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POTATO STOCKS - DECEMBER 1, 2023

COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Potato stocks in Colorado on December 1, 2023, totaled 15.60 million hundredweight, up 4 percent from last year. Disappearance of the crop to date was 5.77 million hundredweight. Potatoes in storage accounted for 73 percent of the 2023 production, compared with 70 percent a year earlier. Comparing stocks by type, Russets accounted for 90 percent of the total, Whites were 4 percent of the total, Yellows were 4 percent of the total, and Reds were 2 percent of the total.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Potatoes held in storage on December 1, 2023 totaled 285 million cwt, up 10 percent from December 1, 2022. Potatoes in storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2023 production, up 1 percent from a year earlier. The indicated season to date disappearance, at 150 million cwt, was up 6 percent from the same period last year. Season to date shrink and loss, at 13.1 million cwt, was up 12 percent from the same time last year. Processors in the 8 States used 75.3 million cwt of potatoes for the season, virtually the same as December 2022.

For a full copy of the *Potato Stocks* report, please visit <u>www.nass.usda.gov</u>.