

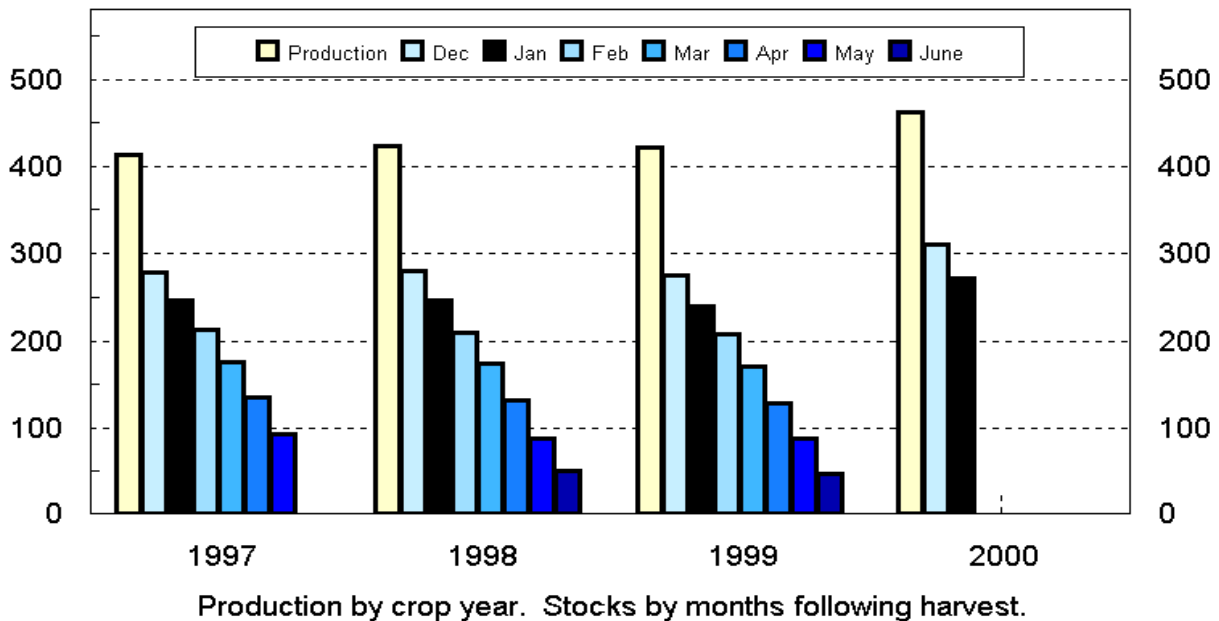
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## January Potato Stocks Record High, Up 14 Percent

The 15 major potato States held a record high 273 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, 2001, up 14 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set in January 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 59 percent of the 2000 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. This year's storage held more russets but fewer reds and round whites than a year earlier. Disappearance, at a record high 189 million cwt, is up 5 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season. Also, potatoes used for processing to January 1 was a record high 97.1 million cwt, up 5 percent from last year and 2 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season for comparable States.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks**  
15 Storage States

Mil Cwt



**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1991-2000**

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 <sup>1</sup>
	<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>
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	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	461,827	309,520	272,960					

<sup>1</sup> Data not available prior to 1998.

**Potatoes: Quantity Used for Processing, 9 States, 1997-2000 <sup>1</sup>**

State and Crop Year	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 <sup>2</sup>	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>
<b>ID &amp; OR-Mal</b>								
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	92,860
1999	27,970	34,490	40,790	49,220	57,820	66,080	74,110	88,210
2000	29,290	35,720						
<b>ME <sup>3</sup></b>								
1997	1,250	1,720	2,265	2,735	3,355	3,900		5,870
1998	1,430	1,935	2,530	2,985	3,595	4,180	4,705	5,945
1999	1,270	1,700	2,385	3,070	3,765	4,560	5,150	6,670
2000	1,845	2,475						
<b>WA &amp; OR-Oth</b>								
1997	28,580	33,990	38,690	46,400	53,720	59,780		76,930
1998	33,630	38,890	45,650	53,290	60,930	67,180	74,190	83,730
1999	33,320	39,620	45,500	53,350	61,080	67,230	74,840	83,210
2000	34,770	40,970						
<b>Oth Sts <sup>4</sup></b>								
1997	11,645	13,960	17,115	19,905	23,515	26,365		37,842
1998	11,570	14,465	18,030	20,850	24,850	28,190	31,365	39,865
1999	12,455	15,035	17,950	20,855	24,305	27,220	30,410	36,435
2000	12,650	17,890						
<b>Total</b>								
1997	68,355	83,620	99,120	118,510	138,210	155,795		212,092
1998	74,140	89,990	108,880	128,335	149,415	168,100	186,670	222,400
1999	75,015	90,845	106,625	126,495	146,970	165,090	184,510	214,525
2000	78,555	97,055						

<sup>1</sup> 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, and WI.

<sup>2</sup> Data not available prior to 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

<sup>4</sup> MN, ND, NV, SD, and WI in 2000. MI, MN, ND, and WI in 1997-1999.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on January 1, 2000-2001**

State	Crop of 1999			Crop of 2000			
	Prod	Stocks Jan 1, 2000	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Dec 1, 2000	Stocks Jan 1, 2001	Jan % 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>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	4,005	2,700	67	3,741	2,700	2,100	56
CO	25,762	17,300	67	27,972	20,300	17,700	63
ID	133,330	86,000	65	152,320	110,500	100,000	66
ME	17,813	13,000	73	17,920	14,100	12,500	70
MI	14,963	7,100	47	14,963	8,700	6,900	46
MN	18,020	9,000	50	21,240	14,200	13,000	61
MT	3,325	3,100	93	3,503	3,350	3,250	93
NE	8,904	4,320	49	10,127	6,450	5,500	54
NY	6,758	2,500	37	5,964	2,700	1,900	32
ND	26,400	13,800	52	26,950	18,500	15,800	59
OH	987	190	19	1,134	320	210	19
OR	28,020	20,500	73	30,683	25,000	23,000	75
PA	3,080	1,500	49	3,510	1,700	1,100	31
WA	95,200	41,000	43	108,000	61,000	54,000	50
WI	34,000	17,900	53	33,800	20,000	16,000	47
15 States	420,567	239,910	57	461,827	309,520	272,960	59

**Fall Potatoes: Stocks by Type as Percent of Total Stocks,  
11 Major States, January 1, 2000-2001**

State	Potato Types											
	Reds			Round Whites			Long Whites			Russets		
	Jan 2000	Dec 2000	Jan 2001	Jan 2000	Dec 2000	Jan 2001	Jan 2000	Dec 2000	Jan 2001	Jan 2000	Dec 2000	Jan 2001
<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	4	5	5	2	2	2				94	93	93
ID							5	6	6	95	94	94
ME	3	4	4	48	46	47	10	3	2	39	47	47
MI	2	2	2	89	86	87				9	12	11
MN	4	13	11	5	4	4		1		91	82	85
NY	5	5	5	93	90	90				2	5	5
ND	11	12	12	21	15	15	6	6	5	62	67	68
OR	1	1	1	2			2	2	3	95	97	96
PA	3	3	3	97	97	97						
WA	1	1	1		1		4	6	4	95	92	95
WI	2	2	2	25	37	23				73	61	75
11 St Avg	2	3	2	11	10	8	4	4	4	83	83	86

**Fall Potatoes: Production, January 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,  
15 Storage States and 23 Fall Season States, 1997-2000 Crop Years**

State	Crop Year	Production	Stocks Jan 1	Total Used For Fall 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	1997	4,200	2,300	206	20	340	3,840
	1998	3,708	2,400	157	29	720	2,959
	1999	4,005	2,700	179	17	383	3,605
	2000	3,741	2,100				
CO	1997	24,993	17,000	1,895	1,340	2,773	20,880
	1998	25,360	16,500	1,930	1,615	2,615	21,130
	1999	25,762	17,300	1,971	1,705	2,967	21,090
	2000	27,972	17,700				
ID	1997	140,314	91,500	8,700	1,130	9,258	129,926
	1998	138,000	89,000	8,300	1,280	9,756	126,964
	1999	133,330	86,000	8,700	1,150	9,300	122,880
	2000	152,320	100,000				
ME	1997	19,080	14,100	1,430	275	1,760	17,045
	1998	18,060	12,500	1,430	360	1,740	15,960
	1999	17,813	13,000	1,408	330	1,850	15,633
	2000	17,920	12,500				
MI	1997	14,250	7,000	864	200	1,300	12,750
	1998	14,648	7,500	888	200	1,348	13,100
	1999	14,963	7,100	1,005	213	1,300	13,450
	2000	14,963	6,900				
MN	1997	20,440	12,000	1,640	450	1,717	18,273
	1998	21,170	12,000	1,400	254	1,440	19,476
	1999	18,020	9,000	1,254	170	1,980	15,870
	2000	21,240	13,000				
MT	1997	3,328	3,080	244	152	208	2,968
	1998	3,180	2,980	253	145	265	2,770
	1999	3,325	3,100	288	151	213	2,961
	2000	3,503	3,250				
NE	1997	7,761	4,300	462	203	380	7,178
	1998	8,175	3,900	469	166	881	7,128
	1999	8,904	4,320	598	209	742	7,953
	2000	10,127	5,500				
NY	1997	7,150	2,500	607	139	315	6,696
	1998	7,290	2,300	572	110	330	6,850
	1999	6,758	2,500	484	95	323	6,340
	2000	5,964	1,900				

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**Fall Potatoes: Production, January 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,  
15 Storage States and 23 Fall Season States, 1997-2000 Crop Years**

State	Crop Year	Production	Stocks Jan 1	Total Used For Fall 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	1997	22,000	13,800	2,142	355	2,266	19,379
	1998	28,670	17,500	2,178	395	2,840	25,435
	1999	26,400	13,800	2,232	340	4,600	21,460
	2000	26,950	15,800				
OH	1997	1,170	170	105	8	37	1,125
	1998	1,200	150	100	8	37	1,155
	1999	987	190	84	6	60	921
	2000	1,134	210				
OR	1997	27,319	19,000	1,405	195	1,555	25,569
	1998	26,229	17,500	1,334	195	2,206	23,828
	1999	28,020	20,500	1,368	239	1,607	26,174
	2000	30,683	23,000				
PA	1997	3,173	1,500	276	78	176	2,919
	1998	3,360	1,500	261	50	252	3,058
	1999	3,080	1,500	270	31	172	2,877
	2000	3,510	1,100				
WA	1997	88,160	41,500	3,840	300	6,400	81,460
	1998	93,225	43,500	4,080	300	6,500	86,425
	1999	95,200	41,000	4,200	300	6,500	88,400
	2000	108,000	54,000				
WI	1997	30,175	16,800	1,764	275	1,448	28,452
	1998	30,895	17,000	1,720	265	2,360	28,270
	1999	34,000	17,900	1,720	310	1,420	32,270
	2000	33,800	16,000				
15 Sts	1997	413,513	246,550	25,580	5,120	29,933	378,460
	1998	423,170	246,230	25,072	5,372	33,290	384,508
	1999	420,567	239,910	25,761	5,266	33,417	381,884
	2000	461,827	272,960				
Fall Sts	1997	423,190		26,224	5,260	30,841	387,089
	1998	432,737		25,657	5,584	34,231	392,922
	1999	429,847		26,355	5,377	34,260	390,210
	2000	470,504					

**Fall Potatoes: Farm Marketings, Selected States,  
1997-1999 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>
CA	1997													
	1998				13	12	13	11	10	12	10	8	7	4
	1999				5	12	14	10	12	9	10	10	11	7
CO	1997		1	4	8	9	11	10	8	11	11	10	10	7
	1998			5	8	9	12	10	10	12	11	10	9	4
	1999			4	7	10	10	10	10	12	11	10	10	6
ID	1997		6	15	12	8	8	8	6	7	7	9	7	7
	1998		6	11	20	6	6	7	6	8	9	9	6	6
	1999		3	15	18	6	6	5	7	9	10	9	6	6
ME	1997		1	6	7	8	8	10	9	15	17	10	9	
	1998		1	7	9	9	9	10	11	14	12	9	9	
	1999		3	6	7	7	9	10	10	12	16	11	9	
MI	1997	3	9	10	8	11	11	11	12	11	8	6		
	1998	3	8	9	9	9	12	14	9	12	10	5		
	1999	3	7	8	9	15	12	9	9	9	11	6	2	
MN	1997		5	22	25	11	7	5	6	7	7	5		
	1998		11	16	14	10	5	7	6	8	9	6	8	
	1999		8	12	13	11	8	8	7	9	8	6	5	5
NY	1997		8	15	15	16	15	13	9	5	3	1		
	1998		7	16	16	16	15	11	8	6	4	1		
	1999		4	21	18	11	9	10	8	9	10			
ND	1997		1	12	16	13	8	12	9	9	8	6	5	1
	1998		3	13	14	10	10	8	7	7	9	10	6	3
	1999		2	13	20	7	10	12	7	7	8	7	6	1
OR	1997	1	9	14	30	8	6	5	6	6	5	6	3	1
	1998	2	12	15	27	8	5	4	5	6	6	4	4	2
	1999	2	13	10	21	7	6	7	8	7	7	7	3	2
PA	1997	1	13	13	12	12	12	10	8	7	8	3	1	
	1998		14	12	11	12	15	11	9	7	6	2	1	
	1999		14	13	12	12	13	11	9	7	6	2	1	
WA	1997		12	14	31	7	4	4	4	6	6	6	5	1
	1998		16	13	25	7	3	5	6	7	5	6	6	1
	1999		17	14	24	6	6	5	5	6	5	6	5	1
WI	1997	1	7	17	14	10	9	8	11	10	7	4	2	
	1998	1	6	18	13	10	10	10	9	9	8	4	2	
	1999	2	7	16	12	11	9	8	10	9	9	5	2	

## Potato Stocks Record High, Up 14 Percent

January 1, 2001 **potato stocks** totaled a record high 273 million cwt, up 14 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set in January 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 59 percent of the fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. Stocks by type were 2 percent reds, 8 percent round whites, 4 percent long white, and 86 percent russets, with more russets but fewer reds and round whites than a year ago.

**Disappearance** from the start of harvest to January 1, at 189 million cwt, was record high. This disappearance was up 5 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season. December disappearance of 36.6 million cwt was also record high for the month. Shrink and loss to this point in the season was 22.5 million cwt, up 7 percent from last year and 9 percent above two years ago.

**Processing** of 2000 crop potatoes totaled a record high 97.1 million cwt to January 1, up 5 percent from the 1999 crop and 2 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season for comparable States. In December, processors claimed a record high 18.5 million cwt of potatoes, up 11 percent from a year ago and 8 percent above the previous high in December 1995 for comparable States.

**Eastern States** stored 15.5 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, 2001, down 9 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below two years ago. Maine's holdings were down 4 percent and Pennsylvania's stocks were off 27 percent from last year. New York's storage was down 24 percent from a year ago.

**Central States** accounted for 57.4 million cwt of potato stocks this January 1, 10 percent above 2000 but 1 percent below 1999. Minnesota's stocks were up 44 percent and Nebraska's were up 27 percent. Stocks in North Dakota and Ohio were up 14 percent and 11 percent, respectively, from last year. Wisconsin's potato stocks were down 11 percent from a year ago and Michigan dropped 3 percent from last year.

**Western States** held 200 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, 2001, up 17 percent from last year and 16 percent above 1999. Washington's potato stocks were up 32 percent from a year ago, while Idaho's stocks were up 16 percent, and Oregon's were up 12 percent. Colorado was up 2 percent and Montana gained 5 percent. California's potato stocks were down 22 percent from a year ago.

**Potatoes: Shrinkage and Loss, 15 Fall Storage States, 1997-2000**

Crop Year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	Total Jun 1 <sup>1</sup>	Season
	<i>Million Cwt</i>	<i>Million Cwt</i>	<i>Million Cwt</i>	<i>Million Cwt</i>	<i>Million Cwt</i>	<i>Million Cwt</i>	<i>Million Cwt</i>	<i>Million Cwt</i>
1997	15.3	17.3	19.3	21.3	23.5	25.6		29.9
1998	18.4	20.6	22.7	24.7	26.9	29.0	30.9	33.3
1999 <sup>2</sup>	18.2	21.0	23.0	25.0	27.1	29.2	31.1	33.4
2000 <sup>2</sup>	19.5	22.5						

<sup>1</sup> Data not available prior to 1998.

<sup>2</sup> December corrected.

### Reliability of January 1 Stocks Estimates

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the January 1 stocks estimate is 2.8 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 273 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 2.8 percent or approximately 7.6 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 4.9 percent or approximately 13.4 million cwt.

The 10-year (1991-2000) record of the differences between the January 1 stocks estimates and the final estimates averaged 5.7 million cwt, ranging from 0.01 million to 14.3 million cwt below the final. During the 10-year period, the January 1 estimate has been below the final estimate each year.

#### Fall Potato Stocks: Preliminary and Final January 1 Stocks, United States, 1990-2000

Crop Year	Preliminary Stocks	% of Final	Final Stocks
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
1990	186,160	95.7	194,460
1991	210,935	100.0	211,005
1992	201,690	93.4	215,990
1993	209,270	96.3	217,300
1994	229,350	96.1	238,560
1995	218,970	98.0	223,550
1996	256,520	98.2	261,320
1997	240,850	97.7	246,550
1998	246,220	100.0	246,230
1999	238,160	99.3	239,910
2000	272,960		

**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 5 years averaged 90.9 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage and loss and home use accounted for the remaining 9.1 percent. Most seed for use the following crop year is on hand and remains part of stocks until moved or planted.

#### Potatoes: Production, Sold, Not Sold, and Kept for Seed, United States, 1995-2000

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>
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	432,737	392,922	90.8	39,815	9.2	29,217
1999	429,847	390,210	90.8	39,637	9.2	29,726
2000	470,504					



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