



# FIELD CROPS

## POTATO STOCKS

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The 13 major potato States held 270 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2007, up 4 percent from last year and 6 percent above December 1, 2005. Potatoes in storage account for 68 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 4.20 million cwt on December 1, 2007, up 5 percent from last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks.

Disappearance of 130 million cwt from the start of harvest to December 1, is virtually unchanged from last year but up 8 percent from 2005. Shrink and loss, at 13.9 million cwt, is up 5 percent from the previous year and 9 percent above the same date in 2005.

Processors have used 72.0 million cwt of 2007 crop potatoes so far this season, down 3 percent from a year ago but 10 percent above 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon total processing decreased 3 percent from a year ago, Maine's total processing was 3 percent below the same date in 2006, and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing was down 6 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 12.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year but 7 percent above the same date in 2005.

Western States held 193 million cwt of potatoes in storage on December 1, up 9 percent from last year and 8 percent above 2005. Idaho's potato stocks are up 4 percent from last year, Washington's potato sheds held 22 percent more than last year, and Oregon's stocks increased 13 percent from last season. Montana's potato sheds held 9 percent more stocks than last year and California's potato stocks increased 11 percent from last season. Colorado's potato stocks declined 12 percent from last year.

Central States accounted for 61.7 million cwt of potato stocks on December 1, down 4 percent from last year but 3 percent above the same date in 2005. Wisconsin's potato stocks declined 5 percent from last year, North Dakota's sheds held 16 percent less, and potato stocks in Nebraska are 10 percent below last season. Minnesota's potato stocks are up 2 percent from last year and Michigan's potato sheds held 17 percent more than on the same date in 2006.

Eastern States stored 15.5 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, down 11 percent from last year but up 1 percent from December 1, 2005. Maine's potato sheds held 12 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks declined 7 percent from a year ago.

**FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on December 1, 2006 and 2007** <sup>1/</sup>

State	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007		
	Production	Stocks Dec 1, 2006	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Dec 1, 2007	Percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	3,870	1,800	47	4,223	2,000	47
Colorado	22,686	17,200	76	20,981	15,200	72
Idaho	128,915	90,000	70	131,650	9,400	71
Maine	17,980	14,400	80	16,530	12,700	77
Michigan	14,190	8,100	57	14,700	9,500	65
Minnesota	20,400	13,300	65	20,680	13,500	65
Montana	3,518	3,300	94	3,696	3,600	97
Nebraska	8,730	5,800	66	7,800	5,200	67
New York	5,700	3,000	53	5,216	2,800	54
North Dakota	25,480	17,300	68	23,660	14,500	61
Oregon	18,533	16,000	86	20,238	18,000	89
Washington	89,900	49,000	55	102,300	60,000	59
Wisconsin	29,370	20,100	68	28,160	19,000	67
Total 13 States	389,272	259,300	67	399,834	270,000	68
Klamath Basin <sup>2/</sup>		4,000			4,200	

<sup>1/</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2007 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR.

**POTATOES:** Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2005-2007 <sup>1/</sup>

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	2005	22,840	29,300	35,970	43,300	50,820	57,830	65,030	77,360
	2006	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
	2007	26,230							
Maine <sup>2/</sup>	2005	1,365	1,880	2,485	3,090	3,800	4,450	5,130	6,825
	2006		2,360	2,910	3,465	4,190	4,810	5,470	7,560
	2007	1,695							
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	2005	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855	69,360	78,550
	2006	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
	2007	28,995							
Other States <sup>3/</sup>	2005	11,055	14,070	17,005	19,895	22,520	25,270	27,740	35,535
	2006	14,270	17,695	21,290	24,545	28,040	31,370	34,830	43,315
	2007	15,120							
Total	2005	65,570	81,145	96,005	114,575	132,460	149,405	167,260	198,270
	2006	74,095	91,185	107,740	126,880	145,565	163,030	181,930	213,860
	2007	72,040							
Dehydrated <sup>4/</sup>	2005	11,920	15,655	19,225	22,765	26,605	30,065	34,130	41,625
	2006	14,590	19,250	23,635	27,885	32,210	36,480	40,915	49,370
	2007	12,740							

<sup>1/</sup> 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, and WI.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

<sup>3/</sup> CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

<sup>4/</sup> Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.