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Northwest Region Potato Stocks on December 1, 2018 Totaled 183 million Hundredweight

Potato stocks in Idaho on December 1, 2018 totaled 100 million cwt. Disappearance of the Idaho crop to date was 38.6 million cwt. December 1 potato stocks in Oregon totaled 21.0 million cwt. Disappearance to date was 7.5 million cwt. In Washington, December 1 potato stocks totaled 62.0 million cwt. Disappearance to date totaled 44.4 million cwt. Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 283 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2018, up 3 percent from December 1, 2017. Potatoes in storage accounted for 68 percent of the fall storage States' 2018 production, 1 percentage point less than last year. Potato disappearance, at 135 million cwt, was up 7 percent from December 1, 2017. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 13.4 million cwt, was 13 percent higher than the same time last year.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 24.1 million cwt of potatoes for the season, down 3 percent from December 1, 2017. In Washington and other Oregon counties, 36.3 million cwt of potatoes had been used by processors for the season, up 10 percent from the previous year. Processors in the 8 major States used 72.6 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 5 percent from December 1, 2017. Dehydrated usage accounted for 12.5 million cwt of the total potatoes processed, up 18 percent from the previous year.

Fall Potato Production and Stocks — 13 Major States: December 1, 2017-2018

[Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2018 totaled 28.3 million cwt]

State	Crop of 2017			Crop of 2018		
	Production	Stocks December 1, 2017	December stocks as a percent of production	Production	Stocks December 1, 2018	December stocks as a percent of production
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)
California.....	3,321	2,600	78	3,225	2,200	68
Colorado.....	21,220	15,300	72	21,623	15,400	71
Idaho.....	134,850	96,000	71	138,600	100,000	72
Maine.....	15,200	11,500	76	15,840	12,000	76
Michigan.....	17,205	11,000	64	17,390	10,200	59
Minnesota.....	18,428	13,600	74	18,060	13,000	72
Montana.....	3,774	3,500	93	3,795	3,600	95
Nebraska.....	9,025	5,400	60	9,457	4,800	51
New York.....	4,032	2,300	57	3,976	2,000	50
North Dakota.....	24,420	20,600	84	23,725	17,000	72
Oregon.....	21,395	16,800	79	28,458	21,000	74
Washington.....	99,220	57,000	57	106,425	62,000	58
Wisconsin.....	28,475	19,300	68	26,800	19,500	73
Total.....	400,565	274,900	69	417,374	282,700	68
Klamath Basin ¹	(NA)	4,600	(NA)	(NA)	4,700	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Quantity of Potatoes Used for Processing — 8 States: 2016-2018

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

State and crop year	Current Year	Following year						Season
	To December 1	To January 1	To February 1	To March 1	To April 1	To May 1	To June 1	
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon								
2016.....	25,720	32,650	39,475	46,880	54,625	61,950	70,110	87,379
2017.....	24,840	31,920	38,950	46,610	54,060	61,285	69,840	87,379
2018.....	24,125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine								
2016.....	1,260	1,665	2,175	2,660	3,080	3,470	3,825	5,059
2017.....	1,510	1,880	2,370	2,880	3,460	4,010	4,560	4,829
2018.....	1,470	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington and Oregon ¹								
2016.....	36,700	42,180	47,835	55,365	62,125	68,705	76,635	90,785
2017.....	32,885	39,925	46,515	54,355	61,780	68,555	76,495	91,160
2018.....	36,295	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other States ²								
2016.....	10,035	13,570	17,140	21,005	25,085	28,505	32,385	38,631
2017.....	10,030	14,181	18,075	22,740	26,535	30,425	34,740	42,856
2018.....	10,738	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States								
2016.....	70,970	90,065	106,625	125,910	144,915	162,630	182,955	227,235
2017.....	69,265	87,906	105,910	126,585	145,835	164,275	185,635	226,224
2018.....	72,628	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dehydrated ³								
2016.....	11,560	15,305	19,085	22,675	26,565	30,545	34,890	46,317
2017.....	10,595	14,304	18,085	21,680	25,775	29,800	34,410	44,263
2018.....	12,510	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

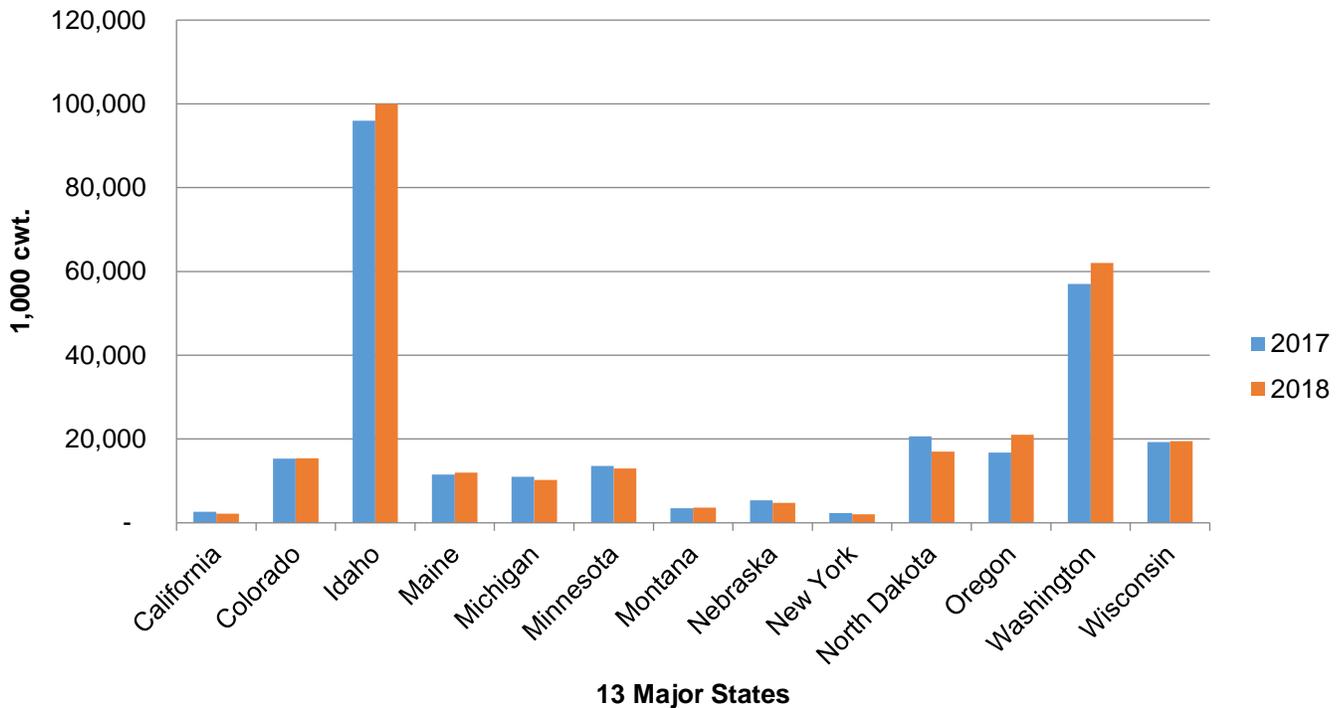
- Represents zero.

¹ Oregon excluding Malheur County.

² Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

³ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington.

Potato Stocks December 1, 2017-2018



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