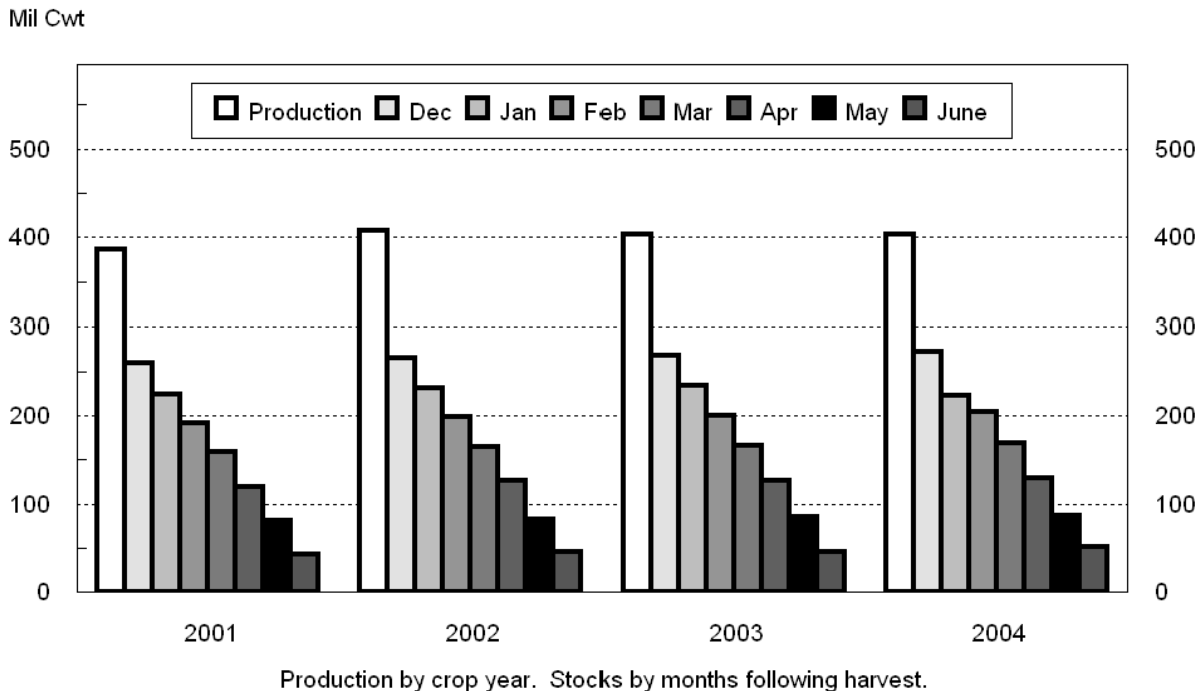


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Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 15 Storage States



Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1995-2004

| 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> |
| 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 | 61,270 |
| 2001 | 387,033 | 258,750 | 224,680 | 192,090 | 158,590 | 119,950 | 81,200 | 42,990 |
| 2002 | 407,085 | 264,485 | 231,490 | 199,020 | 165,210 | 125,770 | 83,040 | 45,880 |
| 2003 | 403,181 | 267,900 | 233,590 | 200,230 | 166,280 | 126,110 | 85,000 | 46,020 |
| 2004 | 403,327 | 271,800 | 238,220 | 204,190 | 168,420 | 129,620 | 86,990 | 51,000 |

¹ Data not available prior to 1998.

Potatoes: Quantity Used for Processing, 9 States, 2002-2004 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 | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | 28,380 | 34,860 | 41,200 | 48,600 | 56,240 | 63,840 | 71,280 | 85,390 |
| 2003 | 24,310 | 30,730 | 36,260 | 43,640 | 49,570 | 56,380 | 63,770 | 77,530 |
| 2004 | 24,360 | 30,840 | 36,820 | 44,610 | 51,000 | 58,090 | 65,800 | |
| ME ² | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | 2,230 | 2,715 | 3,345 | 3,905 | 4,505 | 5,225 | 5,905 | 7,835 |
| 2003 | 1,590 | 2,085 | 2,720 | 3,420 | 4,095 | 4,740 | 5,400 | 7,270 |
| 2004 | 1,555 | 1,985 | 2,615 | 3,155 | 3,720 | 4,360 | 4,930 | |
| WA & OR-Oth | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | 33,680 | 39,490 | 44,190 | 51,920 | 58,710 | 64,300 | 71,480 | 79,110 |
| 2003 | 32,670 | 38,520 | 43,610 | 51,210 | 58,500 | 64,160 | 72,350 | 79,800 |
| 2004 | 32,305 | 38,130 | 43,570 | 50,730 | 57,140 | 63,855 | 71,355 | |
| Other Sts ³ | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | 12,675 | 15,530 | 18,735 | 21,780 | 24,810 | 27,405 | 30,655 | 38,700 |
| 2003 | 13,835 | 16,505 | 19,590 | 22,685 | 25,920 | 29,480 | 32,845 | 42,160 |
| 2004 | 12,525 | 15,035 | 18,005 | 20,945 | 24,185 | 27,545 | 30,780 | |
| Total | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | 76,965 | 92,595 | 107,470 | 126,205 | 144,265 | 160,770 | 179,320 | 211,035 |
| 2003 | 72,405 | 87,840 | 102,180 | 120,955 | 138,085 | 154,760 | 174,365 | 206,760 |
| 2004 | 70,745 | 85,990 | 101,010 | 119,440 | 136,045 | 153,850 | 172,865 | |
| Dehydrated ⁴ | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | 15,675 | 19,660 | 23,710 | 27,950 | 31,915 | 36,105 | 40,455 | 48,940 |
| 2003 | 14,250 | 18,440 | 22,050 | 26,090 | 30,290 | 34,630 | 39,070 | 47,750 |
| 2004 | 13,365 | 17,015 | 19,995 | 23,735 | 27,750 | 31,410 | 35,990 | |

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 CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

⁴ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on June 1, 2004-2005 ¹

| State | Crop of 2003 | | | Crop of 2004 | | |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Prod | Stocks Jun 1, 2004 ² | % of Prod | Prod | Stocks Jun 1, 2005 ² | % 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 | 3,528 | | | 3,876 | | |
| CO | 23,652 | 2,600 | 11 | 23,148 | 2,700 | 12 |
| ID | 123,180 | 19,500 | 16 | 131,970 | 24,000 | 18 |
| ME | 17,030 | 2,300 | 14 | 19,220 | 3,000 | 16 |
| MI | 15,015 | | | 13,650 | | |
| MN | 22,330 | 3,500 | 16 | 18,920 | 3,500 | 18 |
| MT | 3,339 | | | 3,551 | | |
| NE | 9,744 | | | 9,288 | | |
| NY | 6,510 | | | 5,184 | | |
| ND | 27,440 | 5,000 | 18 | 26,765 | 4,800 | 18 |
| OH | 1,097 | | | 1,080 | | |
| OR | 20,991 | 2,900 | 14 | 19,775 | 1,800 | 9 |
| PA | 3,375 | | | 2,640 | | |
| WA | 93,150 | 7,000 | 8 | 93,810 | 8,000 | 9 |
| WI | 32,800 | 1,500 | 5 | 30,450 | 1,800 | 6 |
| Other Sts | | 1,720 | | | 1,400 | |
| 15 Sts | 403,181 | 46,020 | 11 | 403,327 | 51,000 | 13 |

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

² Missing stocks combined into "Other Sts".

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, 1999-2004**

| 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> |
| 1999 | 429,847 | 390,210 | 90.8 | 39,637 | 9.2 | 29,580 |
| 2000 | 467,529 | 420,301 | 89.9 | 47,228 | 10.1 | 27,137 |
| 2001 | 393,631 | 358,812 | 91.2 | 34,819 | 8.8 | 28,625 |
| 2002 | 413,581 | 378,796 | 91.6 | 34,785 | 8.4 | 28,149 |
| 2003 | 410,588 | 371,755 | 90.5 | 38,833 | 9.5 | 26,360 |
| 2004 | 410,023 | | | | | |

**Fall Potatoes: Production, June 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,
15 Storage States and All Fall Season States, 2001-2004 Crop Years**

| State | Crop Year | Production | Stocks Jun 1 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 | 2001 | 1,513 | | 226 | 3 | 150 | 1,360 |
| | 2002 | 4,316 | 700 | 208 | 16 | 399 | 3,901 |
| | 2003 | 3,528 | | 169 | 1 | 343 | 3,184 |
| | 2004 | 3,876 | | | | | |
| CO | 2001 | 21,357 | 1,700 | 1,790 | 1,465 | 1,887 | 18,005 |
| | 2002 | 27,885 | 3,800 | 1,724 | 1,460 | 2,845 | 23,580 |
| | 2003 | 23,652 | 2,600 | 1,625 | 1,410 | 2,507 | 19,735 |
| | 2004 | 23,148 | 2,700 | | | | |
| ID | 2001 | 120,200 | 18,500 | 8,250 | 1,230 | 8,261 | 110,709 |
| | 2002 | 133,385 | 21,000 | 7,920 | 1,440 | 8,650 | 123,295 |
| | 2003 | 123,180 | 19,500 | 7,700 | 1,463 | 8,900 | 112,817 |
| | 2004 | 131,970 | 24,000 | | | | |
| ME | 2001 | 16,430 | 1,800 | 1,355 | 301 | 849 | 15,280 |
| | 2002 | 16,960 | 2,100 | 1,386 | 310 | 790 | 15,860 |
| | 2003 | 17,030 | 2,300 | 1,245 | 215 | 2,430 | 14,385 |
| | 2004 | 19,220 | 3,000 | | | | |
| MI | 2001 | 13,950 | | 1,181 | 245 | 945 | 12,760 |
| | 2002 | 13,878 | | 1,099 | 205 | 1,400 | 12,273 |
| | 2003 | 15,015 | | 1,060 | 265 | 1,680 | 13,070 |
| | 2004 | 13,650 | | | | | |
| MN | 2001 | 18,425 | 2,600 | 1,178 | 190 | 1,700 | 16,535 |
| | 2002 | 18,810 | 2,300 | 1,080 | 130 | 1,400 | 17,280 |
| | 2003 | 22,330 | 3,500 | 1,060 | 130 | 1,800 | 20,400 |
| | 2004 | 18,920 | 3,500 | | | | |
| MT | 2001 | 3,296 | | 263 | 152 | 188 | 2,956 |
| | 2002 | 3,224 | | 257 | 145 | 142 | 2,937 |
| | 2003 | 3,339 | | 268 | 160 | 270 | 2,909 |
| | 2004 | 3,551 | | | | | |
| NE | 2001 | 8,400 | | 570 | 153 | 720 | 7,527 |
| | 2002 | 8,611 | | 611 | 149 | 612 | 7,850 |
| | 2003 | 9,744 | | 616 | 194 | 840 | 8,710 |
| | 2004 | 9,288 | | | | | |
| NY | 2001 | 5,942 | | 495 | 100 | 502 | 5,340 |
| | 2002 | 5,500 | | 488 | 100 | 350 | 5,050 |
| | 2003 | 6,510 | | 440 | 100 | 520 | 5,890 |
| | 2004 | 5,184 | | | | | |

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Fall Potatoes: Production, June 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,
15 Storage States and All Fall Season States, 2001-2004 Crop Years (continued)**

| State | Crop Year | Production | Stocks Jun 1 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 | 2001 | 26,400 | 4,000 | 2,301 | 320 | 3,960 | 22,120 |
| | 2002 | 23,460 | 2,700 | 2,223 | 450 | 2,650 | 20,360 |
| | 2003 | 27,440 | 5,000 | 1,805 | 390 | 3,700 | 23,350 |
| | 2004 | 26,765 | 4,800 | | | | |
| OH | 2001 | 1,097 | | 95 | 3 | 36 | 1,058 |
| | 2002 | 902 | | 95 | 2 | 11 | 889 |
| | 2003 | 1,097 | | 76 | 6 | 40 | 1,051 |
| | 2004 | 1,080 | | | | | |
| OR | 2001 | 20,730 | 3,000 | 1,200 | 175 | 1,059 | 19,496 |
| | 2002 | 24,936 | 2,300 | 1,021 | 266 | 1,386 | 23,284 |
| | 2003 | 20,991 | 2,900 | 955 | 275 | 1,290 | 19,426 |
| | 2004 | 19,775 | 1,800 | | | | |
| PA | 2001 | 2,938 | | 238 | 59 | 120 | 2,759 |
| | 2002 | 2,128 | | 238 | 36 | 78 | 2,014 |
| | 2003 | 3,375 | | 228 | 42 | 287 | 3,046 |
| | 2004 | 2,640 | | | | | |
| WA | 2001 | 94,400 | 10,000 | 3,888 | 300 | 7,000 | 87,100 |
| | 2002 | 92,340 | 9,000 | 3,912 | 300 | 6,500 | 85,540 |
| | 2003 | 93,150 | 7,000 | 4,000 | 280 | 5,600 | 87,270 |
| | 2004 | 93,810 | 8,000 | | | | |
| WI | 2001 | 31,955 | 1,100 | 1,596 | 278 | 1,947 | 29,730 |
| | 2002 | 30,750 | 1,300 | 1,782 | 265 | 1,738 | 28,747 |
| | 2003 | 32,800 | 1,500 | 1,650 | 300 | 2,750 | 29,750 |
| | 2004 | 30,450 | 1,800 | | | | |
| Other Sts | 2001 | | 290 | | | | |
| | 2002 | | 680 | | | | |
| | 2003 | | 1,720 | | | | |
| | 2004 | | 1,400 | | | | |
| 15 Sts | 2001 | 387,033 | 42,990 | 24,626 | 4,974 | 29,324 | 352,735 |
| | 2002 | 407,085 | 45,880 | 24,044 | 5,274 | 28,951 | 372,860 |
| | 2003 | 403,181 | 46,020 | 22,897 | 5,231 | 32,957 | 364,993 |
| | 2004 | 403,327 | 51,000 | | | | |
| Fall Sts | 2001 | 393,631 | | 25,043 | 5,039 | 29,780 | 358,812 |
| | 2002 | 413,581 | | 24,496 | 5,399 | 29,386 | 378,796 |
| | 2003 | 410,588 | | 23,249 | 5,254 | 33,579 | 371,755 |
| | 2004 | 410,023 | | | | | |

¹ Missing stocks combined into "Other Sts" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Fall Potatoes: Farm Marketings, Selected States,
2001-2003 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 | 2001 | | | | | 21 | 6 | 20 | 13 | 20 | 20 | | | |
| | 2002 | | | | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| | 2003 | | | | 13 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 12 | |
| CO | 2001 | | | 5 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 7 | 2 |
| | 2002 | | | 4 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 7 | 8 |
| | 2003 | | | 6 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 12 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| ID | 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 |
| | 2003 | | 4 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 6 |
| ME | 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 |
| | 2003 | | 1 | 5 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 15 | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| MI | 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 | | |
| | 2003 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 8 | | |
| MN | 2001 | | 10 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| | 2002 | | 9 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 5 |
| | 2003 | | 9 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| NY | 2001 | | 4 | 20 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 4 | | | |
| | 2002 | | 8 | 17 | 16 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 10 | 7 | 3 | | | |
| | 2003 | | 1 | 8 | 29 | 20 | 17 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 4 | | | |
| ND | 2001 | | | 18 | 10 | 12 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 11 | 6 | |
| | 2002 | | 2 | 22 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 5 | 2 |
| | 2003 | | | 23 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 2 |
| OR | 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 |
| | 2003 | | 10 | 9 | 19 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| PA | 2001 | | 17 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 1 | | |
| | 2002 | | 18 | 14 | 17 | 14 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | | |
| | 2003 | | 15 | 18 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 2 | | |
| WA | 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 |
| | 2003 | | 16 | 12 | 22 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| WI | 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 | |
| | 2003 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 2 | |

June Potato Stocks Up 11 Percent from Last Year

The 15 major potato States held 51.0 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2005, up 11 percent from both last year and June 1, 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 13 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 2 percentage points above last year.

Disappearance of 352 million cwt from the start of harvest to June 1, is down 1 percent from last year and 2 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 31.1 million cwt, is up 4 percent from last year and 14 percent above the same date in 2003.

Processors have used 173 million cwt of 2004 crop potatoes so far this season, down 1 percent from a year ago and 4 percent below two years ago. May usage, at 19.0 million cwt, is 3 percent below last year but 3 percent above two years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, total processing increased 3 percent from a year ago, while Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing decreased 1 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 36.0 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year and 11 percent below the same date in 2003.

Western States held 36.9 million cwt of potatoes in storage on June 1, up 13 percent from last year but virtually unchanged from two years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are up 23 percent from last year, Washington's potato sheds stored 14 percent more, and Colorado's stocks increased 4 percent from last year. Oregon's potato stocks are down 38 percent. California and Montana's potato stocks combined decreased 29 percent from last year.

Central States accounted for 11.1 million cwt of potato stocks on June 1, down 1 percent from last year but 63 percent above two years ago. North Dakota's potato stocks are down 4 percent. Wisconsin's potato sheds stored 20 percent more than last year but Minnesota's stocks are unchanged from last year. Michigan, Nebraska, and Ohio's potato stocks combined decreased 17 percent from last year.

Eastern States stored 3.05 million cwt of potatoes on June 1, up 31 percent from last year and 39 percent above two years ago. Maine's potato sheds hold 30 percent more than last year. Pennsylvania and New York's stocks combined increased 67 percent from a year ago.

Potatoes: Shrinkage and Loss, 15 Fall Storage States, 2001-2004

| 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> |
| 2001 | 14.8 | 17.4 | 19.8 | 21.8 | 23.6 | 25.1 | 26.7 | 29.3 |
| 2002 | 15.5 | 18.2 | 20.5 | 22.4 | 24.2 | 25.8 | 27.2 | 29.0 |
| 2003 | 15.0 | 17.4 | 20.5 | 22.6 | 25.4 | 27.5 | 29.9 | 33.0 |
| 2004 | 16.6 | 20.0 | 22.5 | 24.6 | 26.8 | 29.0 | 31.1 | |

Reliability of June 1 Stocks Estimates

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the June 1 stocks estimate, the “Root Mean Square Error,” a statistical measure based on past performance, is computed. The deviation between the June 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 6-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 June 1 stocks estimate is 8.3 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 51.0 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 8.3 percent or approximately 4.2 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 14.3 percent or approximately 7.3 million cwt.

The 6-year (1998-2003) record of differences between the June 1 stocks estimates and the final estimates averaged 2.3 million cwt, ranging from 8.5 million cwt above the final to 550,000 cwt below the final. During the 6-year period, the June 1 estimate has been above the final estimate 4 years and below 2 years.

**Fall Potato Stocks: Preliminary and Final June 1 Stocks,
United States, 1998-2004 ¹**

| Crop Year | Preliminary Stocks | % of Final | Final Stocks |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> |
| 1998 | 51,390 | 102.2 | 50,270 |
| 1999 | 46,670 | 98.8 | 47,220 |
| 2000 | 63,160 | 103.1 | 61,270 |
| 2001 | 51,450 | 119.7 | 42,990 |
| 2002 | 45,720 | 99.7 | 45,880 |
| 2003 | 47,410 | 103.0 | 46,020 |
| 2004 | 51,000 | | |

¹ Data not available prior to 1998.

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