MILK PRODUCTION**

Milk production in Vermont during February 2008 totaled 210 million pounds, an increase of 8 percent from February 2007. There were an estimated 140,000 milk cows on Vermont farms during February, unchanged from January. Milk production per cow averaged 1,500 pounds during the month.

Milk production in the 23 major milk-producing states during February 2008 totaled 13.9 billion pounds compared with 13.1 billion pounds during the same month the previous year. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 8.4 million head and milk production per cow averaged 1,653 pounds during February 2008.

**MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, February 2009 with Comparisons**

| State                             | Milk Cows <sup>1</sup> |              |               | Production per Cow <sup>2</sup> |              |               | Production <sup>2</sup> |               |               |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                   | February 2008          | January 2009 | February 2009 | February 2008                   | January 2009 | February 2009 | February 2008           | January 2009  | February 2009 |
|                                   | 1,000 Head             |              |               | Pounds                          |              |               | Million Pounds          |               |               |
| Vermont                           | 140                    | 137          | 136           | 1,500                           | 1,540        | 1,415         | 210                     | 211           | 192           |
| New York                          | 626                    | 624          | 623           | 1,590                           | 1,670        | 1,540         | 995                     | 1,042         | 959           |
| Pennsylvania                      | 551                    | 550          | 551           | 1,540                           | 1,630        | 1,490         | 849                     | 897           | 821           |
| <b>UNITED STATES <sup>3</sup></b> | <b>8,457</b>           | <b>8,504</b> | <b>8,488</b>  | <b>1,656</b>                    | <b>1,753</b> | <b>1,608</b>  | <b>14,007</b>           | <b>14,907</b> | <b>13,650</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

<sup>3</sup> UNITED STATES includes 23 major States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, and WI.

SOURCE: *Milk Production*, 3:00 p. m., February 18, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**VERMONT MILK: Prices Received by Farmers for Milk Sold 2004 – 2009 <sup>1</sup>**

| Year              | Jan           | Feb   | Mar   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Annual Average |
|-------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|
|                   | Price per Cwt |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |
| 2004              | 14.00         | 14.40 | 16.20 | 17.80 | 20.10 | 19.80 | 17.60 | 15.50 | 16.30 | 16.60 | 17.00 | 17.20 | 16.90          |
| 2005              | 16.90         | 16.00 | 16.60 | 15.80 | 15.50 | 15.10 | 15.80 | 15.70 | 16.10 | 16.50 | 16.10 | 15.50 | 16.00          |
| 2006              | 15.30         | 14.60 | 13.80 | 12.80 | 12.70 | 12.70 | 12.70 | 12.90 | 13.60 | 14.50 | 14.70 | 14.80 | 13.70          |
| 2007              | 15.70         | 15.90 | 16.80 | 17.70 | 19.20 | 21.20 | 23.20 | 23.50 | 23.80 | 23.30 | 23.80 | 23.30 | 20.60          |
| 2008              | 22.20         | 20.40 | 18.90 | 19.30 | 18.80 | 19.90 | 20.80 | 19.90 | 19.70 | 18.80 | 18.40 | 16.50 | *              |
| 2009 <sup>2</sup> | 15.10         | 12.70 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |                |

<sup>1</sup> Prices include quality, quantity, and other premiums; excludes deductions for hauling and hauling subsidies.

<sup>2</sup> Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.

\* 2008 Annual average will be available in April 2009.

SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 p.m., February 27, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## DAIRY PRODUCTS

## MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, January 2009 with Comparisons

| Product                           | January 2008 <sup>1</sup> | December 2008 <sup>1</sup> | January 2009 | January 2009 as percent of: |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|                                   |                           |                            |              | January 2008                | December 2008 |
|                                   | 1,000 Pounds              |                            |              | Percent                     |               |
| Butter                            | 3,511                     | 1,927                      | 1,856        | 53                          | 96            |
| American Type Cheese <sup>2</sup> | 7,457                     | 6,580                      | 8,033        | 108                         | 122           |
| Mozzarella Cheese                 | 3,885                     | 559                        | 288          | 7                           | 52            |
| Other Italian Cheese <sup>3</sup> | 538                       | 408                        | 979          | 182                         | 240           |
| Cottage Cheese <sup>4</sup>       | 591                       | 642                        | 753          | 127                         | 117           |
|                                   | 1,000 Gallons             |                            |              | Percent                     |               |
| Ice Cream, Hard                   | 6,739                     | 4,950                      | 5,002        | 74                          | 101           |
| Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard           | 1,070                     | 242                        | 494          | 46                          | 204           |
| Milk Sherbet, Hard                | 78                        | 128                        | 97           | 124                         | 76            |

<sup>1</sup> Revised.<sup>2</sup> American Type Cheese includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.<sup>3</sup> Includes all Italian Cheese except Mozzarella.<sup>4</sup> Creamed and Low Fat.SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: *Dairy Products*, 3:00 p.m., March 4, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.