

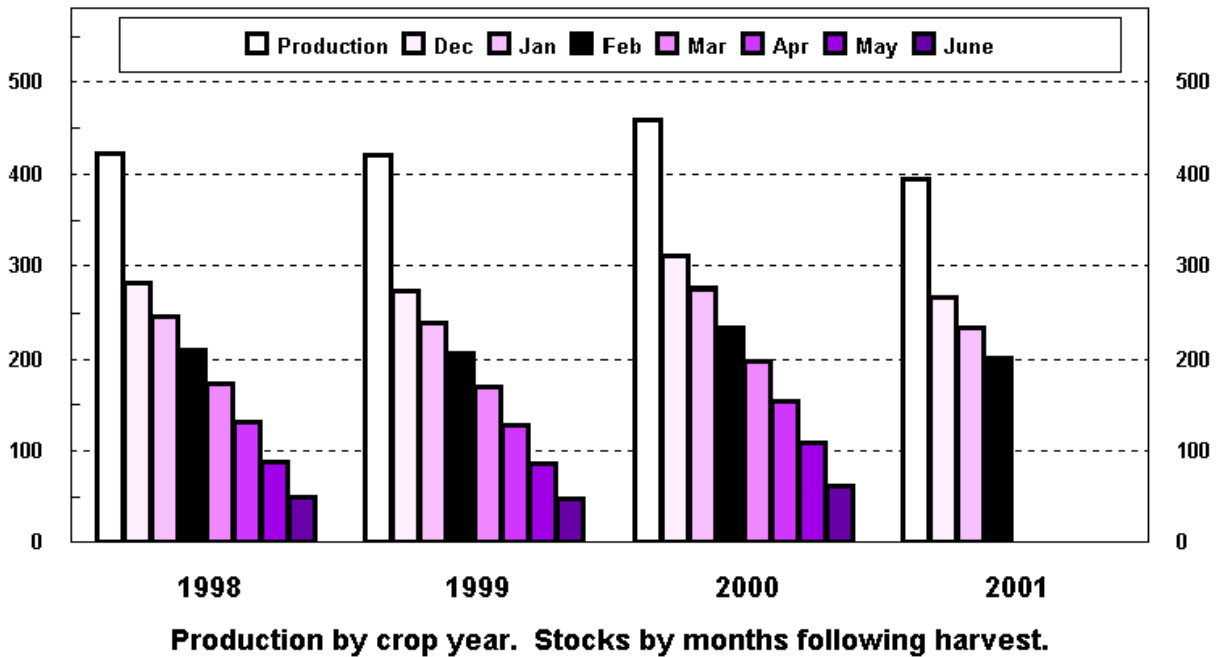
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February Potato Stocks Down 14 Percent

The 15 major potato States held 202 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2002, down 14 percent from last year and 3 percent below 2000. Storage accounts for 51 percent of the 2001 fall storage States' production, the same percentage as a year ago. This year's storage holds more russets, but fewer round whites than a year earlier. Disappearance of 192 million cwt, is down 14 percent from last year. Processors in the 9 major States used 96.5 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 15 percent from a year ago.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 15 Storage States

Mil Cwt



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 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>
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	201,750				

¹ Data not available prior to 1998.

Potatoes: Quantity Used for Processing, 9 States, 1998-2001 ¹

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>
ID & OR-Mal								
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	33,620					
ME ²								
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	3,080					
WA & OR-Oth								
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	40,540					
Oth Sts ³								
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	19,300					
Total								
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	96,540					

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, and WI.

² Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

³ 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 February 1, 2001-2002

State	Crop of 2000			Crop of 2001		
	Prod	Stocks Feb 1, 2001	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Feb 1, 2002	% 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	3,741	1,700	45	1,113	700	63
CO	27,972	15,100	54	21,357	11,000	52
ID	152,320	87,500	57	127,980	76,000	59
ME	17,920	10,900	61	16,120	8,800	55
MI	14,963	5,200	35	14,030	4,800	34
MN	21,240	11,600	55	18,425	9,500	52
MT	3,503	3,000	86	3,040	2,750	90
NE	10,127	4,600	45	8,512	3,350	39
NY	5,964	1,400	23	5,942	1,400	24
ND	26,950	13,700	51	26,400	14,500	55
OH	1,134	60	5	984	50	5
OR	30,683	20,000	65	20,730	14,000	68
PA	3,510	1,100	31	3,173	900	28
WA	105,000	44,500	42	94,400	40,000	42
WI	33,800	13,900	41	31,955	14,000	44
15 States	458,827	234,260	51	394,161	201,750	51

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

State	Potato Types							
	Reds		Round Whites		Long Whites		Russets	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	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>
CO	5	6	2	1			93	93
ID					6	6	94	94
ME	4	3	45	46	2	2	49	49
MI	1	1	86	89			13	10
MN	9	6	4	5			87	89
NY	5	5	90	90			5	5
ND	12	16	15	13	3	3	70	68
OR					1		99	100
PA	3	3	97	97				
WA	1	1			3	1	96	98
WI	4	1	36	25			60	74
11 St Avg	2	2	9	8	3	3	86	87

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

State	Crop Year	Production	Stocks Feb 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	2,000	157	29	720	2,959
	1999	4,005	2,200	183	17	383	3,605
	2000	3,741	1,700	58	11	300	3,430
	2001	1,113	700				
CO	1998	25,360	14,200	1,930	1,615	2,615	21,130
	1999	25,762	15,100	1,971	1,705	2,967	21,090
	2000	27,972	15,100	1,771	1,485	3,847	22,640
	2001	21,357	11,000				
ID	1998	138,000	77,500	8,300	1,280	9,756	126,964
	1999	133,330	76,500	8,700	1,150	9,300	122,880
	2000	152,320	87,500	8,140	1,190	13,718	137,412
	2001	127,980	76,000				
ME	1998	18,060	10,500	1,430	360	1,740	15,960
	1999	17,813	11,300	1,408	330	1,850	15,633
	2000	17,920	10,900	1,302	315	1,490	16,115
	2001	16,120	8,800				
MI	1998	14,648	5,400	888	200	1,348	13,100
	1999	14,963	5,800	1,005	213	1,300	13,450
	2000	14,963	5,200	1,135	250	1,700	13,013
	2001	14,030	4,800				
MN	1998	21,170	10,500	1,400	254	1,440	19,476
	1999	18,020	7,500	1,254	170	1,980	15,870
	2000	21,240	11,600	1,140	130	1,700	19,410
	2001	18,425	9,500				
MT	1998	3,180	2,850	253	145	265	2,770
	1999	3,325	3,000	276	151	213	2,961
	2000	3,503	3,000	211	133	732	2,638
	2001	3,040	2,750				
NE	1998	8,175	2,900	469	166	881	7,128
	1999	8,904	3,250	621	240	711	7,953
	2000	10,127	4,600	542	182	730	9,215
	2001	8,512	3,350				
NY	1998	7,290	1,500	572	110	330	6,850
	1999	6,758	1,800	484	95	323	6,340
	2000	5,964	1,400	517	108	406	5,450
	2001	5,942	1,400				

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

State	Crop Year	Production	Stocks Feb 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	15,000	2,178	395	2,840	25,435
	1999	26,400	11,000	2,232	340	4,600	21,460
	2000	26,950	13,700	2,035	295	3,235	23,420
	2001	26,400	14,500				
OH	1998	1,200	90	100	8	37	1,155
	1999	987	100	88	6	60	921
	2000	1,134	60	102	2	35	1,097
	2001	984	50				
OR	1998	26,229	15,800	1,334	195	2,206	23,828
	1999	28,020	18,600	1,368	239	1,607	26,174
	2000	30,683	20,000	957	140	1,915	28,628
	2001	20,730	14,000				
PA	1998	3,360	900	261	50	252	3,058
	1999	3,080	1,000	270	31	172	2,877
	2000	3,510	1,100	252	44	165	3,301
	2001	3,173	900				
WA	1998	93,225	36,500	4,080	300	6,500	86,425
	1999	95,200	35,000	4,320	300	6,500	88,400
	2000	105,000	44,500	3,960	300	9,500	95,200
	2001	94,400	40,000				
WI	1998	30,895	14,000	1,720	265	2,360	28,270
	1999	34,000	15,000	1,720	310	1,420	32,270
	2000	33,800	13,900	1,700	264	1,949	31,587
	2001	31,955	14,000				
15 Sts	1998	423,170	209,640	25,072	5,372	33,290	384,508
	1999	420,567	207,150	25,900	5,297	33,386	381,884
	2000	458,827	234,260	23,822	4,849	41,422	412,556
	2001	394,161	201,750				
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 14 Percent

February 1, 2002 potato stocks totaled 202 million cwt, down 14 percent from 2001 and 3 percent below two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 51 percent of the fall storage States' production, the same percentage as a year ago. Stocks by type are 2 percent reds, 8 percent round whites, 3 percent long whites, and 87 percent russets, with a higher percentage of russets, but fewer round whites than a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1, at 192 million cwt, is down 14 percent from the 2000 crop and 10 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993. January disappearance of 31.7 million cwt is down 23 percent from a year ago and the lowest for this month since January 1993. Shrink and loss to this point in the season is 19.4 million cwt, down 26 percent from last year and 20 percent below two years ago.

Processing of 2001 crop potatoes totaled 96.5 million cwt to February 1, down 15 percent from the 2000 crop and 9 percent below two years ago. In January, processors used 15.6 million cwt of potatoes, down 13 percent from a year ago and 1 percent below two years ago.

Western States held 144 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, 2002, down 16 percent from last year and 4 percent below 2000. Idaho's potato stocks are down 13 percent from a year ago, while Washington is down 10 percent and Oregon is off 30 percent. Colorado's stocks are down 27 percent and Montana's dipped 8 percent from a year ago. California's potato holdings are down 59 percent from a year ago.

Central States accounted for 46.2 million cwt of potato stocks this February 1, down 6 percent from 2001 but 8 percent above 2000. North Dakota's stocks are up 6 percent and Wisconsin's holdings are up 1 percent from this date last year. Michigan's potato stocks are 8 percent lower than last year and Ohio is down 17 percent. Stocks in Minnesota are off 18 percent from a year ago and Nebraska's stocks are down 27 percent from 2001.

Eastern States stored 11.1 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, 2002, down 17 percent from a year ago and 21 percent below two years ago. Maine's holdings are down 19 percent and Pennsylvania's stocks are off 18 percent from last year. New York's potato storage is the same as 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	19.4					

Reliability of February 1 Stocks Estimates

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the February 1 stocks estimate is 3.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 202 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 3.1 percent or approximately 6.3 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 5.4 percent or approximately 10.9 million cwt.

The 10-year (1991-2000) record of differences between the February 1 stocks estimates and the final estimates averaged 4.9 million cwt, ranging from 1.46 million cwt above the final to 14.2 million cwt below the final. During the 10-year period, the February 1 estimate has been below the final estimate 7 years and above 3 years.

Fall Potato Stocks: Preliminary and Final February 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	178,965	100.3	178,515
1992	170,385	92.3	184,560
1993	178,070	96.0	185,490
1994	196,005	96.8	202,470
1995	184,755	97.6	189,360
1996	220,465	97.5	226,080
1997	205,850	96.8	212,562
1998	211,100	100.7	209,640
1999	205,780	99.3	207,150
2000	235,050	100.3	234,260
2001	201,750		

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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