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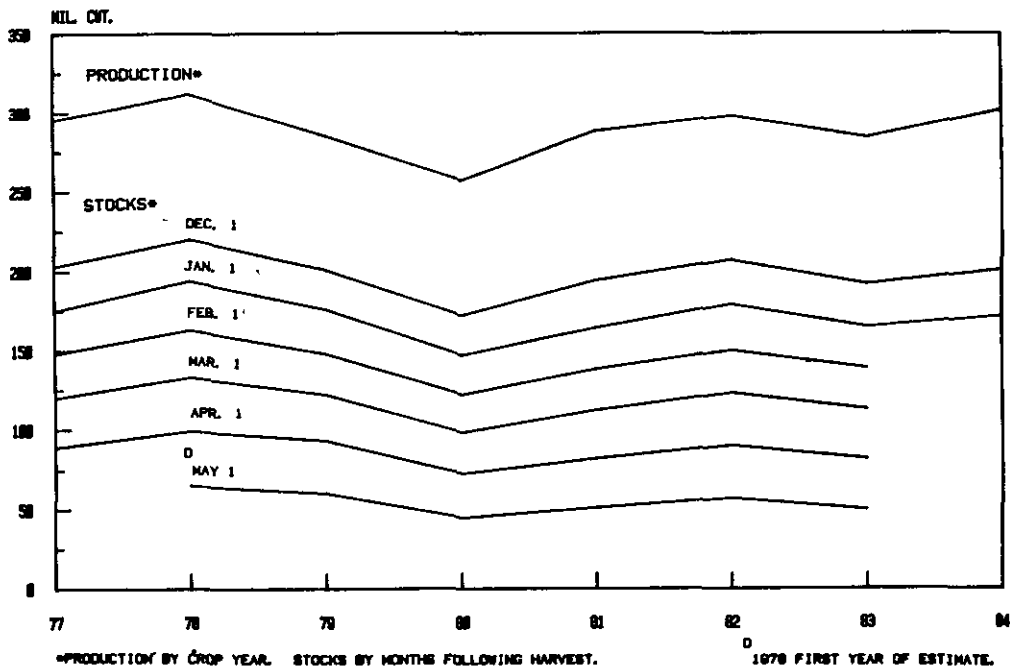
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## POTATO STOCKS UP 5 PERCENT

Fall potato stocks totaled 174 million cwt (7.88 million metric tons) on January 1, 1985 in the 15 major storage States. This is up 5 percent from last year, but 3 percent below two years ago. By variety, potatoes in storage are 72 percent russets, 25 percent whites, and 3 percent reds based on data from the 11 objective yield States. The storage total accounted for 57 percent of fall production this season compared with 58 percent last year.

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



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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
	1,000 CWT						
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	284,940	200,820	176,020	147,910	121,720	92,550	59,535
1980	256,518	172,030	147,010	122,065	97,680	72,660	44,546
1981	287,710	193,610	164,380	137,820	111,780	82,270	50,760
1982	298,031	206,525	178,980	150,200	122,500	90,105	57,305
1983	284,344	192,150	165,330	138,900	112,730	81,740	50,365
1984	302,495	201,335	173,760				

TABLE 2. POTATOES PROCESSED 1/, EIGHT STATES, 1983 AND 1984 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	1983-84	15,755	20,445	24,785	29,540	35,155	40,640	53,810
	1984-85	19,000	24,310					
MAINE 2/	1983-84	1,160	1,745	2,260	2,780	3,370	3,970	5,125
	1984-85	1,630	2,290					
WASH AND OTHER AREAS, OREG	1983-84	16,245	19,920	23,690	28,250	33,280	37,455	45,800
	1984-85	20,745	24,690					
OTHER STATES 3/	1983-84	4,305	6,005	7,755	9,600	11,615	13,400	16,320
	1984-85	5,695	7,510					
TOTAL	1983-84	37,465	48,115	58,490	70,170	83,420	95,465	121,055
	1984-85	47,070	58,800					

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, MINN, N DAK, OR WIS. 2/ INCLUDES MAINE GROWN POTATOES ONLY. 3/ MICH, MINN, N DAK, AND WIS.

TABLE 3. FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND STOCKS ON JANUARY 1, 1984 AND JANUARY 1, 1985

STATE	CROP OF 1983			CROP OF 1984		
	PRODUCTION:	TOTAL STOCKS : JAN 1, 1984	JAN 1 STOCKS : AS % OF PRODUCTION:	PRODUCTION:	TOTAL STOCKS : JAN 1, 1985	JAN 1 STOCKS : AS % OF PRODUCTION:
	1,000 CWT		PERCENT	1,000 CWT		PERCENT
CALIF	7,790	4,300	55	7,280	3,900	54
COLO	13,950	9,000	65	17,225	10,950	64
IDAHO	85,990	54,500	63	86,600	54,500	63
MAINE	22,560	16,000	71	21,360	15,900	74
MICH	9,840	5,400	55	12,540	6,500	52
MINN	10,313	7,800	76	13,775	10,500	76
MONT	1,800	1,670	93	1,924	1,830	95
NEBR	2,025	1,130	56	2,240	1,550	69
N Y - L I	4,075	1,200	29	3,726	1,300	35
- UPSTATE	5,635	2,600	46	6,630	2,500	38
N DAK	20,480	12,700	62	20,615	12,900	63
OHIO	1,886	430	23	2,465	530	22
OREG	20,710	12,100	58	22,680	12,900	57
PA	4,300	2,200	51	5,160	3,100	60
WASH	54,080	25,900	48	56,925	25,900	45
WIS	18,910	8,400	44	21,350	9,000	42
15 STATE TOTAL	284,344	165,330	58	302,495	173,760	57

RELIABILITY OF JANUARY 1 STOCKS ESTIMATES

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the January 1 stocks estimate is 2.5 percent. This means that the chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 174 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 2.5 percent or approximately 4.3 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 4.4 percent or approximately 7.6 million cwt.

The 10-year (1975-84) record of the differences between the January 1 stocks estimates and the final estimates averaged 4.09 million cwt, ranging from 1.23 million to 5.94 million cwt. During this 10-year period, the January 1 estimate has been below the final estimate 9 out of 10 years.

TABLE 4. FALL POTATOES: STOCKS BY TYPE AS PERCENT OF TOTAL STOCKS,  
JANUARY 1, 1985, 11 MAJOR STATES

STATE	POTATO TYPES			
	REDS	WHITES	RUSSETS	TOTAL
	PERCENT			
COLO	10		1/90	100
IDAHO			1/ 2/100	100
MAINE		72	28	100
MICH 4/				
MINN	15	53	32	100
N Y		2/ 3/100		100
N DAK	20	63	17	100
OREG			1/ 2/100	100
PA		2/100		100
WASH			1/ 2/100	100
WIS	6	53	41	100
11 STATE TOTAL:	3	25	72	100

- 1/ INCLUDES SMALL QUANTITIES OF WHITES, LESS THAN 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL.  
 2/ INCLUDES SMALL QUANTITIES OF REDS, LESS THAN 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL.  
 3/ INCLUDES SMALL AMOUNT OF RUSSETS, LESS THAN 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL.  
 4/ NOT PUBLISHED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

The three Eastern States had 22.8 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, 1985 a gain of 4 percent from last year, but 18 percent below 1983. Maine stocks at 15.9 million cwt were down 1 percent; New York with 3.80 million cwt was the same as last year; while Pennsylvania at 3.10 million cwt was up two-fifths.

Stocks in the six Central States totaled 41.0 million cwt on January 1, 1985, up 14 percent from last year and 10 percent above two years ago. North Dakota stocks at 12.9 million cwt gained 2 percent from last year. Minnesota storage at 10.5 million cwt was up 35 percent. Michigan and Wisconsin showed increases of 20 and 7 percent, respectively.

The six Western States had 110 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, 1985, an increase of 2 percent from a year ago, but 4 percent less than two years ago. Idaho with 54.5 million cwt and Washington with 25.9 million cwt were the same as last year. Oregon at 12.9 million cwt was up 7 percent. Colorado with stocks of nearly 11.0 million cwt was up 22 percent; while California storages totaling 3.9 million cwt were off 9 percent.

Disappearance of potatoes in the 15 States from harvest to January 1 this year totaled 129 million cwt, a gain of 8 percent over the last two years. This includes shrinkage and losses of 18.9 million cwt, well ahead of last year's 15.9 million cwt loss during the same period.

Processing to January 1 totaled 58.8 million cwt, up 22 percent over a year earlier.



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PAGE 1, Text

FROM: totaled 174 million cwt. (7.88 million metric tons)

TO : totaled 173 million cwt. (7.84 million metric tons)

PAGE 2, Table 1, Crop Year 1984, Month, January 1, 1985

FROM: 173,760

TO : 172,860

PAGE 3, Table 3, Crop Year, 1984, January 1, 1985 stocks and stocks  
as percent of production

Maine FROM: 15,900 and 74

TO : 15,000 and 70

15 State Total

FROM: 173,760 and 57

TO : 172,860 and 57

PAGE 4, Text, 1st Paragraph

FROM: Eastern States had 22.8 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on January 1, 1985 a gain of 4 percent from last year, but 18 percent below 1983. Maine stocks at 15.9 million cwt were down 1 percent.

TO : Eastern States had 21.9 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, 1985, slightly below last year and 21 percent below 1983. Maine stocks at 15.0 million cwt were down 6 percent.

PAGE 4, Text, 4th Paragraph

FROM: totaled 129 million cwt, a gain of 8 percent

TO : totaled 130 million cwt, a gain of 9 percent

