

OREGON POTATOES



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PROCESSING

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 58.2 million cwt of raw potatoes to April 1, 2004, less than a 1 percent decrease from the 58.7 million cwt processed during the same period last year but an increase of 6 percent from the 55.0 million cwt processed during the same period two years ago. Processing to April 1 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for just over 52 percent of the 2003 production for those areas. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 49.6 million cwt of raw potatoes to April 1, a decrease of almost 12 percent from last year but an increase of almost 4 percent from two years ago. Total processing of the 2003 crop potatoes was 137.0 million cwt to April 1, down 4 percent from last year but up 4 percent from two years ago. Of the processed total, 30.3 million cwt were used for dehydrated products, excluding starch and flour.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,^{1/} SELECTED STATES, 2002 AND 2003

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2002-03	28,380	34,860	41,200	48,600	56,240	63,840	71,280	85,390
	2003-04	24,310	30,730	36,260	43,640	49,570	-	-	-
Maine ^{2/}	2002-03	2,230	2,715	3,345	3,905	4,505	5,225	5,905	7,835
	2003-04	1,590	2,095	2,725	3,415	4,105	-	-	-
Wash. & Other Area, Ore. ^{4/}	2002-03	33,680	39,490	44,190	51,920	58,710	64,300	71,480	79,110
	2003-04	32,670	38,520	43,610	51,210	58,280	-	-	-
Other States ^{3/ 4/}	2002-03	12,190	14,865	17,865	20,740	23,580	26,000	29,075	36,705
	2003-04	12,570	15,410	18,760	21,890	25,055	-	-	-
TOTAL ^{4/}	2002-03	76,480	91,930	106,600	125,165	143,035	159,365	177,740	209,040
	2003-04	71,140	86,755	101,355	120,155	137,010	-	-	-

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, CO, MI, and WI. 2/ Includes ME grown potatoes only. 3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. 4/ March 1, 2004 revised.

APRIL 1 STOCKS UP ELEVEN PERCENT

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 11.0 million cwt as of April 1, 2004, reflecting an increase of 11 percent from April 1, 2003. This total accounts for 52 percent of the 2003 crop production in Oregon, compared to 40 percent last year at this time. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon.

About 73 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area as of April 1, while Klamath and Malheur counties each had 10 percent. Last year at this time, nearly 68 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 9 percent were in Klamath County and 18 percent were in Malheur County. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks are up almost 20 percent and Klamath County stocks are up nearly 27 percent from last year, while Malheur County stocks are down 39 percent from last year.

Potato stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after April 1.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS UP 1 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 167 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 5 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 41 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, unchanged from a year ago. Disappearance of 237 million cwt from the start of harvest to April 1, is down 2 percent from the same period last year but 4 percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 22.6 million cwt, is up 2 percent from last year and 4 percent above two years ago.

Processors used 120 million cwt of 2003 crop potatoes so far this season, down 4 percent from a year ago but 5 percent above two years ago. February usage of 18.8 million cwt is 1 percent above last year and 3 percent above two years ago. Dehydrators used 26.1 million cwt to date, down 7 percent from last year.

Western States held 114 million cwt of potatoes in storage on April 1, down 6 percent from last year and 1 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 6 percent from last year, Washington decreased 3 percent, Colorado's storages held 21 percent less, and California lost 10 percent. Oregon's sheds stored 11 percent more than last year and Montana increased 4 percent.

Central States accounted for 42.1 million cwt of potato stocks on April 1, up 18 percent from last year and 17 percent above two years ago. Both North Dakota and Minnesota stocks increased 30 percent from last year's level, while Michigan gained 4 percent. Nebraska and Ohio combined are up 30 percent, while Wisconsin's storages hold the same amount as last year at this time.

Eastern States stored 11.1 million cwt of potatoes on April 1, up 21 percent from last year and 34 percent above two years ago. Maine's stocks are up 11 percent, New York's gained 150 percent, and Pennsylvania stocks increased 17 percent.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS, 2000-2003, OREGON & 15 FALL STATES ^{1/}

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>								
OREGON								
2000	30,683	25,000	23,000	20,000	17,000	13,600	10,000	6,400
2001	20,730	17,500	15,500	14,000	11,500	8,500	6,500	3,000
2002	24,936	17,500	15,000	12,500	9,900	7,500	5,000	2,300
2003	20,991	18,000	15,800	13,500	11,000	8,300	-	-
15 STATES								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001	387,179	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002 ^{2/}	407,085	264,585	231,690	199,320	165,310	125,870	82,940	45,980
2003	403,946	267,860	233,880	200,530	166,690	126,410	-	-

^{1/} See table below for listing of 15 states.

^{2/} 2002 production revised in *Field Crops, Final Estimates 1997 - 2002* publication released March 17, 2004. Stocks will be revised in *Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes, Final Estimates 1997 - 2002* publication tentatively scheduled for release August 20, 2004.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS,
PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON APRIL 1, 2003 AND APRIL 1, 2004 ^{1/}

STATE	CROP OF 2002			CROP OF 2003		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2003	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2004	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California ^{3/}	4,316	1,600	37	3,444	1,500	44
Colorado	27,885	9,900	36	23,652	7,000	30
Idaho	133,385	49,000	37	123,180	46,500	38
Maine	16,960	6,300	37	17,030	6,500	38
Michigan	13,878	2,900	21	15,015	3,100	21
Minnesota ^{3/}	18,810	6,100	32	22,330	7,600	34
Montana	3,224	1,900	59	3,339	2,100	63
New York	5,500	220	4	6,510	750	12
N. Dakota	23,460	7,900	34	27,440	11,200	41
Oregon	24,936	7,500	30	20,991	8,300	40
Pennsylvania ^{3/}	2,128	400	19	3,915	500	13
Washington ^{3/}	92,340	23,000	25	93,150	21,500	23
Wisconsin ^{3/}	30,750	7,100	23	32,800	7,300	22
Other States ^{2/3/}	9,513	2,050	22	11,150	2,560	23
15 STATES	407,085	165,310	31	403,946	126,410	31

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt. ^{2/} Includes Nebraska and Ohio.

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