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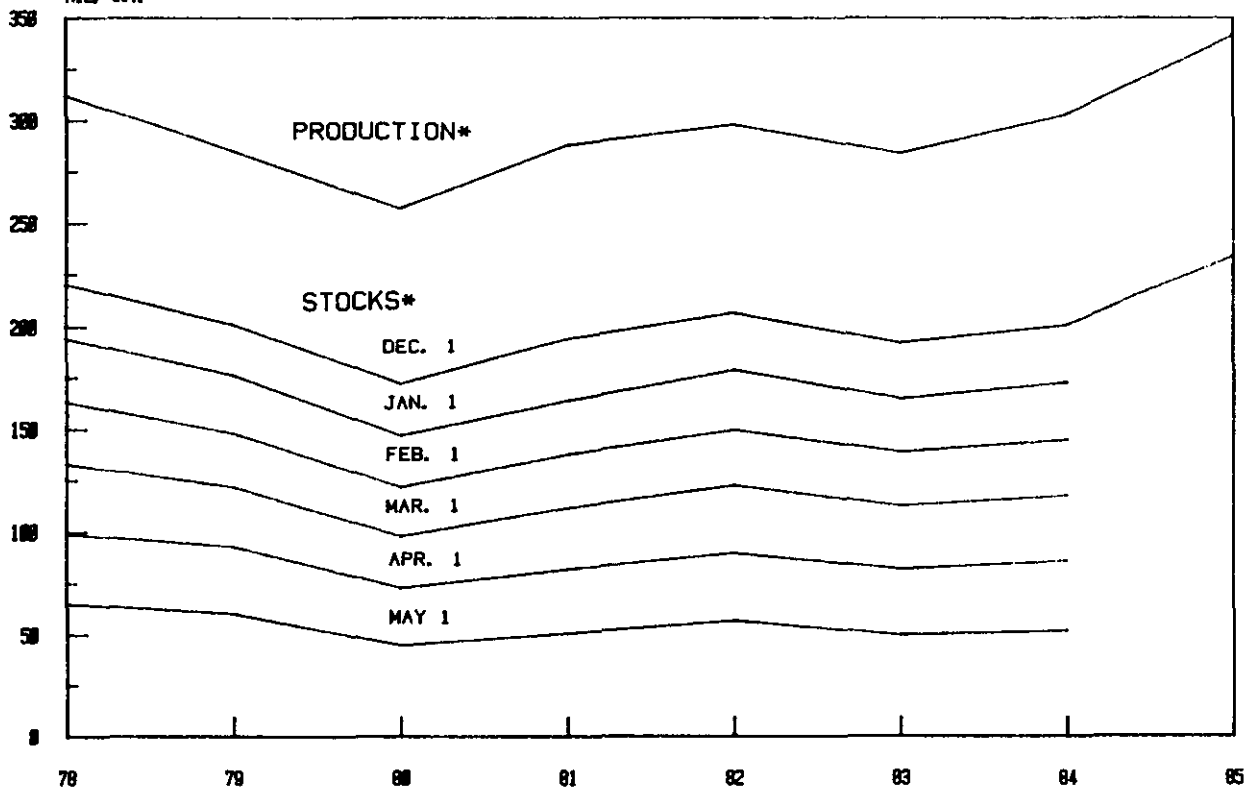
POTATO STOCKS UP 16 PERCENT

December 1, 1985 POTATO STOCKS totaled 234 million cwt for the 15 States making stocks estimates. This is up 16 percent from last year and 22 percent above two years ago. Stocks averaged 69 percent of fall production this year in the 15 States compared with 66 percent last year. In the 11 major States in the Objective Yield Program, russets accounted for 76 percent of the storage; whites were 21 percent and reds 3 percent.

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FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND STOCKS

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*PRODUCTION BY CROP YEAR. STOCKS BY MONTHS FOLLOWING HARVEST.

 * 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. However, this year *
 * losses are running much higher than normal. *

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 | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 303,384 | 201,410 | 173,380 | 144,760 | 118,400 | 86,440 | 52,465 |
| 1985 | 340,792 | 233,775 | | | | | |

TABLE 2. POTATOES PROCESSED 1/, EIGHT STATES, 1984 AND 1985 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 | :1984-85 | 19,000 | 24,310 | 29,200 | 34,010 | 39,510 | 44,650 | 57,410 |
| | :1985-86 | 17,830 | | | | | | |
| MAINE 2/ | :1984-85 | 1,820 | 2,410 | 3,015 | 3,520 | 4,330 | 5,185 | 6,550 |
| | :1985-86 | 2,215 | | | | | | |
| WASH AND OTHER AREAS, OREG | :1984-85 | 20,745 | 24,690 | 29,345 | 33,560 | 38,815 | 43,380 | 51,670 |
| | :1985-86 | 21,590 | | | | | | |
| OTHER STATES 3/ | :1984-85 | 5,695 | 7,510 | 9,210 | 10,930 | 12,745 | 14,715 | 21,005 |
| | :1985-86 | 6,470 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | :1984-85 | 47,260 | 58,920 | 70,770 | 82,020 | 95,400 | 107,930 | 136,635 |
| | :1985-86 | 48,105 | | | | | | |

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 DECEMBER 1, 1984 AND DECEMBER 1, 1985

| STATE | CROP OF 1984 | | | CROP OF 1985 | | |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | PRODUCTION: | STOCKS : DEC 1, 1984 | STOCKS : AS % OF PRODUCTION: | PRODUCTION: | STOCKS : DEC 1, 1985 | STOCKS : AS % OF PRODUCTION |
| | 1,000 CWT | PERCENT | | 1,000 CWT | PERCENT | |
| CALIF | 7,280 | 5,400 | 74 | 7,878 | 4,900 | 62 |
| COLO | 17,225 | 12,700 | 74 | 17,920 | 14,600 | 81 |
| IDAHO | 86,600 | 61,500 | 71 | 102,515 | 74,500 | 73 |
| MAINE | 21,360 | 17,200 | 81 | 27,160 | 22,100 | 81 |
| MICH | 12,540 | 8,000 | 64 | 12,100 | 8,000 | 66 |
| MINN | 13,775 | 11,300 | 82 | 14,145 | 11,000 | 78 |
| MONT | 1,924 | 1,860 | 97 | 1,890 | 1,600 | 85 |
| NEBR | 2,480 | 1,900 | 76 | 2,173 | 1,750 | 81 |
| N Y - L I | 3,577 | 1,550 | 43 | 3,870 | 2,000 | 52 |
| - UPSTATE | 6,630 | 3,100 | 47 | 6,125 | 3,500 | 57 |
| N DAK | 20,615 | 15,300 | 74 | 23,630 | 18,800 | 80 |
| OHIO | 2,418 | 950 | 39 | 2,465 | 800 | 32 |
| OREG | 23,525 | 15,400 | 65 | 26,701 | 18,500 | 69 |
| PA | 5,160 | 4,050 | 78 | 5,720 | 4,025 | 70 |
| WASH | 56,925 | 29,600 | 52 | 62,370 | 33,500 | 54 |
| WIS | 21,350 | 11,600 | 54 | 24,130 | 14,200 | 59 |
| 15 STATE TOTAL | 303,384 | 201,410 | 66 | 340,792 | 233,775 | 69 |

RELIABILITY OF DECEMBER 1 PRODUCTION AND STOCKS ESTIMATES

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of production and stocks estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error", a statistical measure based on past performance, is shown below. This is computed by expressing the deviations between the December 1 estimates and the final estimates as a percent of the final estimates and averaging the squared percentage deviations for the 1965-84 twenty year period; the square root of this average becomes statistically the "Root Mean Square Error". Probability statements can be made concerning expected errors in the current estimates relative to the final estimates, assuming that factors affecting this year's estimates are not different from those of recent years. For example, the "Root Mean Square Error" for the December 1 stocks estimate is 2.1 percent. This means that the chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 234 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 2.1 percent or approximately 4.91 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 3.6 percent or approximately 8.42 million cwt.

Also shown below is the 10-year (1975-84) record of the differences between the December 1 production and stocks estimates and the final estimates. Using stocks again as an example, changes between the December 1 estimate and the final estimate during the 10 years have averaged 3.82 million cwt, ranging from 0.08 million to 6.25 million cwt. During this 10-year period, the December 1 estimate has been below the final estimate 9 out of 10 years for both production and stocks.

RELIABILITY OF DECEMBER 1 FALL POTATO ESTIMATES

| ESTIMATE | ROOT MEAN SQUARE ERROR | | | TEN YEAR RECORD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEC 1 AND FINAL ESTIMATE | | | |
|------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------|--|-------------|-------------|---|
| | PERCENT | 90% CONFIDENCE LEVEL | QUANT | AVG | SMALL | LARGE | NUMBER OF YEARS BELOW: ABOVE FINAL: FINAL |
| | MIL CWT | MIL CWT | MIL CWT | MILLION CWT | MILLION CWT | MILLION CWT | |
| STOCKS | 2.1 | 3.6 | 8.42 | 3.82 | .08 | 6.25 | 9 1 |
| PRODUCTION | 1.6 | 2.8 | 9.81 | 4.68 | .92 | 6.68 | 9 1 |

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

| STATE | POTATO TYPES | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|----------|----------|-------|
| | REDS | WHITES | RUSSETS | TOTAL |
| PERCENT | | | | |
| COLO | 6 | | 1/94 | 100 |
| IDAHO | | | 1/ 2/100 | 100 |
| MAINE | | 68 | 32 | 100 |
| MICH 4/ | | | | |
| MINN | 17 | 38 | 45 | 100 |
| N Y | | 2/ 3/100 | | 100 |
| N DAK | 19 | 56 | 25 | 100 |
| OREG | | | 1/ 2/100 | 100 |
| PA | | 2/100 | | 100 |
| WASH | | | 1/ 2/100 | 100 |
| WIS | 5 | 22 | 73 | 100 |
| 11 STATE TOTAL: | 3 | 21 | 76 | 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.

1985 POTATO OBJECTIVE YIELD SURVEY

The Statistical Reporting Service conducted potato objective yield surveys in the 11 major fall producing States in 1985. Sample plots were located in potato fields that were selected on a random basis using a scientifically designed sampling procedure. Field workers recorded counts and measurements from these fields just prior to and immediately after harvest.

The sample data from the objective yield surveys shown in tables 5 and 6 are presented to provide current information about the crop and are not official estimates.

TABLE 5: POTATOES: HARVEST LOSS BY TYPE OF POTATOES, 1984-85 1/

| STATE AND YEAR | ROUND REDS | ROUND WHITES | RUSSETS | ALL TYPES |
|----------------|------------|--------------|---------|-----------|
| CWT PER ACRE | | | | |
| COLO 1984 | | | 18 | 18 |
| 1985 | | | 23 | 23 |
| IDAHO 1984 | | | 26 | 26 |
| 1985 | | | 27 | 27 |
| MAINE 1984 | | 21 | 25 | 22 |
| 1985 | | 19 | 27 | 22 |
| MICH 1984 | | 17 | 22 | 19 |
| 1985 | | 22 | 26 | 25 |
| MINN 1984 | 25 | 22 | 22 | 23 |
| 1985 | 20 | 24 | 32 | 25 |
| N Y 1984 | | 20 | | 20 |
| 1985 | | 15 | | 18 |
| N DAK 1984 | 28 | 29 | 27 | 30 |
| 1985 | 15 | 30 | 33 | 31 |
| OREG 1984 | 2/ | | 15 | 15 |
| 1985 | | | 18 | 18 |
| PA 1984 | | 20 | | 20 |
| 1985 | | 13 | | 12 |
| WASH 1984 | 2/ | 2/ | 21 | 23 |
| 1985 | | | 20 | 18 |
| WIS 1984 | 14 | 14 | 18 | 16 |
| 1985 | 23 | 30 | 18 | 22 |

1/ POTATOES LEFT IN THE FIELD AT TIME OF HARVEST. 2/ INSUFFICIENT SAMPLE SIZE.

TABLE 6: POTATOES: AVERAGE NUMBER OF HILLS PER ACRE, BY TYPE, 1984-85 1/

| STATE AND YEAR | ROUND REDS | | ROUND WHITES | | RUSSETS | |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | NUMBER OF SAMPLES | AV. NO. PER ACRE | NUMBER OF SAMPLES | AV. NO. PER ACRE | NUMBER OF SAMPLES | AV. NO. PER ACRE |
| COLO 1984 | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 75 | 11,954 |
| 1985 | 7 | 12,764 | | | 70 | 12,174 |
| IDAHO 1984 | 2/ | 2/ | | | 320 | 12,610 |
| 1985 | | | 3 | 12,512 | 284 | 12,543 |
| MAINE 1984 | 2/ | 2/ | 118 | 14,156 | 59 | 9,097 |
| 1985 | | | 112 | 14,778 | 76 | 11,373 |
| MICH 1984 | | | 68 | 12,580 | 38 | 11,426 |
| 1985 | 2/ | 2/ | 73 | 12,145 | 35 | 11,868 |
| MINN 1984 | 32 | 10,310 | 49 | 9,623 | 41 | 11,239 |
| 1985 | 26 | 10,438 | 58 | 10,286 | 41 | 11,731 |
| N Y 1984 | 2/ | 2/ | 119 | 12,893 | 3 | 13,446 |
| 1985 | 2/ | 2/ | 96 | 13,470 | 5 | 12,289 |
| N DAK 1984 | 36 | 10,499 | 92 | 10,024 | 8 | 10,102 |
| 1985 | 24 | 10,137 | 79 | 10,250 | 10 | 9,516 |
| OREG 1984 | 3 | 11,215 | 3 | 9,305 | 146 | 14,083 |
| 1985 | 2/ | 2/ | 6 | 12,301 | 143 | 14,284 |
| PA 1984 | 2/ | 2/ | 89 | 12,391 | | |
| 1985 | 3 | 13,583 | 83 | 13,118 | 2/ | 2/ |
| WASH 1984 | 2/ | 2/ | 4 | 14,720 | 160 | 14,317 |
| 1985 | 2/ | 2/ | 13 | 13,703 | 168 | 13,829 |
| WIS 1984 | 20 | 13,362 | 33 | 12,627 | 92 | 11,438 |
| 1985 | 15 | 12,791 | 32 | 12,598 | 93 | 10,904 |

1/ BASED ON COUNTS FROM OBJECTIVE YIELD MEASUREMENTS. 2/ INSUFFICIENT SAMPLE SIZE.

TABLE 7. FALL POTATOES: ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

| STATE | AREA PLANTED | | | AREA HARVESTED | | |
|------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 |
| | 1,000 ACRES | | | | | |
| CALIF | 19.0 | 19.6 | 20.4 | 19.0 | 18.2 | 20.2 |
| COLO | 47.0 | 53.5 | 56.5 | 46.5 | 53.0 | 56.0 |
| CONN | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| IDAHO-SW (10 COUNTIES) | 25.0 | 28.0 | 30.0 | 25.0 | 28.0 | 29.0 |
| -OTHER CO | 290.0 | 302.0 | 325.0 | 287.0 | 297.0 | 316.0 |
| IND | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.6 |
| MAINE | 95.0 | 94.0 | 98.0 | 94.0 | 89.0 | 97.0 |
| MASS | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.3 |
| MICH | 43.0 | 45.0 | 46.0 | 41.0 | 44.0 | 44.0 |
| MINN | 70.5 | 77.1 | 78.5 | 62.5 | 72.5 | 69.0 |
| MONT | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.0 |
| NEBR | 7.6 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 8.0 | 7.9 |
| NEV | 12.0 | 10.0 | 9.0 | 12.0 | 10.0 | 9.0 |
| N Y - LONG ISLAND | 16.5 | 13.6 | 13.0 | 16.3 | 13.5 | 12.9 |
| - UPSTATE | 25.5 | 26.0 | 25.0 | 24.5 | 25.5 | 24.5 |
| N DAK | 132.0 | 136.0 | 145.0 | 128.0 | 133.0 | 139.0 |
| OHIO | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.3 |
| OREG - MALHEUR CO | 9.2 | 11.5 | 11.0 | 9.0 | 11.0 | 10.7 |
| - OTHER CO | 40.0 | 46.5 | 51.0 | 39.5 | 45.5 | 50.3 |
| PA | 22.0 | 22.0 | 22.5 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 22.0 |
| R I | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| S DAK | 15.5 | 15.0 | 14.0 | 15.4 | 13.0 | 12.0 |
| UTAH | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 6.5 |
| VT | .4 | .3 | .3 | .4 | .3 | .3 |
| WASH | 104.0 | 116.0 | 127.0 | 104.0 | 115.0 | 126.0 |
| WIS | 63.0 | 62.0 | 65.0 | 62.0 | 61.0 | 63.5 |
| WYO | 3.6 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 1.0 |
| TOTAL | 1,074.4 | 1,124.1 | 1,182.1 | 1,051.5 | 1,094.2 | 1,142.9 |
| | YIELD | | | PRODUCTION | | |
| | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 |
| | CWT | | | 1,000 CWT | | |
| CALIF | 410 | 400 | 390 | 7,790 | 7,280 | 7,878 |
| COLO | 300 | 325 | 320 | 13,950 | 17,225 | 17,920 |
| CONN | 190 | 225 | 250 | 266 | 315 | 350 |
| IDAHO-SW (10 COUNTIES) | 340 | 335 | 375 | 8,500 | 9,380 | 10,875 |
| -OTHER CO | 270 | 260 | 290 | 77,490 | 77,220 | 91,640 |
| IND | 200 | 250 | 240 | 600 | 750 | 624 |
| MAINE | 240 | 240 | 280 | 22,560 | 21,360 | 27,160 |
| MASS | 190 | 200 | 250 | 646 | 580 | 825 |
| MICH | 240 | 285 | 275 | 9,840 | 12,540 | 12,100 |
| MINN | 165 | 190 | 205 | 10,313 | 13,775 | 14,145 |
| MONT | 250 | 260 | 270 | 1,800 | 1,924 | 1,890 |
| NEBR | 270 | 310 | 275 | 2,025 | 2,480 | 2,173 |
| NEV | 310 | 330 | 345 | 3,720 | 3,300 | 3,105 |
| N Y - LONG ISLAND | 250 | 265 | 300 | 4,075 | 3,577 | 3,870 |
| - UPSTATE | 230 | 260 | 250 | 5,635 | 6,630 | 6,125 |
| N DAK | 160 | 155 | 170 | 20,480 | 20,615 | 23,630 |
| OHIO | 205 | 260 | 265 | 1,886 | 2,418 | 2,465 |
| OREG - MALHEUR CO | 370 | 360 | 380 | 3,330 | 3,960 | 4,066 |
| - OTHER CO | 440 | 430 | 450 | 17,380 | 19,565 | 22,635 |
| PA | 200 | 240 | 260 | 4,300 | 5,160 | 5,720 |
| R I | 225 | 230 | 280 | 630 | 598 | 700 |
| S DAK | 150 | 140 | 160 | 2,310 | 1,820 | 1,920 |
| UTAH | 230 | 270 | 255 | 1,357 | 1,728 | 1,658 |
| VT | 220 | 210 | 220 | 88 | 63 | 66 |
| WASH | 520 | 495 | 495 | 54,080 | 56,925 | 62,370 |
| WIS | 305 | 350 | 380 | 18,910 | 21,350 | 24,130 |
| WYO | 205 | 250 | 245 | 718 | 550 | 245 |
| U S | 280 | 286 | 306 | 294,679 | 313,088 | 350,285 |

Storage of potatoes in the 3 EASTERN STATES totaled 31.6 million cwt, up 22 percent from last year and 20 percent above two years ago. Maine and New York were up 28 percent and 18 percent, respectively; while Pennsylvania stocks were down slightly.

In the 6 CENTRAL STATES, stocks totaled 54.6 million cwt on December 1, up 11 percent from last year and 26 percent above two years ago. North Dakota and Wisconsin led the group with increases of 23 and 22 percent. Michigan stocks equaled last year's holdings. Minnesota, Nebraska, and Ohio were down.

The six WESTERN STATES stored a total of 148 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, 1985, up 17 percent from a year ago and 20 percent above two years ago. Idaho stocks were placed at 74.5 million cwt, a gain of 21 percent from last year. Washington was up 13 percent; Oregon, up 20 percent; and Colorado, up 15 percent.

In Idaho, shrinkage, dumping, and cattle feeding are much above normal as farmers clear their storages of frost damaged potatoes. Of those potatoes still in storage, about 11.5 percent will not be marketable due to frost problems.

Frost damage is almost non-existent in Southwestern and the Western part of South Central Idaho, but is an important factor in Southeast Counties. Potatoes harvested prior to the first frost period of September 28-30 are keeping well. Those harvested after the second frost period of October 8-9 are causing the majority of problems.

DISAPPEARANCE from harvest to December 1 in the 15 States was 107 million cwt this year compared with 102 million cwt last year and 92 million cwt in 1983. Shrinkage and loss made up 20.4 million cwt of the total this year compared with 16.1 million cwt last year.

PROCESSING in the 8 surveyed States to date, at 48.1 million cwt, set a record high, up 2 percent from last year.

FALL PRODUCTION UP 12 PERCENT

Production of FALL POTATOES in the United States is estimated at a record high 350 million cwt (15.9 million metric tons) for 1985. This is up 12 percent from last year and 19 percent above 1983. Area for harvest, at 1.14 million acres (463 thousand hectares) rose 4 percent from 1984 and 9 percent above 1983. The average yield hit a record high 306 cwt per acre, up 20 cwt from a year ago and 26 cwt above 1983.

The seven EASTERN STATES produced 44.8 million cwt of potatoes, up 17 percent from both 1984 and 1983. Acreage harvested at 164 thousand acres rose 5 percent from 1984, but does not quite equal 1983 acreage harvested. The average yield of 273 cwt per acre was 29 cwt above last year and 40 cwt above two years ago. Maine growers produced 27.2 million cwt, a gain of 27 percent. Pennsylvania production, at 5.7 million cwt, was up 11 percent. New York potato production at 10.0 million cwt was down 2 percent; with Long Island gaining 8 percent while Upstate output was off 8 percent.

In the eight CENTRAL STATES potato production totaled 81.2 million cwt, gaining 7 percent on 1984 and 22 percent above 1983. Harvested acreage at 347 thousand acres inched up 1 percent from last year and was 6 percent above 1983. Yields jumped 14 cwt from last year to 234 cwt per acre. North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Minnesota production increased 15, 13, and 3 percent respectively, from last year. Michigan production was down 4 percent. Flooding hurt fields in Michigan and northern Minnesota.

Potato production in the nine WESTERN STATES is placed at 224 million cwt, an increase of 13 percent from 1984 and 18 percent above 1983. Acreage for harvest is set at 632 thousand acres, up 6 percent from last year and 13 percent from 1983. The average yield of 355 cwt per acre gained 20 cwt in last year and is 15 cwt above two years ago. Idaho production rose to 103 million cwt, up 18 percent from 1984, but severe freeze damage in South Eastern Counties will mean much heavier shrinkage and sorting losses. Frost damage also occurred in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Oregon. The Oregon potato crop totaled 26.7 million cwt, up 14 percent from last year; while Washington production swelled 10 percent to 62.4 million cwt.

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