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Northwest Region Potato Stocks on December 1, 2017 Totaled 165 Million Hundredweight

Potato stocks in Idaho on December 1, 2017 totaled 94.0 million cwt. Disappearance of the Idaho crop to date was 37.3 million cwt. December 1 potato stocks in Oregon totaled 16.3 million cwt. Disappearance to date was 4.49 million cwt. In Washington, December 1 potato stocks totaled 55.0 million cwt. Disappearance to date totaled 44.0 million cwt. Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 264 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2017. Potatoes in storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2017 fall storage States' production, compared to 67 percent from the previous year. Potato disappearance to date totaled 135 million cwt. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 12.1 million cwt, was 1 percent higher than the same time last year.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 24.6 million cwt. of potatoes for the season, down 4 percent from December 1, 2016. In Washington and other Oregon counties, 33.2 million cwt of potatoes had been used by processors for the season, down 10 percent from the previous year. Processors in the 8 major States used 69.3 million cwt of potatoes for the season, down 6 percent from December 1, 2016. Dehydrated usage accounted for 10.6 million cwt of the total potatoes processed, down 8 percent from the previous year.

Fall Potato Production and Stocks — 13 Major States: December 1, 2016-2017

[Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2017 totaled 29.9 million cwt]

| State | Crop of 2016 | | | Crop of 2017 | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|--|---|
| | Production (1,000 cwt) | Stocks December 1, 2016 (1,000 cwt) | December stocks as a percent of production (percent) | Production (1,000 cwt) | Stocks December 1, 2017 (1,000 cwt) | December stocks as a percent of production (percent) |
| California | 3,516 | (D) | (D) | 3,690 | 2,700 | 73 |
| Colorado | 22,236 | 16,200 | 73 | 21,527 | 15,400 | 72 |
| Idaho | 139,320 | 100,000 | 72 | 131,325 | 94,000 | 72 |
| Maine | 15,113 | 11,100 | 73 | 15,200 | 10,900 | 72 |
| Michigan | 17,020 | 9,900 | 58 | 18,600 | 11,000 | 59 |
| Minnesota | 16,800 | 10,300 | 61 | 18,883 | 11,300 | 60 |
| Montana | 3,685 | 3,500 | 95 | 3,740 | 3,550 | 95 |
| Nebraska | 7,380 | 4,300 | 58 | 8,883 | 5,000 | 56 |
| New York | 3,552 | (D) | (D) | 3,657 | 1,800 | 49 |
| North Dakota | 21,600 | 16,600 | 77 | 25,160 | 18,200 | 72 |
| Oregon | 22,951 | 18,700 | 81 | 20,790 | 16,300 | 78 |
| Washington | 105,625 | 59,000 | 56 | 99,000 | 55,000 | 56 |
| Wisconsin | 27,840 | 18,800 | 68 | 28,475 | 19,000 | 67 |
| Other States | (NA) | 4,500 | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) | (NA) |
| Total | 406,638 | 272,900 | 67 | 398,930 | 264,150 | 66 |
| Klamath Basin ¹ | (NA) | (D) | (NA) | (NA) | 4,700 | (NA) |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

¹ Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Already included in the 13-State total.

Quantity of Potatoes Used for Processing — 8 States: 2016-2018

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

| State and crop year | Current Year | Following year | | | | | | Season |
|---|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | To December 1 | To January 1 | To February 1 | To March 1 | To April 1 | To May 1 | To June 1 | |
| | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) | (1,000 cwt) |
| Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon | | | | | | | | |
| 2015..... | 26,850 | 33,115 | 39,655 | 46,455 | 53,710 | 61,050 | 68,435 | 86,250 |
| 2016..... | 25,720 | 32,650 | 39,475 | 46,880 | 54,625 | 61,950 | 70,110 | 92,760 |
| 2017..... | 24,605 | | | | | | | |
| Maine | | | | | | | | |
| 2015..... | 1,170 | 1,590 | 2,050 | 2,490 | 2,980 | 3,495 | 4,065 | 5,724 |
| 2016..... | 1,260 | 1,665 | 2,175 | 2,660 | 3,080 | 3,470 | 3,825 | 5,059 |
| 2017..... | 1,510 | | | | | | | |
| Washington and Oregon ¹ | | | | | | | | |
| 2015..... | 33,955 | 39,970 | 46,320 | 54,455 | 60,985 | 67,560 | 74,285 | 91,720 |
| 2016..... | 36,700 | 42,180 | 47,835 | 55,365 | 62,125 | 68,705 | 76,635 | 90,785 |
| 2017..... | 33,165 | | | | | | | |
| Other States ² | | | | | | | | |
| 2015..... | 8,995 | 12,515 | 16,380 | 20,720 | 24,550 | 28,665 | 33,020 | 39,249 |
| 2016..... | 10,035 | 13,570 | 17,140 | 21,005 | 25,085 | 28,505 | 32,385 | 38,631 |
| 2017..... | 9,995 | | | | | | | |
| United States | | | | | | | | |
| 2015..... | 70,970 | 87,190 | 104,405 | 124,120 | 142,225 | 160,770 | 179,805 | 222,943 |
| 2016..... | 73,715 | 90,065 | 106,625 | 125,910 | 144,915 | 162,630 | 182,955 | 227,235 |
| 2017..... | 69,275 | | | | | | | |
| Dehydrated ³ | | | | | | | | |
| 2015..... | 12,155 | 15,885 | 19,620 | 23,560 | 27,605 | 31,585 | 35,645 | 47,135 |
| 2016..... | 11,560 | 15,305 | 19,085 | 22,675 | 26,565 | 30,545 | 34,890 | 46,317 |
| 2017..... | 10,595 | | | | | | | |

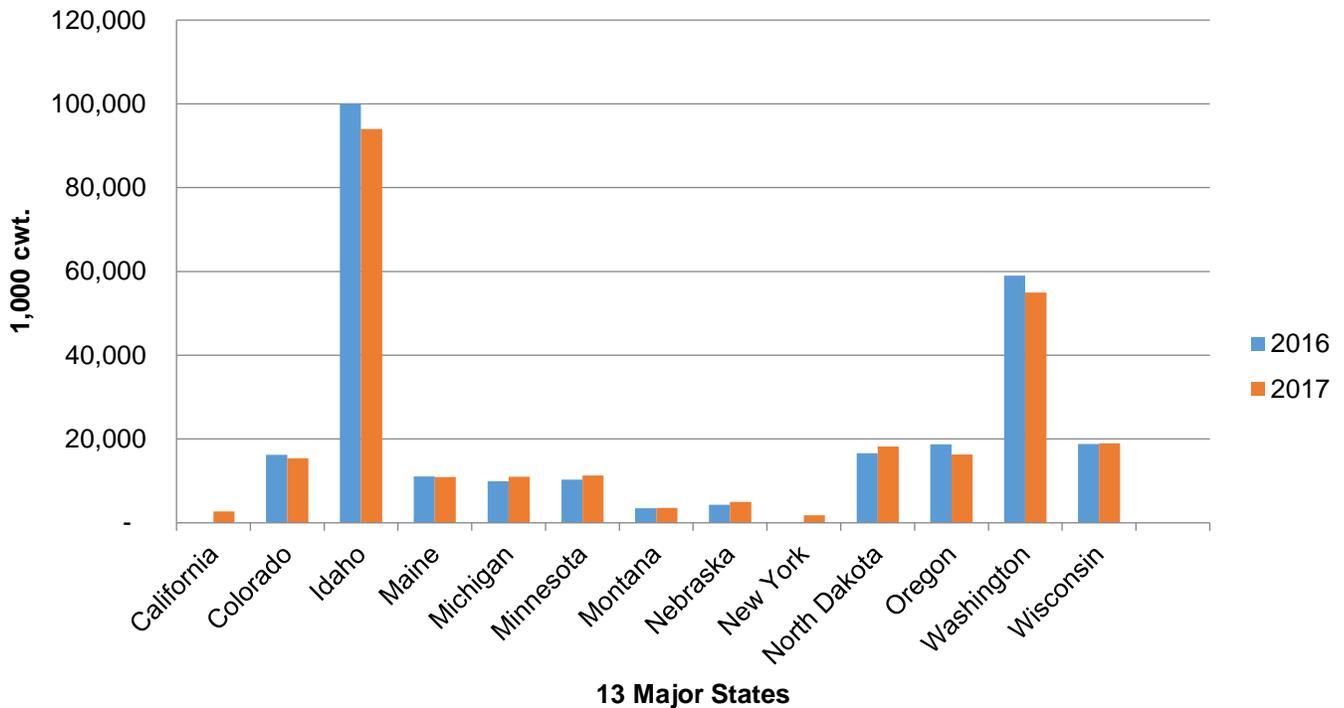
(NA) Not available.

¹ Oregon excluding Malheur County.

² Other States include Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

³ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington.

Potato Stocks December 1, 2016-2017



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