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Potato Stocks

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FEBRUARY POTATO STOCKS DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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The 13 major potato States held 188 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2006, down 7 percent from last year and 6 percent below February 1, 2004, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 50 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, unchanged from last year. Stocks by type were 2 percent red, 9 percent round white, 2 percent long white (Shepody), and 87 percent russets, with a smaller percentage of reds and round whites but a larger percentage of russets than a year ago for comparable States.

Disappearance of 185 million cwt from the start of harvest to February 1, is down 6 percent from last year for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 18.1 million cwt, is down 17 percent from last year for comparable States.

Processors have used 96.5 million cwt of 2005 crop potatoes so far this season, down 4 percent from a year ago and 6 percent below 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, total processing decreased 3 percent from a year ago and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing dropped 7 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 19.5 million cwt of the total processing, down 11 percent from both last year and the same date in 2004.

Western States held 136 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, down 4 percent from last year. Both Idaho's and Colorado's potato stocks are down 13 percent from last year. Montana's potato sheds stored 1 percent less than in 2005 and California's stocks decreased 39 percent from last year. Oregon's potato stocks are up 23 percent from last year and Washington's potato sheds stored 10 percent more than last season.

Central States accounted for 40.1 million cwt of potato stocks on February 1, down 17 percent from last year for comparable States. Wisconsin's potato stocks decreased 4 percent from last year, Minnesota's stocks are down 12 percent from 2005, and stocks in North Dakota are 41 percent below February 1, 2005. Michigan potato sheds stored 6 percent more than last year.

Eastern States stored 11.7 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, down 5 percent from last year for comparable States. Maine's potato sheds held 10 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks increased 42 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on February 1, 2005-2006 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 2004			Crop of 2005		
	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2005 ^{2/}	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2006	Percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	3,648	1,800	49	3,240	1,100	34
Colorado	23,791	13,700	58	22,292	11,900	53
Idaho	131,970	75,000	57	116,975	65,000	56
Maine	19,065	11,100	58	15,736	10,000	64
Michigan	13,650	4,800	35	13,920	5,100	37
Minnesota	18,920	10,200	54	17,630	9,000	51
Montana	3,551	3,350	94	3,434	3,300	96
Nebraska	9,288			8,245	4,000	49
New York	5,184	1,200	23	5,226	1,700	33
North Dakota	26,765	15,300	57	20,500	9,000	44
Ohio ^{3/}	1,080					
Oregon	19,775	11,800	60	22,023	14,500	66
Pennsylvania ^{3/}	2,640	900	34			
Washington	93,810	36,500	39	95,480	40,000	42
Wisconsin	30,450	13,600	45	27,880	13,000	47
Other States		4,240				
Total 15 States ^{4/}	403,587	203,490	50	372,581	187,600	50

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

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

^{3/} Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.

^{4/} 13 States for the 2005 crop.



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POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2003-2005^{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
					1,000 cwt				
Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon	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	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005	22,590	28,960	35,570					
Maine ^{2/}	2003	1,590	2,085	2,720	3,420	4,095	4,740	5,400	7,270
	2004	1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005	1,290	1,805	2,405					
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	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	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	^{3/} 2005	30,310	35,895	40,545					
Other States ^{4/}	2003	13,835	16,505	19,590	22,685	25,920	29,480	32,845	42,160
	2004	12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005	11,820	15,030	17,980					
Total	2003	72,405	87,840	102,180	120,955	138,085	154,760	174,365	206,760
	2004	70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	^{3/} 2005	66,010	81,690	96,500					
Dehydrated ^{5/}	2003	14,250	18,440	22,050	26,090	30,290	34,630	39,070	47,750
	2004	14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
	^{3/} 2005	12,180	15,920	19,515					

^{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/} January revised.

^{4/} CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

^{5/} 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, 1996 through 2005

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 ^{1/}
					1,000 Cwt			
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	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 ^{2/}	372,581	251,800	218,900	187,600				

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

^{2/} 13 major States.