

# Potato Stocks



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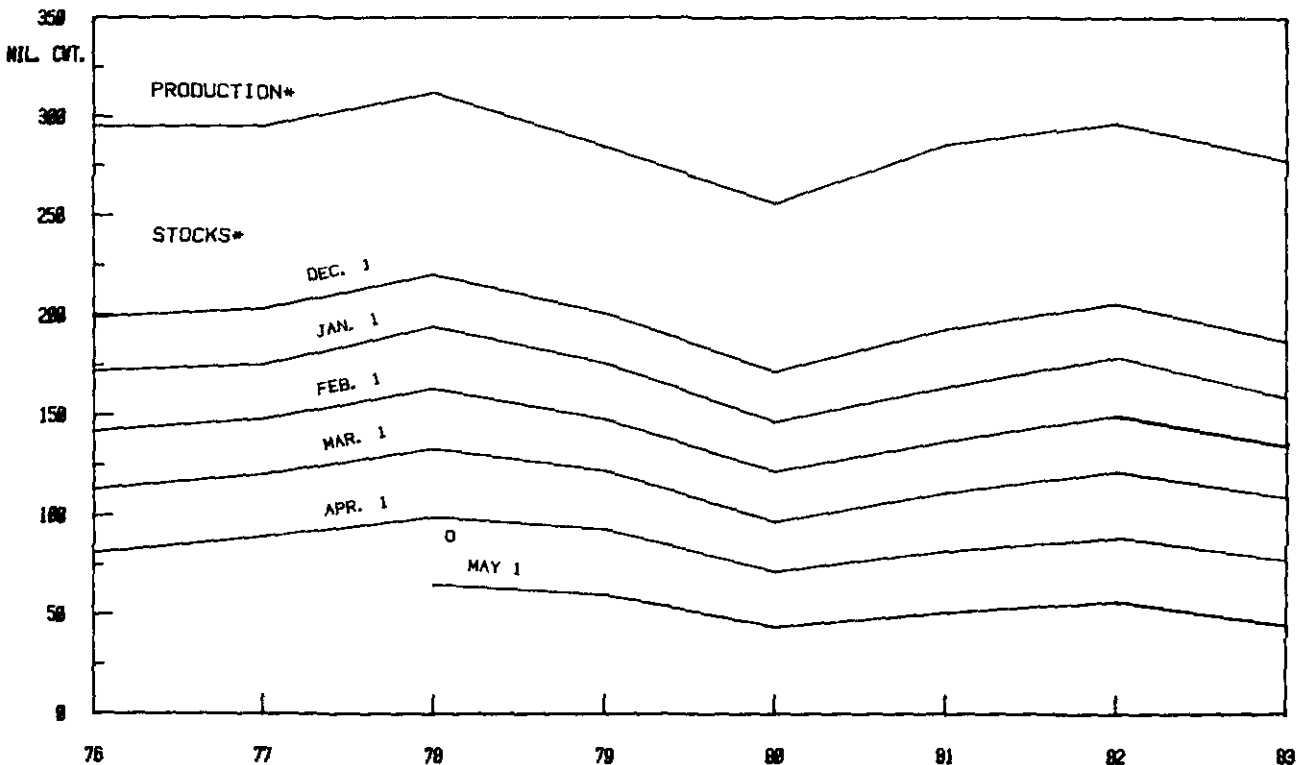
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## POTATO STOCKS DOWN 19 PERCENT

Potato stocks in 15 major producing States totaled 46.2 million cwt (2.10 million metric tons) on May 1, 1984 down 19 percent from the previous year and 9 percent below 1982. May 1 stocks accounted for 17 percent of fall production this year compared with 19 percent last year.

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## FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND STOCKS (FOR 15 STATES ESTIMATING POTATO STOCKS)



\*PRODUCTION BY CROP YEAR. STOCKS BY MONTHS FOLLOWING HARVEST. 1976 FIRST YEAR OF ESTIMATE.

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 \* 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 per- \*  
 \* cent of the total fall production. Shrinkage, loss and home \*  
 \* use account for the remaining 10 percent. \*  
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TABLE 1. FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND STOCKS, 15 MAJOR STATES

CROP YEAR	: PRODUCTION :	: DEC 1 :	: JAN 1 :	: FEB 1 :	: MAR 1 :	: APR 1 :	: MAY 1 :
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	255,691	171,730	146,610	121,565	97,280	72,460	44,446
1981	286,245	192,810	163,680	137,120	111,280	81,870	50,660
1982	296,657	206,175	178,750	149,560	121,540	89,120	56,875
1983	277,769	187,100	161,210	134,655	108,370	77,445	46,215

TABLE 2. FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND STOCKS ON MAY 1, 1983 AND MAY 1, 1984

STATE	: CROP OF 1982 :			: CROP OF 1983 :		
	: PRODUCTION :	: TOTAL STOCKS :	: MAY 1 STOCKS :	: PRODUCTION :	: TOTAL STOCKS :	: MAY 1 STOCKS :
	: : :	: MAY 1, 1983 :	: AS % OF PRODUCTION :	: : :	: MAY 1, 1984 :	: AS % OF PRODUCTION :
	: : :	: 1,000 CWT :	: PERCENT :	: : :	: 1,000 CWT :	: PERCENT :
CALIF	7,585	1,100	15	7,790	955	12
COLORADO	12,825	2,750	21	13,200	1,850	14
IDAHO	91,710	25,000	27	83,590	20,000	24
MAINE	27,030	6,000	22	22,090	4,600	21
MICH	8,085	1,200	15	7,425	700	9
MINN	11,520	1,700	15	10,313	1,400	14
MONT	1,924	200	10	1,800	50	3
NEBR	2,147	230	11	2,025	185	9
N Y - L I	4,995	120	2	4,075	160	4
- UPSTATE	7,020	500	7	5,635	300	5
N DAK	17,250	2,100	12	20,460	2,400	12
OHIO	2,328	1/	--	1,886	1/	--
OREG	21,105	4,600	22	20,710	4,500	22
PA	5,758	695	12	4,300	515	12
WASH	52,800	8,600	16	53,560	6,900	13
WIS	22,575	2,080	9	18,910	1,700	9
15 STATE TOTAL	296,657	56,875	19	277,769	46,215	17

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The three Eastern States holdings were estimated at 5.58 million cwt, 24 percent below last year and 3 percent below May 1, 1982. Maine potato stocks dropped to 4.60 million cwt, 23 percent below last year. New York stocks at 460 thousand cwt, and Pennsylvania holdings of 515 thousand cwt, were both 26 percent below last year.

Potato stocks in the 6 Central States were estimated at 6.39 million cwt on May 1, 1984. This is down 13 percent from a year ago but 3 percent above two years ago. North Dakota stocks, at 2.40 million cwt were up 14 percent, but other Central States were down. Minnesota and Wisconsin were each off 18 percent, while Michigan stocks sagged 42 percent below last year.

In the 6 Western States, May 1 potato stocks were measured at 34.3 million cwt, 19 percent below last year and 12 percent under two years ago. Idaho stocks, at 20.0 million cwt, were down 20 percent from last year. Oregon, at 4.50 million cwt and Washington, at 6.90 million cwt were down 2 percent and 20 percent, respectively, below last year's level. Continued heavy processing usage will likely end the season early this year. California storages, holding 955 thousand cwt, were 13 percent below last May; and Colorado, at 1.85 million cwt, was down one-third.

Disappearance from the first of the season to May 1, 1984, totaled 232 million cwt, 3 percent below the 240 million cwt moved a year earlier. Shrink and loss this season accumulated to 22.3 million cwt, 26 percent below last year's 30.0 million cwt. Disappearance for the month of April totaled 31.2 million cwt, 3 percent below the 32.2 million cwt used last year.

Seasonal processing totaled 95.4 million cwt to May 1, 1984, slightly below the 95.9 million cwt used by processors for the same period last year. Processing during April, however, was up 1 percent from last year, with 12.0 million cwt processed.

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