



# News Release

## Michigan Potato Stocks

Potato Stocks in Michigan on February 1, 2020, were estimated at 8.0 million hundredweight (cwt), up 19 percent from last year's 6.7 million cwt. February's stocks represent 40 percent of the total production. Stocks include potatoes stored by both processors and growers.

The major potato States held 204 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2020, down 3 percent from February 1, 2019 for comparable States. Potatoes in storage accounted for 48 percent of the States' 2019 production. For comparable States, potatoes in storage accounted for 51 percent of the States' 2019 production, the same as the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 219 million cwt, was down 4 percent from February 1, 2019 for comparable States. Season-to-date shrink and loss was reported as 16.5 million cwt. Processors in the 8 major States used 113 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 2 percent from February 2019.

### Potato Production and Stocks – Michigan and 13 Major States: February 1, 2017 - 2019

Item	Michigan			13 Major States		
	2017 crop	2018 crop	2019 crop	2017 crop	2018 crop	2019 crop
	<i>1,000 cwt</i>					
Production .....	18,315	18,240	19,763	406,800	414,359	422,890
Stocks						
December 1 .	11,000	10,500	12,400	277,900	279,300	266,400
February 1 ...	6,900	6,700	8,000	210,600	212,800	204,300
April 1 .....	3,800	3,400		138,800	144,700	