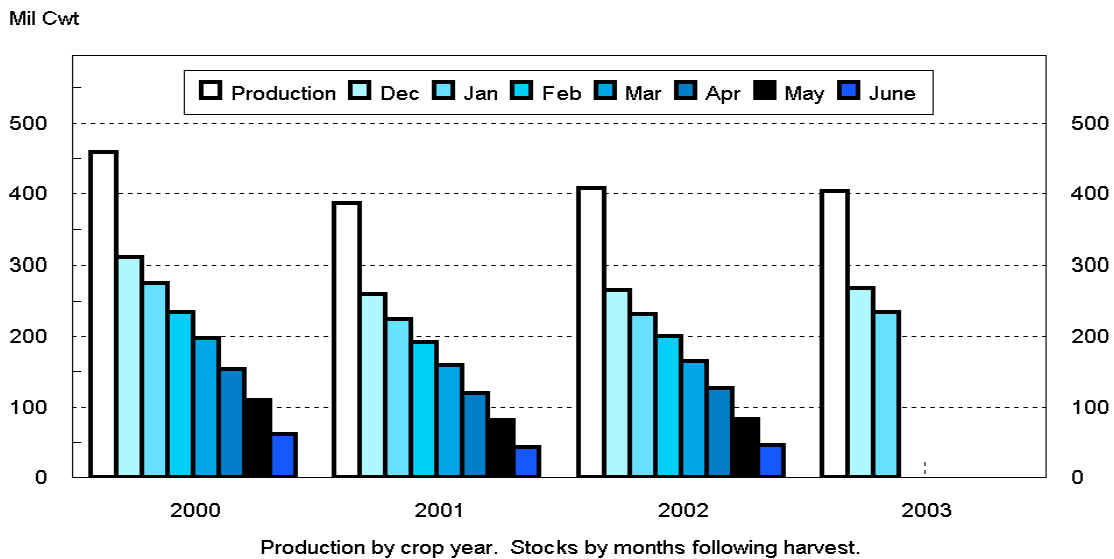


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### Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 15 Storage States



**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1994-2003**

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>
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	387,179	258,750	224,680	192,190	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,821	264,585	231,690	199,320	165,310	125,870	82,940	45,980
2003 <sup>2</sup>	403,946	267,860	233,880					

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

<sup>2</sup> December 1, 2003 stocks revised.

**Potatoes: Quantity Used for Processing, 9 States, 2001-2003 <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>								
2001	20,940	27,330	33,620	40,860	47,710	54,150	61,200	73,390
2002	28,380	34,860	41,200	48,600	56,240	63,840	71,280	85,390
2003	24,310	30,730						
<b>ME <sup>2</sup></b>								
2001	1,975	2,440	3,110	3,700	4,285	4,775	5,515	7,195
2002	2,230	2,715	3,345	3,905	4,505	5,225	5,905	7,835
2003 <sup>3</sup>	1,590	2,095						
<b>WA &amp; OR-Oth</b>								
2001	29,320	35,310	40,540	47,910	54,970	61,360	69,400	77,180
2002	33,680	39,490	44,190	51,920	58,710	64,300	71,480	79,110
2003 <sup>3</sup>	32,670	38,520						
<b>Oth Sts <sup>4</sup></b>								
2001	13,170	14,925	19,000	22,115	24,655	27,815	30,460	37,740
2002	12,190	14,865	17,865	20,740	23,580	26,000	29,075	36,705
2003	12,570	15,445						
<b>Total</b>								
2001	65,405	80,005	96,270	114,585	131,620	148,100	166,575	195,505
2002	76,480	91,930	106,600	125,165	143,035	159,365	177,740	209,040
2003 <sup>3</sup>	71,140	86,790						
<b>Dehydrated <sup>5</sup></b>								
2001 <sup>6</sup>								38,581
2002	15,670	19,660	23,710	27,950	31,910	36,105	40,455	48,943
2003	14,250	18,405						

<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, CO, MI, and WI.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

<sup>3</sup> December 1, 2003 processing revised.

<sup>4</sup> MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI in 2001. CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI in 2002 and 2003.

<sup>5</sup> Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

<sup>6</sup> No monthly data available.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on January 1, 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Crop of 2002			Crop of 2003			
	Prod	Stocks Jan 1, 2003	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Dec 1, 2003	Stocks Jan 1, 2004	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	4,264	2,900	68	3,444	2,700	2,300	67
CO <sup>2</sup>	27,885	18,100	65	23,652	17,700	15,500	66
ID	133,385	82,500	62	123,180	86,000	76,500	62
ME	16,960	11,200	66	17,030	13,500	12,100	71
MI	13,878	6,500	47	15,015	8,400	6,500	43
MN	18,700	10,500	56	22,330	14,000	12,400	56
MT	3,224	3,000	93	3,339	3,200	3,100	93
NE <sup>2</sup>	8,611	4,550	53	9,860	7,000	5,800	59
NY <sup>2</sup>	5,500	1,800	33	6,510	3,500	2,800	43
ND	23,460	14,000	60	27,440	19,400	17,300	63
OH	903	40	4	1,290	260	180	14
OR	24,936	15,000	60	20,991	18,000	15,800	75
PA	2,590	1,100	42	3,915	2,200	1,600	41
WA	92,400	43,500	47	93,150	51,000	44,000	47
WI	31,125	17,000	55	32,800	21,000	18,000	55
15 States <sup>2</sup>	407,821	231,690	57	403,946	267,860	233,880	58

<sup>1</sup> Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2003 totaled 28.3 million cwt.

<sup>2</sup> December 1, 2003 stocks revised.

NOTE: Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed potatoes that are 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 90.8 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, 1998-2003**

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>
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	27,145
2001	393,750	358,954	91.2	34,796	8.8	28,639
2002	414,317	379,491	91.6	34,826	8.4	28,299
2003	411,386					

**Fall Potatoes: Production, January 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,  
15 Storage States and 23 Fall Season States, 2000-2003 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	2000	3,741	2,100	58	11	300	3,430
	2001	1,424	1,100	223	3	128	1,293
	2002	4,264	2,900	198	16	400	3,848
	2003	3,444	2,300				
CO	2000	27,972	17,700	1,771	1,485	3,847	22,640
	2001	21,357	13,300	1,790	1,465	1,887	18,005
	2002	27,885	18,100	1,724	1,460	2,845	23,580
	2003	23,652	15,500				
ID	2000	152,320	101,000	8,140	1,190	13,718	137,412
	2001	120,200	78,000	8,250	1,230	8,261	110,709
	2002	133,385	82,500	7,920	1,440	8,650	123,295
	2003	123,180	76,500				
ME	2000	17,920	12,500	1,302	315	1,490	16,115
	2001	16,430	10,800	1,344	301	849	15,280
	2002	16,960	11,200	1,386	310	790	15,860
	2003	17,030	12,100				
MI	2000	14,963	6,900	1,135	250	1,700	13,013
	2001	13,950	6,200	1,181	245	945	12,760
	2002	13,878	6,500	1,123	205	1,400	12,273
	2003	15,015	6,500				
MN	2000	21,240	13,000	1,140	130	1,700	19,410
	2001	18,425	10,800	1,159	190	1,700	16,535
	2002	18,700	10,500	1,098	130	1,400	17,170
	2003	22,330	12,400				
MT	2000	3,503	3,250	211	133	732	2,638
	2001	3,296	2,780	263	152	188	2,956
	2002	3,224	3,000	254	145	142	2,937
	2003	3,339	3,100				
NE	2000	10,127	6,650	542	182	730	9,215
	2001	8,400	4,050	570	153	720	7,527
	2002	8,611	4,550	611	149	612	7,850
	2003	9,860	5,800				
NY	2000	5,964	1,900	517	108	406	5,450
	2001	5,942	1,500	495	100	502	5,340
	2002	5,500	1,800	488	100	350	5,050
	2003	6,510	2,800				

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**Fall Potatoes: Production, January 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,  
15 Storage States and 23 Fall Season States, 2000-2003 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	2000	26,950	16,200	2,035	295	3,235	23,420
	2001	26,400	16,900	2,301	320	3,960	22,120
	2002	23,460	14,000	2,242	450	2,650	20,360
	2003	27,440	17,300				
OH	2000	1,134	170	102	2	35	1,097
	2001	1,097	150	90	3	36	1,058
	2002	903	40	89	2	12	889
	2003	1,290	180				
OR	2000	30,683	23,000	957	140	1,915	28,628
	2001	20,730	15,500	1,200	175	1,059	19,496
	2002	24,936	15,000	1,021	266	1,386	23,284
	2003	20,991	15,800				
PA	2000	3,510	1,500	252	44	165	3,301
	2001	3,173	1,400	285	59	120	2,994
	2002	2,590	1,100	276	38	78	2,474
	2003	3,915	1,600				
WA	2000	105,000	52,000	3,960	300	9,500	95,200
	2001	94,400	46,000	3,960	300	7,000	87,100
	2002	92,400	43,500	3,960	300	6,500	85,600
	2003	93,150	44,000				
WI	2000	33,800	17,400	1,700	264	1,949	31,587
	2001	31,955	16,200	1,615	278	1,947	29,730
	2002	31,125	17,000	1,848	265	1,775	29,085
	2003	32,800	18,000				
15 Sts	2000	458,827	275,270	23,822	4,849	41,422	412,556
	2001	387,179	224,680	24,726	4,974	29,302	352,903
	2002	407,821	231,690	24,238	5,276	28,990	373,555
	2003	403,946	233,880				
Fall Sts	2000	467,504		24,249	4,968	42,257	420,279
	2001	393,750		25,143	5,039	29,757	358,954
	2002	414,317		24,681	5,401	29,425	379,491
	2003	411,386					

**Fall Potatoes: Stocks by Type as Percent of Total Stocks,  
11 Major States, December 1, 2002 - January 1, 2004**

State	Potato Types							
	Reds				Round Whites			
	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004
	<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	4	5	5	1	1	2	2
ID	1	1	1	1				
ME	4	4	4	4	47	47	46	47
MI	1		1	1	88	96	86	88
MN	12	11	14	12	7	6	4	5
NY	5	5	5	5	90	90	90	90
ND <sup>1</sup>	15	13	14	13	17	16	25	25
OR	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
PA	3	3	4	4	97	97	96	96
WA	1	1	1	1	1		1	
WI <sup>2</sup>	4	3	7	3	32	28	29	34
11 St Avg	3	3	4	3	11	10	12	12

State	Potato Types							
	Long Whites				Russets			
	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004
	<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					95	95	93	93
ID	4	4	3	3	95	95	96	96
ME	2	1	2	1	47	48	48	48
MI					11	4	13	11
MN			1		81	83	81	83
NY					5	5	5	5
ND <sup>1</sup>	6	5	7	7	62	66	54	55
OR					98	98	98	97
PA								
WA	6	4	6	4	92	95	92	95
WI <sup>2</sup>					64	69	64	63
11 St Avg	3	3	3	3	83	84	81	82

<sup>1</sup> December 2002 and December 2003 revised.

<sup>2</sup> December 2002 revised.

**Fall Potatoes: Farm Marketings, Selected States,  
2000-2002 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	2000				9	11	13	10	9	11	7	11	9	10
	2001					15	11	17	17	22	18			
	2002				11	11	11	10	10	10	13	8	9	7
CO	2000			5	8	10	10	11	8	11	11	12	9	5
	2001			5	10	11	12	12	9	11	10	11	7	2
	2002			4	9	10	10	11	9	11	11	10	7	8
ID	2000		5	9	10	9	6	7	6	9	9	13	8	9
	2001		3	12	13	8	6	7	9	10	10	10	6	6
	2002		4	8	11	10	7	8	8	10	11	10	7	6
ME	2000		2	8	8	7	9	9	12	12	15	10	5	3
	2001		1	9	10	9	9	12	11	11	12	8	5	3
	2002		2	7	11	9	8	10	9	10	15	10	5	4
MI	2000	3	7	8	12	12	12	11	12	11	7	4	1	
	2001	3	7	8	12	11	12	13	11	11	8	3	1	
	2002	4	7	11	12	13	8	6	8	12	13	6		
MN	2000	2	8	8	7	6	5	6	7	10	11	12	18	
	2001		10	9	7	7	6	7	9	10	10	9	8	8
	2002		9	9	9	7	8	7	9	7	9	12	8	6
NY	2000		2	26	18	11	12	8	8	10	5			
	2001		4	20	18	17	15	9	7	6	4			
	2002		8	17	16	14	11	14	10	7	3			
ND	2000		4	21	11	10	5	8	5	9	11	8	8	
	2001			18	10	12	7	8	7	7	14	11	6	
	2002		2	22	10	9	6	9	4	8	10	13	5	2
OR	2000	3	9	12	21	4	5	5	6	7	7	9	6	6
	2001		7	13	21	8	6	5	7	7	8	8	7	3
	2002		11	9	21	9	9	6	9	8	6	7	3	2
PA	2000		14	13	12	12	13	11	9	7	6	2	1	
	2001		17	16	15	12	12	10	8	7	2	1		
	2002		18	14	17	14	10	9	6	5	4	3		
WA	2000		16	14	25	7	4	6	5	5	5	5	5	3
	2001		11	13	25	7	6	5	7	7	6	7	5	1
	2002		17	12	19	9	5	5	7	6	6	7	6	1
WI	2000	1	7	15	14	11	8	8	9	10	10	5	2	
	2001	1	6	13	14	12	10	9	8	10	11	5	1	
	2002	1	7	12	12	12	9	9	8	12	10	6	2	

## January Potato Stocks Up 1 Percent from Last Year

The 15 major potato States held 234 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 4 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 58 percent of the 2003 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent red, 12 percent round white, 3 percent long white (Shepody), and 82 percent russet, with more round whites and fewer russets than a year ago.

Disappearance of 170 million cwt from the start of harvest to January 1, is down 3 percent from the same period last year but 5 percent above two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 17.4 million cwt, is down 4 percent from last year but 1 percent above two years ago.

Processors used 86.8 million cwt of 2003 crop potatoes so far this season, down 6 percent from a year ago but 8 percent above two years ago. December usage of 15.7 million cut is 1 percent above last year and 7 percent above two years ago. Dehydrators used 18.4 million cwt to date, down 6 percent from last year.

Western States held 157 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, down 5 percent from last year but up less than 1 percent from two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 7 percent from last year, Colorado decreased 14 percent and California lost 21 percent. Washington's sheds stored 1 percent more than last year, Oregon gained 5 percent, and Montana increased 3 percent.

Central States accounted for 60.2 million cwt of potato stocks this January, up 14 percent from last year and 11 percent above two years ago. Wisconsin's stocks increased 6 percent from last year's level, North Dakota gained 24 percent, and Minnesota went up 18 percent. Nebraska's stocks are 27 percent more than last year, and Ohio jumped 350 percent. Michigan's storages hold the same amount as last year at this time.

Eastern States stored 16.5 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, up 17 percent from last year and 20 percent above two years ago. Maine's stocks are up 8 percent, New York's gained 56 percent, and Pennsylvania stocks increased 45 percent.

**Potatoes: Shrinkage and Loss, 15 Fall Storage States, 2000-2003**

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>
2000	18.7	21.3	26.3	29.2	33.1	36.0	38.4	41.4
2001	14.7	17.3	19.7	21.7	23.5	25.1	26.7	29.3
2002	15.5	18.1	20.3	22.2	24.0	25.7	27.2	29.0
2003 <sup>1</sup>	14.9	17.4						

<sup>1</sup> December 1, 2003 shrink and loss revised.



## Reliability of January 1 Stocks Estimates

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the January 1 stocks estimate, the “Root Mean Square Error,” a statistical measure based on past performance, is computed. The deviation between the January 1 stocks estimate and the final estimate is expressed as a percentage of the final estimate. The average of squared percentage deviations for the latest 20-year period is computed. The square root of the average becomes statistically the “Root Mean Square Error.” Probability statements can be made concerning expected differences in the current estimate relative to the final end-of-season estimate, assuming that factors affecting this year’s estimate are not different from those influencing recent years.

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 234 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 (1993-2002) record of differences between the January 1 stocks estimates and the final estimates averaged 4.6 million cwt, ranging from 8.7 million cwt above the final to 9.2 million cwt below the final. During the 10-year period, the January 1 estimate has been below the final estimate 8 years and above 2 years.

**Fall Potato Stocks: Preliminary and Final January 1 Stocks,  
United States, 1993-2003**

Crop Year	Preliminary Stocks	% of Final	Final Stocks
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
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	103.9	224,680
2002	232,140	100.2	231,690
2003	233,880		

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