



# News Release

## April Potato Stocks

Potato Stocks in Michigan on April 1, 2015, were estimated at 1.65 million hundredweight (cwt), accounting for 10 percent of production, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office.

The 13 major potato States held 130 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2015, up 9 percent from April 2014. Potatoes in storage accounted for 32 percent of the 2014 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point higher than last year. Potato disappearance, at 272 million cwt, was up 1 percent from April 1, 2014. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 22.1 million cwt, was 1 percent higher than last year. Processors in the 9 major States used 144 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 3 percent from April 2014.

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

Item	Michigan			13 Major States		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
	<i>1,000 cwt</i>					
Production	16,100	15,840	15,725	410,367	386,824	401,228
Stocks						
Dec 1	9,500	(NA)	9,400	271,500	(NA)	267,400
Feb 1	5,700	(NA)	5,000	204,600	(NA)	202,700
Apr 1	(NA)	2,100	1,650	(NA)	119,050	129,550

(NA) Not Available