

OREGON POTATOES



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PROCESSING

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 51.2 million cwt of raw potatoes to March 1, 2004, a 1 percent decrease from the 51.9 million cwt processed during the same period last year but an increase of nearly 7 percent from the 47.9 million cwt processed during the same period two years ago. Processing to March 1 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for nearly 46 percent of the 2003 production for those areas. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 43.6 million cwt of raw potatoes to March 1, a 10 percent decrease from last year but a 7 percent increase from two years ago. Total processing of the 2003 crop potatoes was 120.2 million cwt to March 1, down 4 percent from last year but up nearly 5 percent from two years ago. Of the processed total, 26.1 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	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
Other States ^{3/}	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	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-

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/ February 1, 2004 revised.

MARCH 1 STOCKS UP ELEVEN PERCENT

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 11.0 million cwt as of March 1, 2004, reflecting an increase of 11 percent from March 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 March 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 March 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 March 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 March 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 March 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 March 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 March 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	-	-	-
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	407,821	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	-	-	-

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states.

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

STATE	CROP OF 2002			CROP OF 2003		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2003	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2004	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>			<u>Percent</u>
California	4,264	2,000	47	3,444	1,800	53
Colorado	27,885	13,100	47	23,652	10,300	44
Idaho	133,385	62,000	46	123,180	58,000	47
Maine	16,960	8,000	47	17,030	8,900	53
Michigan	13,878	4,500	32	15,015	4,700	31
Minnesota	18,700	7,400	40	22,330	9,600	43
Montana	3,224	2,800	87	3,339	2,900	87
New York	5,500	600	11	6,510	1,500	23
N. Dakota	23,460	10,000	43	27,440	13,000	47
Oregon	24,936	9,900	40	20,991	11,000	52
Pennsylvania	2,590	600	23	3,915	700	18
Washington	92,400	30,500	33	93,150	29,500	32
Wisconsin	31,125	11,000	35	32,800	11,000	34
Other States ^{2/}	9,514	2,910	31	11,150	3,790	34
15 STATES	407,821	165,310	41	403,946	166,690	41

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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