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POTATO STOCKS



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POTATO STOCKS UP 1 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 168 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2005, up 1 percent from last year and 2 percent above 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 42 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year.

Disappearance of 235 million cwt from the start of harvest to March 1, is down 1 percent from last year and 3 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 24.6 million cwt, is up 9 percent from last year and 10 percent above the same date in 2003.

Processors used 119 million cwt of 2004 crop potatoes so far this season, down 1 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below two years ago. February usage, at 18.4 million cwt, is 2 percent below both last year and two years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, processing increased 2 percent from a year ago, while Washington and the rest of Oregon processing decreased 1 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 23.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 9 percent from last year and 15 percent below the same date in 2003.

Western States held 118 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, up 4 percent from last year but 2 percent below two years

ago. Montana's potato stocks are up 14 percent from last year, Idaho's storages hold 10 percent more, and Colorado's potato sheds stored 4 percent more than last year. Oregon's potato stocks are down 18 percent and Washington's sheds hold 2 percent less than last year. California's stocks are unchanged from a year ago.

Central States accounted for 40.0 million cwt of potato stocks on March 1, down 6 percent from last year but 12 percent above two years ago. Michigan's potato stocks are down 24 percent, Minnesota potato sheds stored 8 percent less than last year and Wisconsin's stocks decreased 2 percent. Nebraska and Ohio potato stocks combined decreased 15 percent from last year. North Dakota's sheds are the only sheds in the Central States storing more potatoes than last year, with an increase of 1 percent.

Eastern States stored 10.8 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, up 5 percent from last year and 19 percent above two years ago. Maine's potato sheds hold 6 percent more than last year, while New York and Pennsylvania's sheds remain unchanged from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on March 1, 2004 and 2005^{1/}

State	Crop of 2004			Crop of 2005		
	Production	Stocks Mar 1, 2004 ^{2/}	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Mar 1, 2005 ^{2/}	March as percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	3,528	1,300	37	3,876	1,300	34
Colorado	23,652	10,700	45	23,148	11,100	48
Idaho	123,180	58,000	47	131,970	64,000	48
Maine	17,030	8,900	52	19,220	9,400	49
Michigan	15,015	5,100	34	13,650	3,900	29
Minnesota	22,330	9,600	43	18,920	8,800	47
Montana	3,339	2,800	84	3,551	3,200	90
Nebraska	9,744			9,288		
New York	6,510	700	11	5,184	700	14
North Dakota	27,440	13,000	47	26,765	13,100	49
Ohio	1,097			1,080		
Oregon	20,991	11,000	52	19,775	9,000	46
Pennsylvania	3,375	700	21	2,640	700	27
Washington	93,150	29,500	32	93,810	29,000	31
Wisconsin	32,800	11,200	34	30,450	11,000	36
Other States		3,780			3,220	
Total 15 States	403,181	166,280	41	403,327	168,420	42

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

^{2/} Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2002-2004 ^{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	2002	28,380	34,860	41,200	48,600	56,240	63,840	71,280	85,390
	2003	24,310	30,730	36,260	43,640	49,570	56,380	63,770	77,530
	2004	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610				
Maine ^{2/}	2002	2,230	2,715	3,345	3,905	4,505	5,225	5,905	7,835
	2003	1,590	2,085	2,720	3,420	4,095	4,740	5,400	7,270
	2004	1,555	1,985	2,615	3,150				
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	2002	33,680	39,490	44,190	51,920	58,710	64,300	71,480	79,110
	2003	32,670	38,520	43,610	51,210	58,500	64,160	72,350	79,800
	2004	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730				
Other States ^{3/}	2002	12,675	15,530	18,735	21,780	24,810	27,405	30,655	38,700
	2003	13,835	16,505	19,590	22,685	25,920	29,480	32,845	42,160
	2004	12,525	15,035	18,005	20,945				
Total	2002	76,965	92,595	107,470	126,205	144,265	160,770	179,320	211,035
	2003	72,405	87,840	102,180	120,955	138,085	154,760	174,365	206,760
	2004	70,745	85,990	101,010	119,435				
Dehydrated ^{4/}	2002	15,675	19,660	23,710	27,950	31,915	36,105	40,455	48,940
	2003	14,250	18,440	22,050	26,090	30,290	34,630	39,070	47,750
	2004	13,365	17,015	19,995	23,735				

^{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, MI, and WI.

^{2/} Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

^{3/} CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

^{4/} Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1995 through 2004

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 ^{1/}
<i>1,000 Cwt</i>								
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	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,327	271,800	238,220	204,190	168,420			

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