



FIELD CROPS

POTATO STOCKS

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POTATO STOCKS UP 1 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 201 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 50 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Stocks by type were 4 percent red, 14 percent round white, 2 percent long white (Shepody), and 80 percent russet, with more reds and round whites and fewer russets than a year ago.

Disappearance of 203 million cwt from the start of harvest to February 1, is down 2 percent from the same period last year but 4 percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 20.6 million cwt, is up 1 percent from last year and 5 percent above two years ago.

Processors used 101 million cwt of 2003 crop potatoes so far this season, down 5 percent from a year ago but 5 percent above two years ago. January usage of 14.6 million cwt is 1 percent below last year and 10 percent below two years ago. Dehydrators used 22.1 million cwt to date, down 7 percent from last year.

Western States held 136 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, down 6 percent from last year and 1 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 8 percent from last year, Washington decreased 1 percent, Colorado's storages held 20 percent less, and California lost 17 percent. Oregon's sheds stored 8 percent more than last year and Montana increased 3 percent.

Central States accounted for 50.8 million cwt of potato stocks this February, up 16 percent from last year and 13 percent above two years ago. North Dakota's stocks increased 29 percent from last year's level, Wisconsin gained 6 percent, and Minnesota went up 22 percent. Nebraska's stocks are 22 percent more than last year, and Ohio jumped 550 percent. Michigan's storages hold the same amount as last year at this time.

Eastern States stored 14.0 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, up 22 percent from last year and 28 percent above two years ago. Maine's stocks are up 11 percent, New York's gained 118 percent, and Pennsylvania stocks increased 22 percent.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on February 1, 2003 and 2004 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 2002			Crop of 2003		
	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2003	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2004	February as percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	4,264	2,400	56	3,444	2,000	58
Colorado	27,885	15,300	55	23,652	12,200	52
Idaho	133,385	72,500	54	123,180	67,000	54
Maine	16,960	9,500	56	17,030	10,500	62
Michigan	13,878	5,600	40	15,015	5,600	37
Minnesota	18,700	9,100	49	22,330	11,100	50
Montana	3,224	2,900	90	3,339	3,000	90
Nebraska	8,611	3,700	43	9,860	4,500	46
New York	5,500	1,100	20	6,510	2,400	37
North Dakota	23,460	11,600	49	27,440	15,000	55
Ohio	903	20	2	1,290	130	10
Oregon	24,936	12,500	50	20,991	13,500	64
Pennsylvania	2,590	900	35	3,915	1,100	28
Washington	92,400	38,500	42	93,150	38,000	41
Wisconsin	31,125	13,700	44	32,800	14,500	44
Total 15 States	407,821	199,320	49	403,946	200,530	50

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2001-2003 ^{1/}

State	Crop year	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 County, Oregon	2001	20,940	27,330	33,620	40,860	47,710	54,150	61,200	73,390
	2002	28,380	34,860	41,200	48,600	56,240	63,840	71,280	85,390
	2003	24,310	30,730	36,260					
Maine ^{2/}	2001	1,975	2,440	3,110	3,700	4,285	4,775	5,515	7,195
	2002	2,230	2,715	3,345	3,905	4,505	5,225	5,905	7,835
	2003	1,590	2,095	2,725					
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	2001	29,320	35,310	40,540	47,910	54,970	61,360	69,400	77,180
	2002	33,680	39,490	44,190	51,920	58,710	64,300	71,480	79,110
	2003	32,670	38,520	43,600					
Other States ^{3/}	2001	13,170	14,925	19,000	22,115	24,655	27,815	30,460	37,740
	2002	12,190	14,865	17,865	20,740	23,580	26,000	29,075	36,705
	2003 ^{4/}	12,570	15,410	18,760					
Total	2001	65,405	80,005	96,270	114,585	131,620	148,100	166,575	195,505
	2002	76,480	91,930	106,600	125,165	143,035	159,365	177,740	209,040
	2003 ^{4/}	71,140	86,755	101,345					
Dehydrated ^{5/}	2001 ^{6/}								38,581
	2002	15,670	19,660	23,710	27,950	31,910	36,105	40,455	48,943
	2003 ^{4/}	14,250	18,370	22,050					

^{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 Maine grown potatoes only.

^{3/} MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI in 2001. CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI in 2002 and 2003.

^{4/} January Revised.

^{5/} Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

^{6/} No monthly data available.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1994 through 2003

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 ^{1/}
<i>1,000 Cwt</i>								
1994	410,839	273,290	238,560	202,470	169,570	129,825	87,600	
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
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				

^{1/} Data not available prior to 1998.