



News Release

February 1 Potato Stocks

Potato Stocks in Michigan on February 1, 2016, were 6.5 million hundredweight (cwt), up 30 percent from last year's 5.0 million cwt. February's stocks represent 37 percent of the total production. Stocks include potatoes stored by both processors and growers. Stocks by type as percent of total stocks were 86 percent round whites, 12 percent russets, 1 percent yellows and 1 percent reds.

The 13 major potato States held 197 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2016, down 2 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 49 percent of the 2015 fall storage States' production, 2 percentage points lower than last year. Potato disappearance, at 202 million cwt, was 3 percent above February 1, 2015. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 16.9 million cwt, was down 7 percent from the same date in 2015. Processors in the 9 major States have used 108 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 1 percent from the same period last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 2013-2015 crop years

Item	Michigan			13 Major States		
	2013 crop	2014 crop	2015 crop	2013 crop	2014 crop	2015 crop
	<i>1,000 cwt</i>					
Production	15,840	15,725	17,550	395,275	403,703	404,513
Stocks						
Dec 1	(NA)	9,400	10,900	(NA)	265,700	263,400
Feb 1	(NA)	5,000	6,500	(NA)	200,800	196,550
Apr 1	(NA)	2,200		119,050	128,700	

(NA) Not available.