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POTATO STOCKS

Maine potato stocks on hand May 1, 2009, totaled 3.7 million hundredweight (cwt), 14 percent below the previous year and the lowest level on hand since May 1, 2002. Disappearance to May 1 in Maine totaled 11.1 million cwt, compared with 12.4 million cwt a year earlier. Storage accounted for 25 percent of Maine's total production, one percentage point below last year, and below the previous 5-year average of 27 percent.

The 13 major potato states held 75.4 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2009, down 10 percent from a year ago and five percent below May 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 21

percent of the 2008 fall storage states' production, unchanged from May 1, 2008. Potato disappearance, at 292 million cwt, was seven percent below May 1, 2008, and down six percent from 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 22.3 million cwt, was down seven percent from the same date in both 2007 and 2008. Processors in the nine major States have used 149 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 10 percent from the same period last year and down nine percent from two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 28.3 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year and 23 percent below the same period in 2007.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 13 Major States, May 1, 2008 – 2009¹

State	2007 Crop			2008 Crop			
	Production	Stocks May 1, 2008 ²	Stocks as Percentage of Production	Production	Stocks April 1, 2009	Stocks May 1, 2009 ²	Stocks as Percentage of Production
	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Percent
California	3,792	460	12	3,939	800	500	13
Colorado	20,981	4,500	21	21,338	8,700	5,300	25
Idaho	130,010	35,000	27	114,805	42,500	30,000	26
Maine	16,668	4,300	26	14,769	5,600	3,700	25
Michigan	14,700	800	5	14,875	1,900	700	5
Minnesota	21,560	4,300	20	20,400	6,500	4,400	22
Montana	3,696			3,465	2,100		
Nebraska ³	8,217	1,000	12	8,342	2,200	1,100	13
New York	5,216			5,696	450		
North Dakota	23,660	4,200	18	22,680	6,100	3,500	15
Oregon	20,293	6,400	32	18,676	7,400	5,300	28
Washington	100,800	19,000	19	93,000	23,700	16,500	18
Wisconsin	28,160	3,100	11	25,730	6,500	3,600	14
Other States	900				800		
13 STATES³	397,753	83,960	21	367,715	114,450	75,400	21
Klamath Basin ⁴		570			1,450	750	

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2008 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

² Missing stocks combined with Other States.

³ April 1, 2009 stocks revised.

⁴ Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Included in the 13 State total.

SOURCE: *Potato Stocks*, 3:00 p.m., May 15, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

POTATOES: Shrinkage and Loss, 13 Fall Storage States, 2005 – 2008 Crop Years

Crop Year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1
	Million Cwt						
2005	12.7	15.0	16.8	18.4	20.2	22.0	23.7
2006	13.2	16.1	18.4	20.4	22.3	24.0	25.5
2007	14.2	16.4	18.4	20.2	22.1	24.0	25.3
2008	12.7	14.9	16.8	18.7	20.6	22.3	

SOURCE: *Potato Stocks*, 3:00 p.m., May 15, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 2004 – 2008 Crop Years
Prices Received by Farmers for Fall Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average ¹

Crop Year	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Market Year Average
	Dollars per Cwt											
2004	5.90	5.15	5.65	6.15	6.35	5.90	6.55	6.60	6.95	7.30	7.40	6.50
2005	*	5.85	6.30	7.90	8.20	8.20	8.40	8.75	9.45	9.30	8.55	8.25
2006	*	6.25	6.50	8.15	8.25	8.40	7.90	7.60	8.15	8.20	8.05	7.80
2007	*	6.20	6.40	7.25	7.55	7.60	8.00	8.55	8.65	9.15	8.75	7.90
2008	*	7.20	7.75	9.80	10.00	9.85	10.30	11.10	10.70 ²			

¹ Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed, and feed.

² Preliminary price reflecting prices received for the entire month.

* Missing data indicates too few potatoes being marketed to set price.

SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 p.m., April 30, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

HAY STOCKS

Less than optimum haymaking conditions in New England in 2008 resulted in the lowest dry hay output on record in the region, and the lowest stocks on hand on the first of May since records began in 1950. All hay stored on New England farms on May 1, 2009, totaled 85,000 tons, down 25 percent from a year earlier. Hay supplies on May 1, 2009, in the six-state region were 9 percent of production compared with 11 percent in 2008

and the previous 5-year average of 12 percent. Disappearance from December 1, 2008 to May 1, 2009 totaled 457,000 tons, compared with 480,000 tons for the same period a year earlier. As of late May, crop specialists reported pastures and hay fields were greening up nicely for the 2009 haymaking season, and the first cutting was just getting underway in all six states.

HAY: Stocks on Farms, December 1 and May 1, 2006 – 2009

State	December 1			May 1		
	2006	2007	2008	2007	2008	2009
	1,000 Tons					
Connecticut	65	69	65	12	8	9
Maine	140	160	145	27	27	18
Massachusetts	84	74	77	13	12	12
New Hampshire	66	57	70	12	6	8
Rhode Island	8	6	10	3	1	1
Vermont	223	228	175	38	60	37
NEW ENGLAND	586	594	542	105	114	85
UNITED STATES	96,400	104,089	103,658	14,990	21,585	22,065

SOURCE: *Crop Production*, 8:30 a.m., May 12, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

TOBACCO

Broadleaf tobacco marketed production weighed in at 3.1 million pounds in the Connecticut River Valley in 2008, 44 percent below 2007 marketed output. The 2008 season was very challenging for tobacco growers. Hail, heavy rains and high winds late in the season decimated fields, leaving an estimated 1,070 acres unharvested across both states. Additional losses showed up in the sheds as the crop cured. Excessive moisture during curing resulted in a high incidence of pole sweat and spots on leaves, particularly at the lowest tiers. Broadleaf marketed yields averaged 1,398 pounds per acre in the two states in 2008, well below the 1,824 pounds per acre average a year earlier, and the lowest yield on record since 2000. Poor market conditions and less than

optimum quality at some locations translated into lower prices received for the 2008 crop. Broadleaf tobacco prices averaged \$5.85 per pound in 2008 across all grades, compared with \$6.47 per pound a year earlier.

Producers intend to market 1.4 million pounds of 2008 crop **shade tobacco** in Connecticut and Massachusetts, a 23 percent drop in marketed production from the previous year. Based on May 2009 assessments, yields were expected to average 1,292 pounds per acre, compared with the 1,499 pounds per acre average a year earlier. Value of the 2008 crop for the two states will be published in February 2010, after the bulk of the crop is marketed.

TOBACCO: Acreage, Yield, and Production, 2007 – 2008 ¹

State and Type	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production		Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Acres		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Broadleaf (Type 51):										
Connecticut	1,900	1,700	1,850	1,380	3,515	2,346	6.400	5.900	22,496	13,841
Massachusetts	1,100	500	1,780	1,460	1,958	730	6.600	5.500	12,923	4,015
CT and MA Total	3,000	2,200	1,824	1,398	5,473	3,076	6.472	5.805	35,419	17,856
Shade (Type 61):										
Connecticut	1,000	900	1,510	1,300	1,510	1,170	D	D	D	D
Massachusetts	220	190	1,450	1,250	319	238	D	D	D	D
CT and MA Total	1,220	1,090	1,499	1,292	1,829	1,408	24.500	*	44,811	*
UNITED STATES (All Types) ²	356,000	354,490	2,213	2,258	787,653	800,504	1.693	1.861	1,329,235	1,482,437

¹ 2008 revised.

² United States includes estimated 2008 value of production for CT and MA, CT Valley Shade-grown. The 2007 CT and MA, CT Valley Shade-grown price was used to compute the 2008 value of production.

D Price and value not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

* Price and value of the 2008 shade crop will be available February 2010.

SOURCE: *Crop Production*, 8:30 a.m. May 12, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, April 2009 with Comparisons

State	Milk Cows ¹			Production per Cow ²			Production ²		
	April 2008	March 2009 ³	April 2009	April 2008	March 2009 ³	April 2009	April 2008	March 2009 ³	April 2009
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	140	136	136	1,560	1,565	1,520	218	213	207
New York	626	623	623	1,670	1,700	1,670	1,045	1,059	1,040
Pennsylvania	549	550	549	1,670	1,670	1,640	917	919	900
UNITED STATES ⁴	8,482	8,481	8,479	1,757	1,794	1,758	14,901	15,211	14,906

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.² Excludes milk sucked by calves.³ Revised.⁴ UNITED STATES includes 23 major States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, and WI.SOURCE: *Milk Production*, 3:00 p. m., May 18, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.VERMONT MILK: Prices Received by Farmers for Milk Sold 2004 – 2009 ¹

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
	Price per Cwt												
2004	14.00	14.40	16.20	17.80	20.10	19.80	17.60	15.50	16.30	16.60	17.00	17.20	16.90
2005	16.90	16.00	16.60	15.80	15.50	15.10	15.80	15.70	16.10	16.50	16.10	15.50	16.00
2006	15.30	14.60	13.80	12.80	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.90	13.60	14.50	14.70	14.80	13.70
2007	15.70	15.90	16.80	17.70	19.20	21.20	23.20	23.50	23.80	23.30	23.80	23.30	20.60
2008	22.20	20.40	18.90	19.30	18.80	19.90	20.80	19.90	19.70	18.80	18.40	16.50	*
2009 ²	15.10	12.60	12.40	12.50									

¹ Prices include quality, quantity, and other premiums; excludes deductions for hauling and hauling subsidies.² Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.

* 2008 Annual average will be available in May 2009.

SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 p.m., April 30, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, March 2009 with Comparisons

Product	March 2008 ¹	February 2009 ¹	March 2009	March 2009 as percent of:	
				March 2008	February 2009
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	1,613	1,728	2,065	128	120
American Type Cheese ²	6,386	6,374	6,684	105	105
Mozzarella Cheese	5,566	2,827	3,594	65	127
Other Italian Cheese ³	3,079	2,219	2,733	89	123
Cottage Cheese ⁴	495	529	529	107	100
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	6,389	5,660	5,370	84	95
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	1,111	394	515	46	131
Milk Sherbet, Hard	179	122	125	70	102

¹ Revised.² American Type Cheese includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.³ Includes all Italian Cheese except Mozzarella.⁴ Creamed and Low Fat.SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: *Dairy Products*, 3:00 p.m., May 4, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

CHICKENS

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, April 2008 – 2009

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹		Egg Production from All Layers ¹	
	April 2008	April 2009	April 2008	April 2009	April 2008	April 2009	April 2008	April 2009
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	2,846	2,819	2,911	2,884	2,302	2,323	66	66
Maine	4,025	3,330	4,094	3,417	2,223	2,136	97	77
UNITED STATES	275,743	277,985	340,838	339,640	2,163	2,196	7,675	7,724

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs*, 3:00 p.m., May 22, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Hired Workers, on Farms and Hours Worked per Week, Northeast I and UNITED STATES, April 2009 with Comparisons ¹

Region	Hired Workers on Farms			Hours Worked During the Week		
	April 12-18, 2009	January 11-17, 2009	April 6-12, 2008	April 12-18, 2009	January 11-17, 2009	April 6-12, 2008
Northeast I ²	32	26	36	41.1	41.3	43.2
UNITED STATES ³	680	595	700	40.1	38.3	40.8

¹ Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers. Hired workers includes field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers.

² Northeast I includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT.

³ United States excludes Alaska.

SOURCE: *Farm Labor*, 3:00p.m., May 22, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Wage Rates for Hired Workers, Northeast I and UNITED STATES, April 2009 with Comparisons ¹

Northeast I ²	April 12-18, 2009	January 11-17, 2009	April 6-12, 2008	United States ³	April 12-18, 2009	January 11-17, 2009	April 6-12, 2008
	Dollars per Hour				Dollars per Hour		
All Hired Workers ⁴	11.17	10.91	11.00	All Hired Workers ⁴	10.48	10.93	10.57
Field	10.65	10.66	10.19	Field	9.99	9.96	9.65
Livestock	9.92	10.03	9.97	Livestock	10.25	10.27	10.24
Field and Livestock	10.35	10.25	10.10	Field and Livestock	10.07	10.08	9.84

¹ Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers.

² Northeast I includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT.

³ United States excludes Alaska.

⁴ Hired workers includes field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers.

SOURCE: *Farm Labor*, 3:00p.m., May 22, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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