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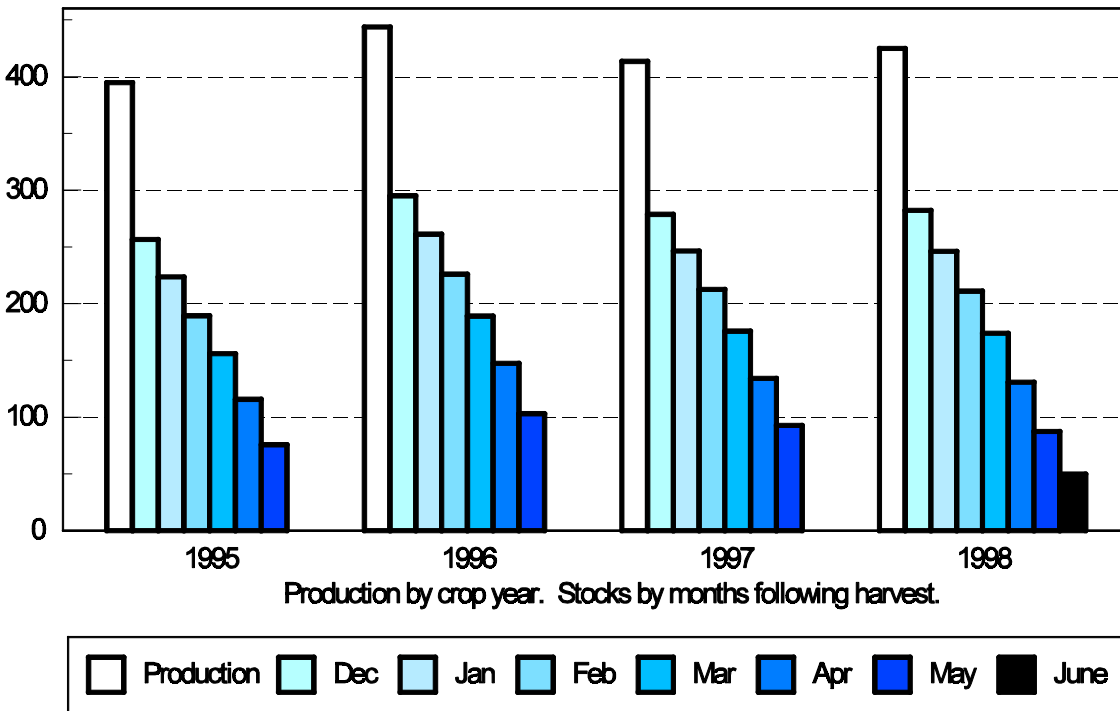
Shows June Stocks at 12 Percent of Production

This is the first June Potato Stocks Report issued by National Agricultural Statistics Service. At the request of the Potato Industry, a June stocks report was added to the previous monthly stocks program of December through May. Historical comparison are not available. The 15 major fall potato States held 51.4 million cwt of potatoes on June 1, 1999. This storage level accounted for 12 percent of 1998 fall production, compared with 21 percent in storage on May. Disappearance totaled 374 million cwt from the start of harvest to June 1. Processor usage in the eight major States totaled 187 million cwt for the season, with 18.9 million cwt of potatoes used in May.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks

15 Storage States

Mil Cwt



Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1989-98

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 ¹
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
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	363,541	242,070	211,005	178,515	145,820	108,865	69,110	
1992	368,516	246,820	215,990	184,560	152,795	115,785	75,040	
1993	376,954	249,410	217,300	185,490	153,435	115,170	72,860	
1994	410,839	273,290	238,560	202,470	169,570	129,825	87,600	
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,585	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	424,897	282,300	246,220	211,100	174,100	130,890	87,640	51,390

¹ Data not available prior to 1998.

Potatoes: Quantity Used for Processing, 8 States, 1995-98 ¹

State and Crop Year	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 ²	Season
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
ID & OR-Mal								
1995	27,310	35,040	43,260	51,530	59,060	66,690		89,250
1996	31,060	38,210	45,420	54,640	62,570	70,720		96,970
1997	26,880	33,950	41,050	49,470	57,620	65,750		91,450
1998	27,510	34,700	42,670	51,210	60,040	68,550	76,410	
ME ³								
1995	1,455	1,850	2,430	2,850	3,435	3,965		5,725
1996	1,790	2,115	2,820	3,280	3,820	4,420		6,495
1997	1,250	1,720	2,265	2,735	3,355	3,900		5,870
1998	1,180	1,710	2,260	2,983	3,595	4,190	4,705	
WA & OR-Oth								
1995	30,000	35,170	39,460	45,280	51,730	57,360		70,250
1996	31,670	36,660	41,700	48,740	55,570	62,320		80,970
1997	28,580	33,990	38,690	46,400	53,720	59,780		76,930
1998	33,460	38,895	45,650	53,290	60,930	67,180	74,190	
Oth Sts ⁴								
1995	12,650	15,630	18,815	21,985	25,510	28,610		33,580
1996	13,720	17,000	20,645	24,085	27,650	30,830		43,100
1997	11,645	13,960	17,115	19,905	23,515	26,365		37,842
1998	11,020	13,785	17,510	21,185	24,485	28,370	31,850	
Total								
1995	71,415	87,690	103,965	121,645	139,735	156,625		198,805
1996	78,240	93,985	110,585	130,745	149,610	168,290		227,535
1997	68,355	83,620	99,120	118,510	138,210	155,795		212,092
1998	73,170	89,090	108,090	128,668	149,050	168,290	187,155	

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 Data not available prior to 1998.

³ Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

⁴ MI, MN, ND, and WI.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on June 1, 1998-99

State	Crop of 1997			Crop of 1998		
	Prod	Stocks Jun 1, 1998	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Jun 1, 1999 ¹	% of Prod
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	4,200			3,708	400	11
CO	24,993			25,360	2,700	11
ID	140,314			139,650	25,500	18
ME	19,080			18,060	1,900	11
MI ²	14,250			14,725		
MN	20,440			21,170	2,500	12
MT	3,328			3,180	0	
NE ²	7,761			8,175		
NY	7,150			7,290	0	
ND	22,000			28,670	4,000	14
OH	1,170			1,200	0	
OR	27,319			26,229	4,200	16
PA ²	3,173			3,360		
WA	88,160			93,225	7,500	8
WI ²	30,175			30,895	2,690	
15 States	413,513			424,897	51,390	12

¹ This is the first June potato stocks report. Historic comparisons not available.

² MI, NE, and PA combined with WI to prevent disclosure of individual operations.

NOTE: Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed potatoes not yet moved and shrinkage, waste, and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes for the past five years averaged 90.8 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage, loss and home use account for the remaining 9.2 percent.

**Potatoes: Production, Sold, Not Sold, and Kept for Seed,
United States, 1993-98**

Crop Year	Fall Potatoes					Amount Used for Seed All Seasons Following year
	Production	Sold	Sold as % of Prod	Not Sold	Not Sold as % of Prod	
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
1993	387,885	353,052	91.0	34,833	9.0	29,076
1994	422,345	380,818	90.2	41,527	9.8	29,428
1995	404,852	370,679	91.6	34,173	8.4	30,561
1996	454,388	408,247	89.8	46,141	10.2	29,138
1997	423,190	387,089	91.5	36,101	8.5	29,975
1998	434,368					

**Fall Potatoes: Production, June 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,
15 States and Fall Season, 1995-98 Crop Years**

State	Crop Year	Production	Stocks Jun 1	Total Used For Seed	Farm Disposition		
					Where Grown		Sold
					Seed, Feed, Home Use	Shrinkage and Loss	
		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	1995	5,330		242	10	460	4,860
	1996	4,600		200	23	472	4,105
	1997	4,200		206	20	340	3,840
	1998	3,708	400				
CO	1995	23,808		1,950	1,285	2,048	20,475
	1996	29,175		1,925	1,485	3,975	23,715
	1997	24,993		1,895	1,340	2,773	20,880
	1998	25,360	2,700				
ID	1995	132,657		8,700	1,785	8,920	121,952
	1996	142,800		8,600	1,500	10,100	131,200
	1997	140,314		8,700	1,130	9,258	129,926
	1998	139,650	25,500				
ME	1995	17,160		1,716	420	1,025	15,715
	1996	21,175		1,584	395	1,800	18,980
	1997	19,080		1,430	275	1,760	17,045
	1998	18,060	1,900				
MI ¹	1995	16,350		962	168	690	15,492
	1996	13,800		768	300	1,300	12,200
	1997	14,250		864	200	1,300	12,750
	1998	14,725					
MN	1995	20,790		1,573	346	1,757	18,687
	1996	24,600		1,348	445	4,158	19,997
	1997	20,440		1,640	450	1,717	18,273
	1998	21,170	2,500				
MT	1995	2,940		239	128	147	2,665
	1996	3,213		239	137	221	2,855
	1997	3,328		244	152	208	2,968
	1998	3,180	0				
NE ¹	1995	3,680		292	187	284	3,209
	1996	4,402		451	169	439	3,794
	1997	7,761		462	203	380	7,178
	1998	8,175					
NY	1995	7,425		594	155	290	6,980
	1996	7,420		583	127	341	6,952
	1997	7,150		607	139	315	6,696
	1998	7,290	0				

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**Fall Potatoes: Production, June 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,
15 States and Fall Season, 1995-98 (continued)**

State	Crop Year	Production	Stocks Jun 1	Total Used For Seed	Farm Disposition		
					Where Grown		Sold
					Seed, Feed, Home Use	Shrinkage and Loss	
		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
ND	1995	25,410		2,211	280	2,800	22,330
	1996	28,820		2,188	360	5,270	23,190
	1997	22,000		2,142	355	2,266	19,379
	1998	28,670	4,000				
OH	1995	1,404		107	4	10	1,390
	1996	1,275		109	5	35	1,235
	1997	1,170		105	8	37	1,125
	1998	1,200	0				
OR	1995	24,788		1,475	148	1,450	23,190
	1996	30,124		1,345	305	2,560	27,259
	1997	27,319		1,405	195	1,555	25,569
	1998	26,229	4,200				
PA ¹	1995	4,080		314	20	102	3,958
	1996	4,160		266	81	320	3,759
	1997	3,173		276	78	176	2,919
	1998	3,360					
WA	1995	80,850		3,912	300	6,400	74,150
	1996	94,990		3,648	300	6,800	87,890
	1997	88,160		3,840	300	6,400	81,460
	1998	93,225	7,500				
WI ¹	1995	28,113		1,806	298	1,350	26,465
	1996	33,150		1,710	320	1,425	31,405
	1997	30,175		1,764	275	1,448	28,452
	1998	30,895	2,690				
15 Sts	1995	394,785		26,093	5,534	27,733	361,518
	1996	443,704		24,964	5,952	39,216	398,536
	1997	413,513		25,580	5,120	29,933	378,460
	1998	424,897	51,390				
23 Fall Sts	1995	404,852		26,813	5,569	28,604	370,679
	1996	454,388		25,608	6,054	40,087	408,247
	1997	423,190		26,224	5,260	30,841	387,089
	1998	434,368					

¹ MI, NE, and PA combined with WI to prevent disclosure of individual operations.

**Fall Potatoes: Farm Marketings, Selected States,
1995-97 Marketing Years**

State	Crop Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	1995			4	8	10	10	11	10	10	12	10	9	6
	1996			4	7	9	9	10	9	10	11	10	11	10
	1997		1	4	8	9	11	10	8	11	11	10	10	7
ID	1995		4	16	17	6	7	6	6	9	8	8	7	6
	1996		6	14	18	7	5	6	6	9	8	8	6	7
	1997		6	15	12	8	8	8	6	7	7	9	7	7
ME	1995		2	5	7	9	9	11	11	17	18	7	4	
	1996		1	8	7	7	8	10	9	14	16	9	11	
	1997		1	6	7	8	8	10	9	15	17	10	9	
MI	1995		5	11	15	13	13	11	6	9	11	6		
	1996	1	9	10	11	11	9	12	11	10	9	5	2	
	1997	3	9	10	8	11	11	11	12	11	8	6		
MN	1995		2	30	26	6	4	5	5	6	8	6	2	
	1996		6	22	19	11	5	5	7	8	8	5	4	
	1997		5	22	25	11	7	5	6	7	7	5		
NY	1995		6	15	15	17	16	12	8	6	4	1		
	1996		7	17	17	14	14	10	8	7	4	2		
	1997		8	15	15	16	15	13	9	5	3	1		
ND	1995		3	14	16	9	10	9	9	8	9	11	2	
	1996		4	12	22	8	7	7	8	10	7	6	7	2
	1997		1	12	16	13	8	12	9	9	8	6	5	1
OR	1995	1	12	16	25	7	6	6	5	5	7	7	1	2
	1996	1	14	16	26	7	5	5	5	4	6	5	5	1
	1997	1	9	14	30	8	6	5	6	6	5	6	3	1
PA	1995		18	18	18	13	13	9	5	3	2	1		
	1996	1	12	15	13	11	9	10	8	9	6	4	2	
	1997	1	13	13	12	12	12	10	8	7	8	3	1	
WA	1995		16	13	32	7	3	4	4	7	5	4	4	1
	1996		17	11	31	8	3	4	4	5	5	5	5	2
	1997		12	14	31	7	4	4	4	6	6	6	5	1
WI	1995	1	9	17	13	12	7	10	9	11	8	3		
	1996	1	6	20	14	10	7	8	11	9	7	4	3	
	1997	1	7	17	14	10	9	8	11	10	7	4	2	

June Stocks at 12 Percent of Production

June 1, 1999 **potato stocks** in the 15 storage States totaled 51.4 million cwt, amounting to 12 percent of 1998 fall production. This is the first June 1 stocks report on storage potatoes. Historical comparisons are not available.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to June 1 totaled 374 million cwt. May disappearance totaled 36.3 million cwt. Cumulative shrink and loss are estimated at 32.2 million cwt.

Processing of 1998 crop potatoes so far this season totaled 187 million cwt in the eight major States. May processing used 18.9 million cwt of raw potatoes, compared to 19.2 million cwt the month before.

Eastern States storage was dominated by Maine's 1.9 million cwt of potatoes on June 1, 1999. Maine's stocks amounted to 11 percent of production.

Central States accounted for 9.1 million cwt of potato stocks this June 1. North Dakota's stocks were 4.0 million cwt amounting to 14 percent of fall production. Minnesota's stocks, at 2.5 million cwt, were 12 percent of their production.

Western States held 40.3 million cwt of potatoes in storage on June 1, 1999. Idaho's stocks totaled 25.5 million cwt, covering 18 percent of their production and accounting for 63 percent of the Western States' remaining stocks. Washington's stocks were 7.5 million cwt or 8 percent of their fall production. Oregon, at 4.2 million cwt, held 16 percent of their production and Colorado's stocks were 2.7 million cwt or 11 percent of production.

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