

Potato Stocks



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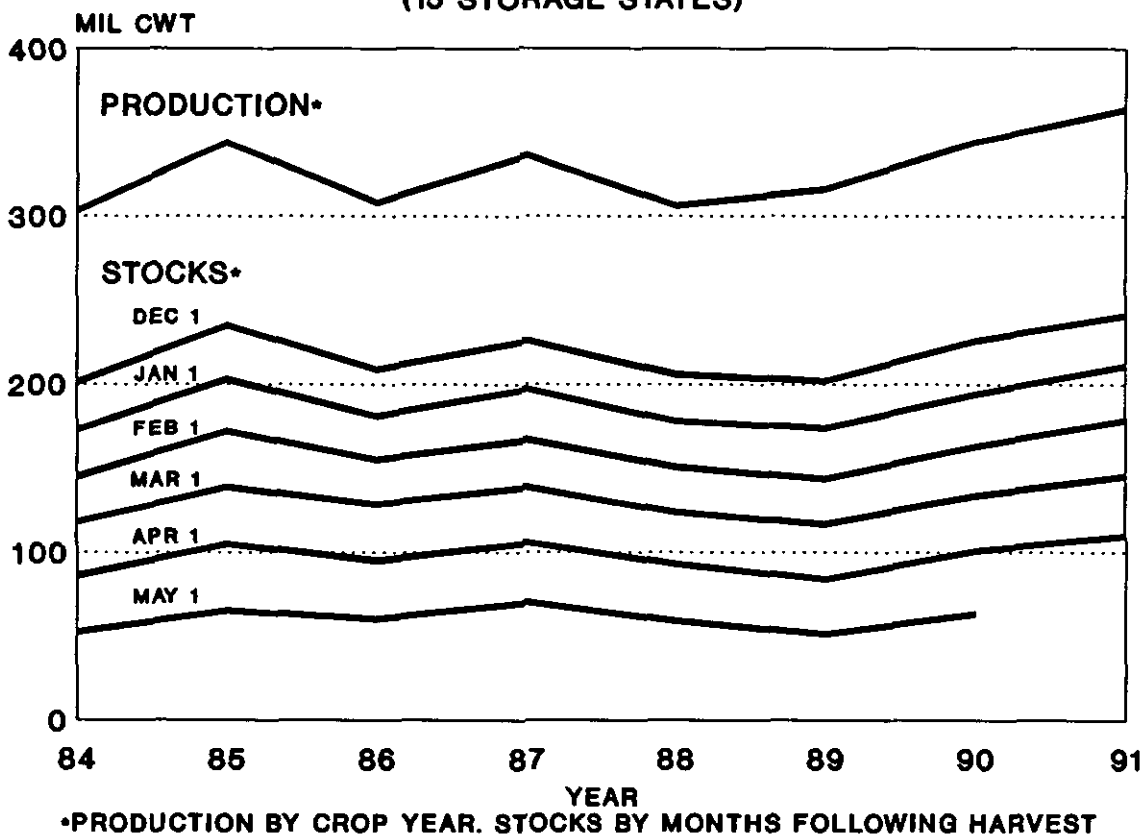
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Potato Stocks Up 8 Percent

Potato stocks totaled 110 million cwt on April 1, 1992, up 8 percent from last year and 30 percent above two years ago. This total is equal to 30 percent of fall potato production in the 15 storage States, compared with 29 percent a year ago. Disappearance for the season is a record high 254 million cwt of potatoes, 5 percent above last year and 10 percent above 1990. Shrink and loss of 25.8 million cwt was 7 percent above the previous year. Processor usage, at 117 million cwt of potatoes, was up 1 percent for the season. March processing totaled 16.7 million cwt of potatoes, a gain of 10 percent from a year earlier.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND STOCKS (15 STORAGE STATES)



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 * NOTE: Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) re- *
 * maining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrink- *
 * age and waste and other losses that occur after the date of *
 * each report. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes general- *
 * ly account for about 90 percent of the total fall production. *
 * Shrinkage, loss and home use account for the remaining 10 per- *
 * cent. *

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1982-91

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	
		1,000 Cwt						
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	302,958	201,410	173,380	144,760	118,400	86,440	52,465	
1985	343,984	235,475	202,800	171,510	138,720	104,540	65,380	
1986	307,928	209,435	180,915	154,545	128,720	95,090	59,790	
1987	335,607	225,890	196,760	167,325	138,800	105,905	70,030	
1988	305,623	206,420	177,750	151,050	124,485	92,585	59,355	
1989	316,097	202,050	173,550	144,290	116,600	84,320	50,675	
1990	344,200	225,500	194,460	162,850	134,470	101,150	63,040	
1991	363,806	240,660	210,935	178,965	146,180	109,600		

Potatoes: Quantity used for Processing, Eight States, 1990-91 1/

State and Crop Year	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Season
	1,000 Cwt						
ID & OR-Malheur Co:							
1990	24,780	31,100	37,550	44,220	51,030	58,660	78,500
1991	22,980	28,910	35,700	42,840	50,260		
ME 2/							
1990	2,105	2,690	3,420	3,900	4,460	5,120	6,750
1991	2,015	2,485	3,050	3,440	3,900		
WA & OR-Other							
1990	24,480	29,830	35,170	39,950	45,600	50,780	61,450
1991	25,760	29,910	35,240	40,750	47,320		
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1990	6,585	8,755	10,645	12,595	14,805	17,360	24,005
1991	8,270	9,290	11,500	13,485	15,720		
Total							
1990	57,950	72,375	86,785	100,665	115,895	131,920	170,705
1991	59,025	70,595	85,490	100,515	117,200		

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, MN, ND, and WI.

2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

3/ MI, MN, ND, and WI.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on April 1, 1991-92

State	Crop of 1990			Crop of 1991		
	Prod	Stocks Apr 1, 1991	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Apr 1, 1992	% of Prod
	---- 1,000 Cwt ---		Percent	---- 1,000 Cwt ---		Percent
CA	6,630	2,000	30	5,655	1,900	34
CO	22,750	7,700	34	23,800	9,500	40
ID	119,070	46,500	39	122,175	46,500	38
ME	20,520	5,400	26	18,170	4,200	23
MI	9,240	1,300	14	8,840	1,700	19
MN	14,280	5,000	35	17,160	5,500	32
MT	2,492	1,400	56	2,790	1,700	61
NE	2,837	470	17	2,464	480	19
NY-Long Island:	1,950	1/30		1,650	1/60	
-Upstate	5,940	250	4	5,267	300	6
ND	16,675	5,700	34	30,030	8,500	28
OH	1,911	1/		1,425	1/	
OR	23,450	6,200	26	22,170	8,200	37
PA	5,400	600	11	3,500	660	19
WA	67,980	14,000	21	75,435	15,000	20
WI	23,075	4,600	20	23,275	5,400	23
Total 15 State:	344,200	101,150	29	363,806	109,600	30

1/ Combined to prevent possible disclosure of individual operations.

Potato stocks totaled 110 million cwt on April 1, 1992, up 8 percent from last year and 30 percent above two years ago. Stocks made up 30 percent of fall potato production in the 15 storage States, compared with 29 percent a year ago. Seasonal disappearance was 254 million cwt, 5 percent more than last year. Processor usage of 117 million cwt of potatoes was up 1 percent from last year. Shrinkage and loss to date was 25.8 million cwt, 7 percent above last year.

Processing in the 8 major States claimed 117 million cwt of potatoes from the 1991 crop so far, up 1 percent from last year and 8 percent above two years ago. March processor usage was 16.7 million cwt, up 10 percent from the 15.2 million cwt a year ago and 17 percent above the 14.3 million cwt total used two years ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest through March totalled a record high 254 million cwt of potatoes, up 5 percent from last year and 10 percent above two years ago. Shrinkage and loss to date was 25.8 million cwt, 7 percent above the 24.2 million cwt lost last year and 20 percent above two years ago.

Eastern States stored 5.21 million cwt of potatoes on April 1, 1992, down 17 percent from last year and 22 percent below two years ago. Maine stocks were down 22 percent, while Pennsylvania and New York potato stocks were up based on small volume.

Central States held 21.6 million cwt of potato storage on April 1, 1992. This is a gain of 26 percent from last year and 64 percent above two years ago. North Dakota stocks were up 49 percent from last year and Minnesota was up 10 percent. Michigan showed a gain of 31 percent, while Wisconsin stocks were up 17 percent. Nebraska stocks were 2 percent above a year ago.

Western potato stocks totalled 82.8 million cwt in six States, up 6 percent from last year and 28 percent above two years ago. Idaho stocks were the same as last year and accounted for 56 percent of the western holdings. Montana was up 21 percent. Washington stocks were up 7 percent, Oregon was up 32 percent, and Colorado was up 23 percent from a year ago. California stocks were off 5 percent.

Reliability of April 1 Stocks Estimates

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the April 1 stocks estimate is 4.6 percent. This means that the chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 110 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 4.6 percent or approximately 5.04 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 7.9 percent or approximately 8.66 million cwt.

The 10-year (1982-91) record of the differences between the April 1 stocks estimate and the final estimates averaged 3.66 million cwt, ranging from 10 thousand cwt to 9.2 million cwt. During this 10-year period, the April 1 estimate has been below the final estimate 9 out of 10 years.

Fall Potato Stocks: Preliminary and Final April Stocks, United States, 1981-91

Crop Year	Preliminary Stocks	% of Final	Final Stocks <u>1/</u>
	1,000 Cwt	Percent	1,000 Cwt
1981	77,475	94.2	82,270
1982	84,845	94.2	90,105
1983	77,445	94.7	81,740
1984	85,425	98.8	86,440
1985	102,590	98.1	104,540
1986	91,670	96.4	95,090
1987	105,895	100.0	105,905
1988	86,745	93.7	92,585
1989	83,540	99.1	84,320
1990	91,910	90.9	101,150
1991	109,600	--	--

1/ As reported in the September Potato Annual Report.

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