

POTATO STOCKS

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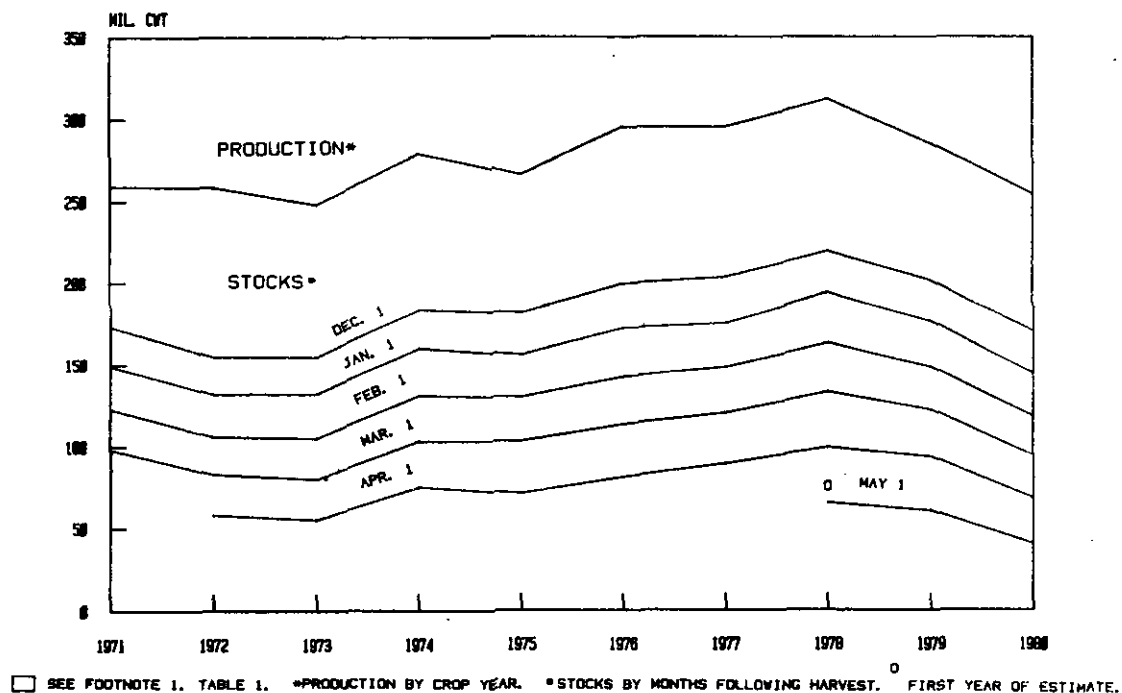
POTATO STOCKS DOWN 33 PERCENT FROM YEAR EARLIER

Potato stocks as of May 1, 1981 are estimated at 40.2 million cwt in the 15 major fall potato producing States. This is down 33 percent from a year earlier and 38 percent less than on May 1, 1979.

In the three Eastern States, estimated holdings are 3.79 million cwt, 55 percent below May 1 a year ago and 33 percent less than on May 1, 1979. Maine's stocks are estimated at 3.50 million cwt, 55 percent below a year earlier. Estimated stocks in the six Central States total 3.89 million cwt, down 42 percent from a year ago and 53 percent below May 1, 1979. Compared with a year earlier, stocks in North Dakota are down 58 percent while Minnesota and Wisconsin stocks are down 46 and 8 percent, respectively. Holdings in the six Western States are estimated at 32.5 million cwt, 27 percent below May 1, 1980 and 36 percent less than May 1, 1979. Idaho's stocks total 19.0 million cwt, down 27 percent from May 1 a year ago. Holdings in Washington and Oregon are down 29 and 23 percent, respectively, from a year earlier.

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FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND STOCKS



NOTE: Stocks are defined as the quantity remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage and waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes generally account for about 90 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage and loss and home use account for the remaining 10 percent.

TABLE 1. FALL POTATOES: DECEMBER 1, JANUARY 1, FEBRUARY 1, MARCH 1, APRIL 1, AND MAY 1 TOTAL STOCKS AND COMPARABLE PRODUCTION FOR 15 STATES ESTIMATING POTATO STOCKS 1/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	DEC 1	JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1
1,000 CWT							
1970	259,977	171,600	147,550	120,650	95,850		
1971 ^{2/}	258,613	172,550	148,600	122,350	97,150		
1972	242,390	155,190	132,050	105,690	82,510	57,860	
1973	247,686	154,890	131,600	105,360	80,460	55,465	
1974	278,679	183,850	160,100	131,480	102,963	75,217	
1975	266,422	181,720	156,220	129,710	102,850	70,970	
1976	294,978	198,630	172,230	142,030	112,830	81,130	
1977	295,421	202,550	175,300	147,930	119,850	88,680	
1978	311,981	219,850	193,520	162,980	132,570	99,250	64,830
1979	285,060	200,820	176,020	147,910	121,720	92,550	59,535
1980	253,883	169,780	143,960	118,465	94,230	68,340	40,176

1/ SEE TABLE 3 FOR LIST OF 15 STATES.

^{2/} BEGINNING WITH 1971, LATE SUMMER PRODUCTION FOR N Y - L I, WIS AND WASH HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS FALL.

TABLE 2. POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING 1/, SEVEN STATES, 1979 AND 1980 CROPS

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 CWT								
IDAHO AND MALHEUR CO., OREG	1979-80	14,220	18,690	23,970	28,840	34,440	39,930	55,600
	1980-81	14,460	18,710	23,235	28,100	33,485	39,120	
MAINE ^{2/}	1979-80	2,010	2,655	3,470	4,245	5,200	6,200	7,965
	1980-81	2,190	2,880	3,545	4,245	5,000	5,860	
WASH AND OTHER AREAS, OREG	1979-80	13,510	16,995	20,725	24,915	29,395	33,360	43,295
	1980-81	14,610	16,845	19,725	23,710	27,405	31,500	
OTHER STATES ^{3/}	1979-80	2,660	3,405	4,260	5,100	6,055	6,880	8,785
	1980-81	2,355	2,890	3,745	4,565	5,205	6,105	
TOTAL	1979-80	32,400	41,745	52,425	63,100	75,090	86,370	115,645
	1980-81	33,615	41,325	50,250	60,620	71,095	82,585	

1/ TOTAL QUANTITY RECEIVED AND USED FOR PROCESSING REGARDLESS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE POTATOES WERE PRODUCED. DOES NOT INCLUDE QUANTITIES USED FOR POTATO CHIPS IN MAINE, MICH OR MINN. ^{2/} INCLUDES MAINE GROWN POTATOES ONLY. ^{3/} MICH, MINN AND N DAK.

TABLE 3. POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON MAY 1, 1980 AND MAY 1, 1981

STATE	CROP OF 1979			CROP OF 1980		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS:	MAY 1 STOCKS:	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS:	MAY 1 STOCKS:
	1,000 CWT	MAY 1, 1980	AS % OF PRODUCTION	1,000 CWT	MAY 1, 1981	AS % OF PRODUCTION
CALIF	6,364	1,100	17	6,438	750	12
COLO	11,455	2,000	17	10,950	1,900	17
IDAHO	85,050	26,000	31	78,455	19,000	24
MAINE	27,685	7,700	28	24,960	3,500	14
MICH	8,000	700	9	7,403	350	5
MINN	12,920	2,600	20	9,920	1,400	14
MONT	1,800	450	25	1,725	50	3
NEBR	1,482	160	11	1/3,824	1/236	6
N Y - L I	6,431	85	1	2/	2/	
- UPSTATE	6,463	120	2	2/10,668	2/160	2
N DAK	18,240	2,000	11	15,680	850	5
OHIO	2,400	80	3	1/	1/	
OREG	25,310	4,700	19	19,745	3,600	18
PA	6,000	600	10	4,180	130	3
WASH	48,450	10,100	21	43,935	7,200	16
WIS	17,010	1,140	7	16,000	1,050	7
15 STATE TOTAL	285,060	59,535	21	253,883	40,176	16

1/ OHIO COMBINED WITH NEBR TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

2/ L I COMBINED WITH UPSTATE N Y TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

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Disappearance to May 1, 1981 in the 15 major fall States totals 214 million cwt, 5 percent below the same period a year ago. Total disappearance to date includes 22.6 million cwt of potatoes dumped during grading, fed to livestock on potato farms, discarded without grading, and lost to shrinkage (moisture loss). During the month of April disappearance totaled 28.2 million cwt compared with 33.0 million cwt for April 1980.

Potatoes processed to May 1, 1981 in the seven major States totaled 82.6 million cwt, 4 percent less than the same period a year ago.

