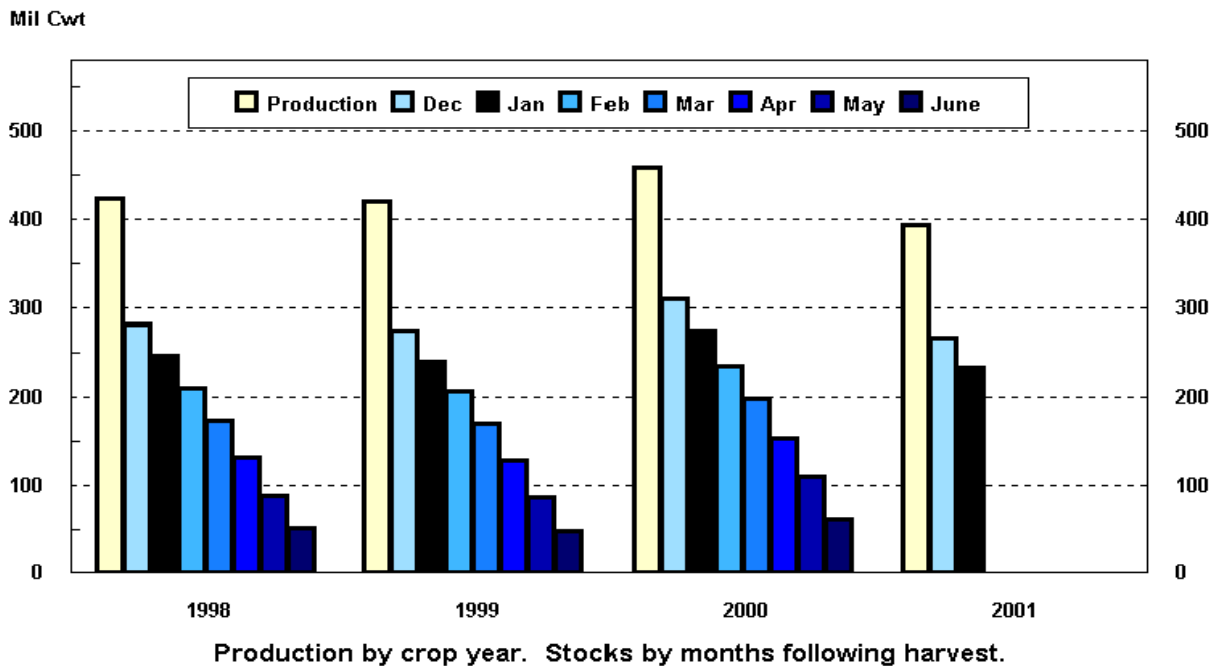


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## January Potato Stocks Down 15 Percent

The 15 major potato States held 233 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2002, down 15 percent from last year and 3 percent below 2000. Storage accounts for 59 percent of the 2001 fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago. This year's storage holds more russets, but fewer round and long whites than a year earlier. Disappearance of 161 million cwt, is off 12 percent from last year. Processors in the 9 major States used 81.0 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 15 percent from a year ago.

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



**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1992-2001**

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>
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	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001	394,161	266,520	233,420					

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

**Potatoes: Quantity Used for Processing, 9 States, 1998-2001 <sup>1</sup>**

State and Crop Year	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1	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>								
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	43,470	50,580	58,910	66,760	75,270	93,460
2001	20,940	27,330						
<b>ME <sup>2</sup></b>								
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	3,105	3,695	4,225	4,760	5,340	7,015
2001	1,935	2,420						
<b>WA &amp; OR-Oth</b>								
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	47,720	55,250	62,860	69,850	78,010	91,130
2001	29,270	35,310						
<b>Oth Sts <sup>3</sup></b>								
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	35,940
2000	12,665	16,215	18,975	22,095	25,410	28,695	31,765	39,020
2001	12,715	15,905						
<b>Total</b>								
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	214,030
2000	78,570	95,380	113,270	131,620	151,405	170,065	190,385	230,625
2001	64,860	80,965						

<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> Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

<sup>3</sup> MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI in 2000 and 2001. MI, MN, ND, and WI in 1998 and 1999.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on January 1, 2001-2002**

State	Crop of 2000			Crop of 2001			
	Prod	Stocks Jan 1, 2001	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Dec 1, 2001	Stocks Jan 1, 2002	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	3,741	2,100	56	1,113	1,000	900	81
CO	27,972	17,700	63	21,357	15,600	13,300	62
ID	152,320	101,000	66	127,980	95,000	86,000	67
ME	17,920	12,500	70	16,120	12,100	10,600	66
MI	14,963	6,900	46	14,030	8,200	6,200	44
MN	21,240	13,000	61	18,425	12,000	10,800	59
MT	3,503	3,250	93	3,040	2,950	2,850	94
NE	10,127	6,650	66	8,512	4,850	4,250	50
NY	5,964	1,900	32	5,942	2,900	2,200	37
ND	26,950	16,200	60	26,400	19,500	16,900	64
OH	1,134	170	15	984	220	120	12
OR	30,683	23,000	75	20,730	17,500	15,500	75
PA	3,510	1,500	43	3,173	1,700	1,400	44
WA	105,000	52,000	50	94,400	53,000	45,500	48
WI	33,800	17,400	51	31,955	20,000	16,900	53
15 States	458,827	275,270	60	394,161	266,520	233,420	59

**Fall Potatoes: Stocks by Type as Percent of Total Stocks,  
11 Major States, January 1, 2001-2002**

State	Potato Types											
	Reds			Round Whites			Long Whites			Russets		
	Jan 2001	Dec 2001	Jan 2002	Jan 2001	Dec 2001	Jan 2002	Jan 2001	Dec 2001	Jan 2002	Jan 2001	Dec 2001	Jan 2002
<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	5	6	6	2	1	1				93	93	93
ID							6	6	6	94	94	94
ME	4	4	3	47	48	48	2	3	2	47	45	47
MI	2	1	1	87	90	89				11	9	10
MN	11	8	6	4	5	5				85	87	89
NY	5	5	5	90	90	90				5	5	5
ND	12	14	11	15	16	17	5	7	7	68	63	65
OR	1	1	1				3	2	2	96	97	97
PA	3	3	3	97	97	97						
WA	1	1	1		1		4	4	2	95	94	97
WI	2	5	1	23	12	25				75	83	74
11 St Avg	2	3	2	11	9	10	4	4	3	83	84	85

**Fall Potatoes: Production, January 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,  
15 Storage States and 23 Fall Season States, 1998-2001 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	1998	3,708	2,400	157	29	720	2,959
	1999	4,005	2,700	183	17	383	3,605
	2000	3,741	2,100	58	11	300	3,430
	2001	1,113	900				
CO	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	1,771	1,485	3,847	22,640
	2001	21,357	13,300				
ID	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	101,000	8,140	1,190	13,718	137,412
	2001	127,980	86,000				
ME	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	1,302	315	1,490	16,115
	2001	16,120	10,600				
MI	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	1,135	250	1,700	13,013
	2001	14,030	6,200				
MN	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	1,140	130	1,700	19,410
	2001	18,425	10,800				
MT	1998	3,180	2,980	253	145	265	2,770
	1999	3,325	3,100	276	151	213	2,961
	2000	3,503	3,250	211	133	732	2,638
	2001	3,040	2,850				
NE	1998	8,175	3,900	469	166	881	7,128
	1999	8,904	4,320	621	240	711	7,953
	2000	10,127	6,650	542	182	730	9,215
	2001	8,512	4,250				
NY	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	517	108	406	5,450
	2001	5,942	2,200				

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**Fall Potatoes: Production, January 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,  
15 Storage States and 23 Fall Season States, 1998-2001 Crop Years (continued)**

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	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	16,200	2,035	295	3,235	23,420
	2001	26,400	16,900				
OH	1998	1,200	150	100	8	37	1,155
	1999	987	190	88	6	60	921
	2000	1,134	170	102	2	35	1,097
	2001	984	120				
OR	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	957	140	1,915	28,628
	2001	20,730	15,500				
PA	1998	3,360	1,500	261	50	252	3,058
	1999	3,080	1,500	270	31	172	2,877
	2000	3,510	1,500	252	44	165	3,301
	2001	3,173	1,400				
WA	1998	93,225	43,500	4,080	300	6,500	86,425
	1999	95,200	41,000	4,320	300	6,500	88,400
	2000	105,000	52,000	3,960	300	9,500	95,200
	2001	94,400	45,500				
WI	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	17,400	1,700	264	1,949	31,587
	2001	31,955	16,900				
15 Sts	1998	423,170	246,230	25,072	5,372	33,290	384,508
	1999	420,567	239,910	25,900	5,297	33,386	381,884
	2000	458,827	275,270	23,822	4,849	41,422	412,556
	2001	394,161	233,420				
Fall Sts	1998	432,737		25,657	5,584	34,231	392,922
	1999	429,847		26,449	5,408	34,229	390,210
	2000	467,504		24,249	4,968	42,257	420,279
	2001	400,727					

**Fall Potatoes: Farm Marketings, Selected States,  
1998-2000 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	1998				13	12	13	11	10	12	10	8	7	4
	1999				5	12	14	10	12	9	10	10	11	7
	2000				9	11	13	10	9	11	7	11	9	10
CO	1998			5	8	9	12	10	10	12	11	10	9	4
	1999			4	7	10	10	10	10	12	11	10	10	6
	2000			5	8	10	10	11	8	11	11	12	9	5
ID	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
	2000		5	9	10	9	6	7	6	9	9	13	8	9
ME	1998		1	7	9	9	9	10	11	14	12	9	9	
	1999		3	6	7	7	9	10	10	12	16	11	9	
	2000		2	8	8	7	9	9	12	12	15	10	5	3
MI	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	
	2000	3	7	8	12	12	12	11	12	11	7	4	1	
MN	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
	2000	2	8	8	7	6	5	6	7	10	11	12	18	
NY	1998		7	16	16	16	15	11	8	6	4	1		
	1999		4	21	18	11	9	10	8	9	10			
	2000		2	26	18	11	12	8	8	10	5			
ND	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
	2000		4	21	11	10	5	8	5	9	11	8	8	
OR	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
	2000	3	9	12	21	4	5	5	6	7	7	9	6	6
PA	1998		14	12	11	12	15	11	9	7	6	2	1	
	1999		14	13	12	12	13	11	9	7	6	2	1	
	2000		14	13	12	12	13	11	9	7	6	2	1	
WA	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
	2000		16	14	25	7	4	6	5	5	5	5	5	3
WI	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	
	2000	1	7	15	14	11	8	8	9	10	10	5	2	

## Potato Stocks Down 15 Percent

January 1, 2002 potato stocks totaled 233 million cwt, down 15 percent from 2001 and 3 percent below two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 59 percent of the fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago. Stocks by type are 2 percent reds, 10 percent round whites, 3 percent long whites, and 85 percent russets, with a higher percentage of russets, but fewer round and long whites than a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to January 1, at 161 million cwt, is down 12 percent from the 2000 crop and 11 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993. December disappearance of 33.1 million cwt is down 6 percent from a year ago and the lowest December disappearance in four years. Shrink and loss to this point in the season is 17.2 million cwt, down 19 percent from last year and 18 percent below two years ago.

Processing of 2001 crop potatoes totaled 81.0 million cwt to January 1, down 15 percent from the 2000 crop and 11 percent below two years ago. In December, processors used 16.1 million cwt of potatoes, down 4 percent from a year ago but 2 percent above two years ago.

Western States held 164 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, 2002, down 18 percent from last year and 4 percent below 2000. Idaho's potato stocks are down 15 percent from a year ago, while Washington and Montana are down 12 percent each. Oregon's stocks are off 33 percent and California's potato holdings are off 57 percent from a year ago. Colorado is down 25 percent from 2001.

Central States accounted for 55.2 million cwt of potato stocks this January 1, down 9 percent from 2001 but 5 percent above 2000. North Dakota's stocks are up 4 percent, but the other five central States are down. Wisconsin's stocks are down 3 percent and Michigan's are 10 percent lower. Stocks in Minnesota are off 17 percent from a year ago and Nebraska's stocks down 36 percent. Ohio's potato stocks are down 29 percent from this date a year ago.

Eastern States stored 14.2 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, 2002, down 11 percent from a year ago and 16 percent below two years ago. Maine's holdings are down 15 percent and Pennsylvania's stocks are off 7 percent from last year. New York's potato storage total gained 16 percent from a year ago.

**Potatoes: Shrinkage and Loss, 15 Fall Storage States, 1998-2001**

Crop Year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	Total Jun 1	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>
1998	20.0	21.8	23.7	25.5	27.5	29.4	31.1	33.3
1999	19.7	22.4	24.1	25.9	27.7	29.6	31.3	33.4
2000	18.7	21.3	26.3	29.2	33.1	36.0	38.4	41.4
2001	14.8	17.2						

## Reliability of January 1 Stocks Estimates

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the January 1 stocks estimate is 2.7 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 233 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 2.7 percent or approximately 6.3 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 4.7 percent or approximately 11.0 million cwt.

The 10-year (1992-2001) record of the differences between the January 1 stocks estimates and the final estimates averaged 5.1 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 of the 10 years.

### Fall Potato Stocks: Preliminary and Final January 1 Stocks, United States, 1991-2001

Crop Year	Preliminary Stocks	% of Final	Final Stocks
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
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	99.2	275,270
2001	233,420		

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 90.6 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage, loss and home use account for the remaining 9.4 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, 1996-2001

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>
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	29,709
2000	467,504	420,279	89.9	47,225	10.1	27,435
2001	400,727					



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