



News Release

April 1 Potato Stocks

Potato Stocks in Michigan on April 1, 2016, were 2.7 million hundredweight (cwt), up 23 percent from last year's 2.2 million cwt in storage on April 1, 2015. April 1 stocks represent 15 percent of the total production. Stocks include potatoes stored by both processors and growers.

The 13 major potato States held 126 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2016, down 2 percent from April 1, 2015. Potatoes in storage accounted for 32 percent of the States' 2015 fall storage production, the same as last year. Potato disappearance, at 272 million cwt, was up 1 percent above April 1, 2015. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 20.6 million cwt, was 7 percent lower than last year. Processors in the 9 major States have used 145 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	386,824	396,798	398,113
Stocks						
Dec 1	(NA)	9,400	10,900	(NA)	265,700	263,400
Feb 1	(NA)	5,000	6,500	(NA)	200,800	198,450
Apr 1	2,100	2,200	2,700	119,050	128,700	126,400

(NA) Not available.