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POTATO STOCKS

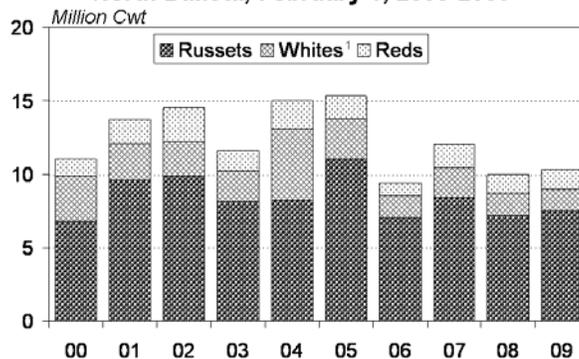
North Dakota Growers, dealers and processors held 10.3 million hundredweight (cwt) of potatoes in storage February 1, 2009, up 3 percent from the previous year, but down 14 percent from two years ago. Current stocks represent 45 percent of the production, up from 42 percent at this time last year. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

Stocks by type are 73 percent russets, 6 percent round whites, 7 percent long whites, 1 percent

yellows and 13 percent reds. As a percent of total stocks, russets and long whites are up from 2008, round whites are down, and there is no change to reds or yellows.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1 totaled 12.4 million cwt, down from both 13.7 million cwt a year ago and 13.5 million cwt two years ago. January disappearance totaled 2.2 million cwt, down from both 2.5 million cwt a year ago and 3.0 million cwt two years ago.

Fall Potatoes: Stocks by Type
North Dakota, February 1, 2000-2009



¹Includes yellow potatoes.

United States

The 13 major potato States held 183 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2009, down 8 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below February 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 50 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, unchanged from February 1, 2008. Stocks by type were 3.4 percent reds, 8.3 percent round whites, 3.2 percent long whites, 1.7 percent yellows and 83.4 percent russets. Potato disappearance, at 185 million cwt, was 7 percent below February 1, 2008 and 6 percent below 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 16.9 million cwt, was down 8 percent from the same date in both 2008 and 2007. Processors in the 9 major States have used 99.2 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 7 percent from the same period last year and down 8 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 18.4 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year and 22 percent below the same period in 2007.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks
13 Major States and United States, February 1, 2008-2009

State	Crop of 2007		Crop of 2008		Stocks by Type as Percent of Total Stocks									
	Production 1,000 Cwt	Stocks Feb 1, 2008 1,000 Cwt	Production 1,000 Cwt	Stocks Feb 1, 2009 1,000 Cwt	Reds		Round Whites		Long Whites		Yellows		Russets	
					2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
North Dakota	23,660	10,000	22,680	10,300	13	13	10	6	4	7	1	1	72	73
California	3,792	1,400	3,939	1,300										
Colorado	20,981	11,200	21,338	12,500	4	3	3	1			11	11	82	85
Idaho	130,010	71,500	114,805	64,000	2	2		1	2	1	1	1	95	95
Maine	16,668	9,700	14,769	8,500	2	2	40	37			2	2	56	59
Michigan	14,700	5,300	14,875	5,000	1	1	86	85			1	1	12	13
Minnesota	21,560	9,900	20,400	10,600	10	7	5	2				1	85	90
Montana	3,696	3,400	3,465	3,200										
Nebraska	8,217	3,700	8,342	4,000										
New York	5,216	1,600	5,696	1,200	16	4	69	93			13	3	2	
Oregon	20,293	13,900	18,676	12,000	1	2	6	5	1		1	1	91	92
Washington	100,800	43,800	93,000	38,600	3	3	4	5	7	11	1	1	85	80
Wisconsin	28,160	13,900	25,730	12,000	1	5	31	15			1		67	80
10 State Average					3.0	3.4	9.0	8.3	3.0	3.2	2.0	1.7	83.0	83.4
13 State Total	397,753	199,300	367,715	183,200										

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CROP VALUES

North Dakota

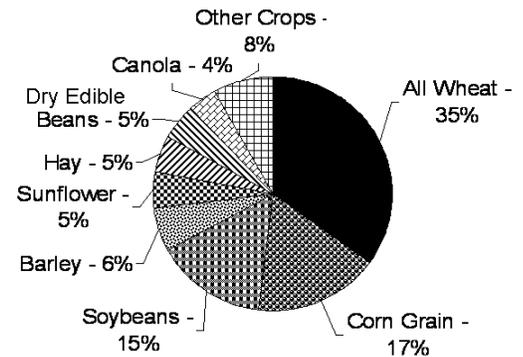
The total value of the 2008 crop production is estimated at \$6.59 billion, a decrease of 1 percent from the 2007 total of \$6.65 billion. Value of production for each crop is computed by multiplying the marketing year average price by the production.

The total value of spring wheat, the largest valued commodity, at \$1.72 billion was down from last year's record high \$1.74 billion. The total value of the Durum crop decreased 8 percent to \$435 million. The value of soybeans, at \$958 million and corn for grain, at \$1.10 billion, were down 8 percent and 1 percent respectively from their record high 2007 values.

United States

The total value of the 2008 crop production for field and miscellaneous crops is estimated at \$134 billion, down from 2007's \$136 billion.

Total Value of Crop Production North Dakota, 2008



Value of Crop Production, North Dakota and United States, 2007-2008

Crop	Unit	Price per Unit		Value of Production		Value per Harvested Acre	
		2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
		Dollars	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
North Dakota							
Barley	Bu	3.91	4.90	304,354	422,576	218.96	274.40
Corn for Grain	Bu	4.06	3.85	1,106,756	1,098,020	470.96	477.40
Hay, All	Ton	57.00	77.50	276,299	297,311	103.10	92.33
Alfalfa	Ton	61.00	82.00	198,555	190,568	128.10	114.80
All Other	Ton	43.00	59.50	77,744	106,743	68.80	68.43
Oats	Bu	2.53	2.60	38,810	17,238	149.27	132.60
Wheat, All	Bu	7.74	7.20	2,339,614	2,298,658	278.36	266.05
Winter	Bu	5.62	6.15	122,544	138,683	275.38	252.15
Durum	Bu	11.00	10.30	473,770	435,175	324.50	257.50
Spring	Bu	7.45	7.00	1,743,300	1,724,800	268.20	269.50
Canola	Cwt	18.30	19.10	240,846	249,580	225.09	278.86
Flaxseed	Bu	13.00	13.10	72,124	71,932	227.52	222.70
Soybeans	Bu	9.63	9.10	1,046,107	958,048	341.87	254.80
Sunflower, All	Cwt	21.80	20.40	326,158	307,435	309.15	284.66
Oil	Cwt	21.50	18.90	279,016	251,351	311.75	270.27
Non-oil	Cwt	23.20	30.90	47,142	56,084	294.64	373.89
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	25.70	31.30	276,866	314,502	416.34	491.41
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt	13.00	14.20	141,050	112,180	282.10	224.36
Lentils	Cwt	22.80	34.00	32,878	28,764	310.17	312.65
Potatoes	Cwt	6.90	7.10	163,254	161,028	1,794.00	1,988.00
Sugarbeets ¹	Ton	46.30		264,188		1,069.59	---
Total Value ^{2,3}				6,645,301	6,589,550	298.20	280.81
United States							
Barley	Bu	4.02	5.15	834,954	1,208,173	238.42	320.73
Corn for Grain	Bu	4.20	3.90	54,666,959	47,377,576	631.84	602.46
Hay, All	Ton	128.00	157.00	16,842,233	18,777,138	276.08	312.63
Alfalfa	Ton	138.00	172.00	8,855,044	10,805,989	419.15	515.06
All Other	Ton	110.00	121.00	7,987,189	7,971,149	200.28	203.96
Oats	Bu	2.63	3.10	247,644	262,240	164.66	187.99
Rye ⁴	Bu	5.01	6.32	31,604	50,447	125.41	187.54
Wheat, All	Bu	6.48	6.80	13,289,326	16,568,211	260.58	297.53
Winter	Bu	6.13	6.60	9,077,574	11,950,726	252.59	301.68
Durum	Bu	9.92	10.00	692,512	789,467	326.81	305.52
Spring	Bu	7.16	7.40	3,519,240	3,828,018	271.92	283.83
Canola	Cwt	18.30	19.10	260,339	276,013	225.30	279.08
Flaxseed	Bu	13.00	13.10	76,521	74,696	219.26	219.69
Mustard Seed ⁴	Cwt	28.00	43.50	9,717	17,957	170.47	251.15
Rapeseed ⁴	Cwt	17.70	25.30	214	76	194.55	380.00
Safflower ⁴	Cwt	18.60	24.90	39,118	77,416	228.09	397.01
Soybeans	Bu	10.10	9.25	26,974,406	27,398,638	420.52	367.07
Sunflower, All	Cwt	21.70	20.40	614,736	669,338	305.53	279.36
Oil	Cwt	21.40	18.60	527,925	544,926	307.11	264.27
Non-oil	Cwt	22.90	28.00	86,811	124,412	296.28	372.49
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	28.80	37.70	748,680	975,469	506.14	674.97
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt	13.10	14.70	212,296	180,365	261.67	212.87
Lentils	Cwt	26.00	36.20	92,100	87,214	312.20	331.61
Potatoes	Cwt	7.51	9.46	3,339,710	3,899,136	2,976.04	3,732.30
Sugarbeets ¹	Ton	41.90		1,334,701		1,070.50	

¹ Data not available for 2008 crop. ² Total value includes unpublished North Dakota values for miscellaneous crops. ³ 2008 total value includes estimated value of 2008 sugarbeet crop, (2008 production multiplied by 2007 price). ⁴ Published at U.S. level only.

RECORD HIGHS & LOWS

Principal Crops: Record Highs and Lows, North Dakota ¹

Crop	Unit	Record High		Record Low		Year Records Started	
		Quantity	Year	Quantity	Year		
All Wheat	Planted	Acres	12,680,000	1996	5,715,000	1962	1916
	Harvested	Acres	12,515,000	1996	85,000	1879	1879
	Yield	Bu	41.1	1992	4.5	1900	1879
	Production	Bu	472,890,000	1992	1,742,000	1879	1879
Spring Wheat	Planted	Acres	9,600,000	1996	3,812,000	1962	1926
	Harvested	Acres	9,500,000	1996	2,438,000	1936	1919
	Yield	Bu	42.0	1992	5.2	1936	1919
	Production	Bu	382,200,000	1992	12,678,000	1936	1919
Durum Wheat	Planted	Acres	5,051,000	1928	797,000	1958	1926
	Harvested	Acres	5,000,000	1928	770,000	1958	1919
	Yield	Bu	38.0	1992	3.5	1954	1919
	Production	Bu	127,890,000	1981	4,235,000	1954	1919
Winter Wheat	Planted	Acres	750,000	1985	25,000	1966	1964
	Harvested	Acres	550,000	2008	24,000	1966	1964
	Yield	Bu	49.0	2007	13.0	1988	1964
	Production	Bu	22,550,000	2008	600,000	1966	1964
Barley	Planted	Acres	4,147,000	1959	1,100,000	2006	1926
	Harvested	Acres	3,918,000	1958	15,000	1882	1882
	Yield	Bu	65.0	1992	5.0	1910	1882
	Production	Bu	184,250,000	1985	382,000	1882	1882
Oats	Planted	Acres	2,985,000	1970	320,000	2008	1926
	Harvested	Acres	2,870,000	1917	57,000	1882	1882
	Yield	Bu	70.0	1993	8.0	1910	1882
	Production	Bu	153,624,000	1969	1,852,000	1882	1882
Sunflower	Planted	Acres	3,460,000	1979	4,000	1947	1947
	Harvested	Acres	3,378,000	1979	3,500	1947	1947
	Yield	Lbs	1,586	2005	600	1964	1947
	Production	Lbs	4,584,600,000	1979	2,800,000	1951	1947
Canola	Planted	Acres	1,300,000	2002	18,000	1991	1991
	Harvested	Acres	1,285,000	2001	17,500	1991	1991
	Yield	Lbs	1,630	2004	1,180	1997	1991
	Production	Lbs	1,799,000,000	2001	24,500,000	1991	1991
Soybeans	Planted	Acres	3,900,000	2006	7,000	1945	1942
	Harvested	Acres	3,870,000	2006	4,000	1944	1942
	Yield	Bu	36.5	2005	10.0	1947	1942
	Production	Bu	121,905,000	2006	40,000	1942	1942
Flaxseed	Planted	Acres	3,649,000	1957	80,000	1996	1920
	Harvested	Acres	3,500,000	1956	35,000	1892	1889
	Yield	Bu	21.0	2005	2.7	1936	1889
	Production	Bu	28,700,000	1956	228,000	1889	1889
All Corn	Planted	Acres	2,560,000	2007	495,000	1972	1929
Corn for Grain	Harvested	Acres	2,350,000	2007	17,000	1934	1924
	Yield	Bu	129.0	2005	8.4	1934	1924
	Production	Bu	285,200,000	2008	143,000	1934	1924
Dry Edible Beans	Planted	Acres	790,000	2002	21,000	1966	1964
	Harvested	Acres	710,000	1998	20,000	1966	1964
	Yield	Lbs	1,620	2007	600	1989	1964
	Production	Cwt	10,773,000	2007	165,000	1964	1964
Dry Edible Peas	Planted	Acres	610,000	2006	64,000	1999	1998
	Harvested	Acres	590,000	2006	58,000	1999	1998
	Yield	Lbs	2,340	2004	1,580	2008	1998
	Production	Cwt	10,850,000	2007	1,102,000	1999	1998
Lentils	Planted	Acres	160,000	2006	22,000	1998	1998
	Harvested	Acres	148,000	2006	21,500	1998	1998
	Yield	Lbs	1,550	1999	820	2006	1998
	Production	Cwt	1,971,000	2005	267,000	1998	1998
Potatoes	Planted	Acres	191,000	1943	73,000	1951	1929
	Harvested	Acres	198,000	1922	2,000	1882	1882
	Yield	Cwt	280	2008	12	1890	1882
	Production	Cwt	30,030,000	1991	118,000	1882	1882
Sugarbeets	Planted	Acres	265,000	2002	2,900	1924	1924
	Harvested	Acres	258,000	2002	2,600	1924	1924
	Yield	Tons	26.0	2006	4.9	1934	1924
	Production	Tons	6,318,000	2006	24,500	1924	1924
All Hay	Harvested	Acres	4,337,000	1961	2,102,000	1934	1909
	Yield	Tons	2.09	2000	0.41	1934	1909
	Production	Tons	6,285,000	1978	871,000	1934	1909

¹ In case of a tie, most recent year was used. Bold indicates new record.

FARM NUMBERS/LAND IN FARMS

North Dakota

The number of farms and ranches in North Dakota during 2008 is estimated at 32,000 farms, with no change from the previous year. All land in farms was 39.6 million acres, with no change from the previous year. The 2008 estimate is 3.1 million acres below the high of 42.7 million acres recorded in the period of 1950-1954. Average farm size showed no change when compared to the previous year and is estimated at 1,238 acres per farm.

The two smallest farm economic sales classes of \$1,000-\$9,999 and \$10,000-\$99,999 did not change from the previous year and were 10,600 and 9,400 farms, respectively. There were 4,300 farms with sales between \$100,000 and \$249,999 in 2008, a decrease of 100 farms from 2007. In 2008, the number of farms with sales between \$250,000 and \$499,999 was 3,700, unchanged from 2007. The total number of farms with sales greater than \$500,000 was 4,000, an increase 100 farms from 2007.

A farm or ranch is defined as an establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Farm numbers and land in farms are broken down into five economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these "sales classes" by summing their sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, and \$500,000. The annual estimate includes farms with their entire acreage enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program or other government programs.

** Special Note * - Number of farms and land in farms were revised for 2007 at the U.S. and State Level based on the Census of Agriculture. Historical publication statistical bulletin, NASS-SB1018 (04), with revisions for 2003-2007 will be published February 25, 2009.*

**Number of Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class and Average Farm Size
North Dakota and United States, 2007-2008¹**

Item and Class	North Dakota		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
Number of Farms				
\$1,000-\$9,999	10,600	10,600	1,228,560	1,222,000
\$10,000-\$99,999	9,400	9,400	608,670	604,500
\$100,000-\$249,999	4,400	4,300	150,300	149,000
\$250,000-\$499,999	3,700	3,700	97,230	98,500
\$500,000+	3,900	4,000	120,190	126,000
Total	32,000	32,000	2,204,950	2,200,000
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Land In Farms				
\$1,000-\$9,999	2,000	2,000	107,870	106,700
\$10,000-\$99,999	6,300	6,200	228,220	225,300
\$100,000-\$249,999	7,000	6,900	153,407	151,300
\$250,000-\$499,999	8,200	8,200	145,725	143,500
\$500,000+	16,100	16,300	286,238	293,100
Total	39,600	39,600	921,460	919,900
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Average Farm Size	1,238	1,238	418	418

¹ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

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