



News Release

February Potato Stocks

Potato Stocks in Michigan on February 1, 2015, were estimated at 5 million hundredweight (cwt), accounting for 32 percent of production, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office.

The 13 major potato States held 204 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2015, down slightly from 2 years ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 51 percent of the 2014 fall storage States' production, 1 percent higher than 2 years earlier. Potato disappearance, at 198 million cwt, was down 4 percent from February 1, 2013. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 18.2 million cwt, was 4 percent lower than two years ago. Processors in the 9 major States used 106 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 2 percent from February 2014.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 2012-2014 crop years

Item	Michigan			13 Major States		
	2012 ¹	2013 ¹	2014 ¹	2012 ¹	2013 ¹	2014 ¹
	<i>1,000 cwt</i>					
Production	16,100	15,840	15,725	410,367	386,824	401,228
Stocks						
Dec 1	9,500		9,400	271,500		267,400
Feb 1	5,700		5,000	204,600		203,700
Apr 1		2,100			119,050	

¹ April 1, 2012, February 1, 2013 and December 1, 2013 not available