



FIELD CROPS

POTATO STOCKS



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The 15 major potato States held 272 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 67 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent red, 12 percent round white, 4 percent long white (Shepody), and 81 percent russets, with fewer reds and more long whites than a year ago.

Disappearance of 132 million cwt from the start of harvest to December 1, is down 3 percent from last year and 8 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 16.8 million cwt, is up 12 percent from last year and 8 percent above the same date in 2002.

Processors used 70.7 million cwt of 2004 crop potatoes so far this season, down 2 percent from a year ago and 8 percent below two years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, processing increased less than 1 percent, while Washington and the rest of Oregon processed 1 percent less of the 2004 crop than of the 2003 crop. Dehydrating usage accounts for 13.4 million cwt of the total processing, down 6 percent from last year and 15 percent below the same date in 2002.

Western States held 184 million cwt of potatoes in storage on December 1, up 3 percent from last year but 1 percent below two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are up 9 percent from last year, California increased 19 percent, and Montana's storages held 10 percent more. Potato sheds in Washington and Colorado both stored 2 percent less than last year and Oregon sheds were down 6 percent.

Central States accounted for 68.2 million cwt of potato stocks on December 1, down 5 percent from last year but 11 percent above two years ago. Wisconsin potato sheds stored 5 percent less than last year, Minnesota and Michigan stocks both decreased 7 percent, Nebraska went down 11 percent, and Ohio's potato sheds stored 33 percent less. North Dakota's sheds are the only ones in the central States storing more potatoes than last year with an increase of 1 percent.

Eastern States stored 19.1 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, up 6 percent from last year and 17 percent above two years ago. Maine's stocks are up 11 percent from last year, while New York stocks increased 7 percent. Pennsylvania's sheds decreased 37 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on December 1, 2003 and 2004^{1/}

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004		
	Production	Stocks Dec 1, 2003	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Dec 1, 2004	December as percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	3,528	2,700	77	3,876	3,200	83
Colorado	23,652	17,500	74	23,148	17,200	74
Idaho	123,180	86,000	70	131,970	93,500	71
Maine	17,030	13,500	79	19,220	15,000	78
Michigan	15,015	9,200	61	13,650	8,600	63
Minnesota	22,330	14,000	63	18,920	13,000	69
Montana	3,339	3,100	93	3,551	3,400	96
Nebraska	9,744	6,500	67	8,938	5,800	65
New York	6,510	2,700	41	5,184	2,900	56
North Dakota	27,440	19,400	71	26,765	19,600	73
Ohio	1,097	300	27	1,080	200	19
Oregon	20,991	18,000	86	19,775	17,000	86
Pennsylvania	3,375	1,900	56	2,530	1,200	47
Washington	93,150	51,000	55	93,810	50,000	53
Wisconsin	32,800	22,100	67	30,710	21,000	68
Total 15 States	403,181	267,900	66	403,127	271,600	67

^{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.

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							
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							
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	32,270							
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							
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	70,710							
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							

^{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.