

# OREGON POTATOES



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## PROCESSING

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 64.2 million cwt of raw potatoes to May 1, 2004, less than a 1 percent decrease from the 64.3 million cwt processed during the same period last year but an increase of almost 5 percent from the 61.4 million cwt processed during the same period two years ago. Processing to May 1 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 57 percent of the 2003 production for those areas. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 56.4 million cwt of raw potatoes to May 1, a decrease of almost 12 percent from last year but an increase of over 4 percent from two years ago. Total processing of the 2003 crop potatoes was 153.9 million cwt to May 1, down 3 percent from last year but up 4 percent from two years ago. Of the processed total, 34.6 million cwt were used for dehydrated products, excluding starch and flour.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,<sup>1/</sup> 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	56,380	-	-
Maine <sup>2/</sup>	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	4,760	-	-
Wash. & Other Area, Ore. <sup>4/</sup>	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	58,500	64,160	-	-
Other States <sup>3/ 4/</sup>	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	21,885	25,055	28,585	-	-
TOTAL <sup>4/</sup>	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	120,150	137,230	153,885	-	-

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/ April 1, 2004 revised.

## MAY 1 STOCKS UP TEN PERCENT

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 5.5 million cwt as of May 1, 2004, reflecting an increase of 10 percent from May 1, 2003. This total accounts for 26 percent of the 2003 crop production in Oregon, compared to 20 percent last year at this time. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon.

About 86 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area as of May 1, while almost 10 percent were in Malheur County. Last year at this time, 76 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, while 19 percent were in Malheur County. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks are up almost 26 percent from last year, while Malheur County stocks are down almost 42 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 May 1.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS UP 2 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 84.8 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2004, up 2 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 21 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year.

Disappearance of 319 million cwt of potatoes is down 2 percent from last year but 4 percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 27.0 million cwt so far this season, is up 5 percent from last year and 8 percent above two years ago. This disappearance and loss includes unmarketable Maine potatoes disposed of through the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

Processors used 154 million cwt of 2003 crop potatoes so far this season, down 3 percent from a year ago but 4 percent above two years ago. April usage of 16.7 million cwt is 2 percent above last year and up 1 percent from two years ago. Dehydrators used 34.6 million cwt to date, down 4 percent from last year.

Western States held 59.3 million cwt of potatoes in storage on May 1, down 6 percent from last year and 5 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 3 percent from last year, Washington decreased 9 percent, and Colorado's storages held 38 percent less. Potato sheds in California increased 20 percent and Montana's storages gained 25 percent.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS, 2000-2003, OREGON & 15 FALL STATES <sup>1/</sup>

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	5,500	-
15 STATES								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001 <sup>2/</sup>	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002 <sup>2/</sup>	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	84,800	-

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states.

2/ 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 MAY 1, 2003 AND MAY 1, 2004 <sup>1/</sup>

STATE	CROP OF 2002			CROP OF 2003		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 2003	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 2004	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California <sup>3/</sup>	4,316	1,000	23	3,444	1,200	35
Colorado	27,885	5,800	21	23,652	3,600	15
Idaho	133,385	34,500	26	123,180	33,500	27
Maine	16,960	3,900	23	17,030	4,100	24
Michigan	13,878	1,000	7	15,015	1,600	11
Minnesota <sup>3/</sup>	18,810	4,300	23	22,330	5,500	25
Montana	3,224	400	12	3,339	500	15
North Dakota	23,460	5,500	23	27,440	8,300	30
Oregon	24,936	5,000	20	20,991	5,500	26
Washington <sup>3/</sup>	92,340	16,500	18	93,150	15,000	16
Wisconsin <sup>3/</sup>	30,750	3,700	12	32,800	3,800	12
Other States <sup>2/ 3/</sup>	17,141	1,340	8	21,575	2,200	10
15 STATES	407,085	82,940	20	403,946	84,800	21

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, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

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