



News Release

Michigan Potato Stocks

Potato Stocks in Michigan on December 1, 2019, were estimated at 12.1 million hundredweight (cwt), up 15 percent from last year's 10.5 million cwt. December's stocks represent 62 percent of the total production. Stocks include potatoes stored by both processors and growers.

The major potato States held 267 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2019, down 4 percent from December 1, 2018 for comparable States. Potatoes in storage accounted for 63 percent of the States' 2019 production. For comparable States, potatoes in storage accounted for 67 percent of the States' 2019 production, unchanged from the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 155 million cwt, was down 2 percent for comparable States from December 1, 2018. Season-to-date shrink and loss was reported as 13.3 million cwt. Processors in the 8 major States used 76.3 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 3 percent from December 2018.

Fall potatoes: Production and stocks, 2017-2019 crop years

Item	Michigan			13 Major states		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
	<i>1,000 cwt</i>					
Production	18,315	18,240	19,475	406,800	414,359	422,451
Stocks						
Dec 1	11,000	10,500	12,100	277,900	279,300	267,100
Feb 1	6,900	6,700		210,600	212,800	
Apr 1	3,800	3,400		138,800	144,700	