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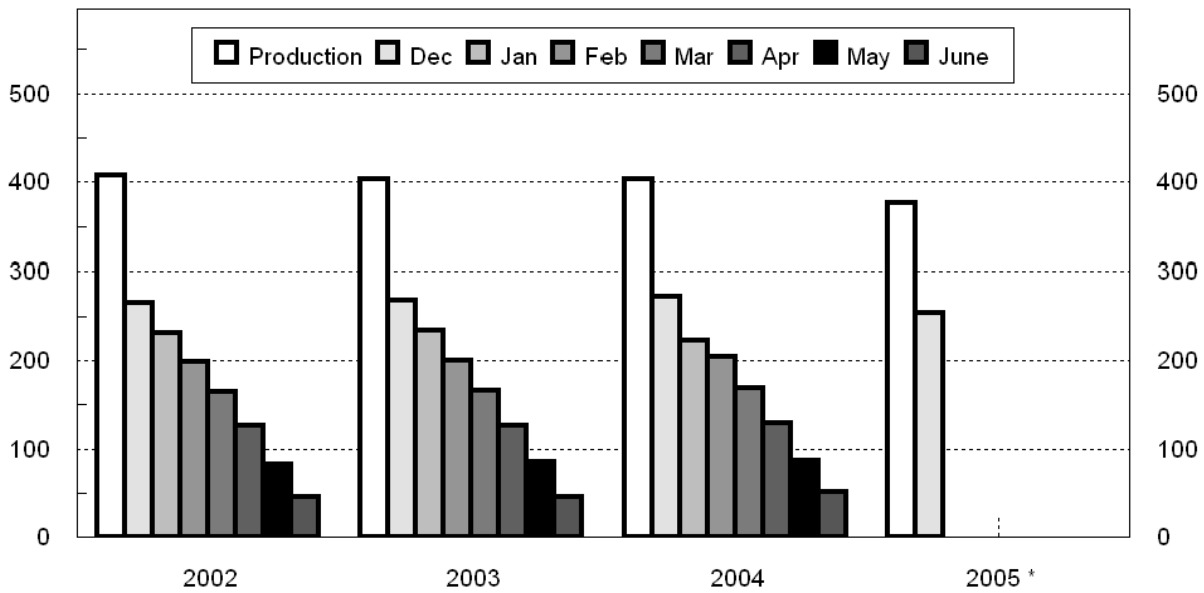
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Potato Stocks Down 6 Percent from Last Year

The 13 major potato States held 253 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2005, down 6 percent from last year and 5 percent below December 1, 2003, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 68 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Disappearance of 120 million cwt of potatoes is down 8 percent from last year and 10 percent below 2 years ago for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 14.0 million cwt so far this season, is down 9 percent from last year and 6 percent below the same date in 2003 for comparable States. Processors in the 9 major States have used 65.9 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 7 percent from a year ago and 9 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 12.2 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year and 14 percent below the same date in 2003.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 15 Storage States

Mil Cwt



Production by crop year. Stocks by months following harvest.
* 13 Storage States for 2005.

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Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, December 1, 2004-2005 ¹

State	Crop of 2004			Crop of 2005		
	Prod	Stocks Dec 1, 2004	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Dec 1, 2005	% 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	3,648	3,000	82	3,240	1,600	49
CO	23,791	18,000	76	22,292	16,300	73
ID	131,970	93,500	71	116,975	84,000	72
ME	19,065	15,000	79	15,820	12,900	82
MI	13,650	8,000	59	13,920	8,300	60
MN	18,920	13,000	69	17,630	13,500	77
MT	3,551	3,500	99	3,434	3,300	96
NE	9,288	6,300	68	8,106	5,700	70
NY	5,184	2,300	44	5,226	3,100	59
ND	26,765	19,600	73	20,500	14,000	68
OH ²	1,080	200	19			
OR	19,775	17,000	86	22,023	19,000	86
PA ²	2,640	1,600	61			
WA	93,810	50,000	53	95,480	52,000	54
WI	30,450	20,100	66	29,050	19,700	68
15 Sts	403,587	271,100	67	373,696	253,400	68

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

² Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1996-2005

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>
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	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 ²	373,696	253,400						

¹ Data not available prior to 1998.

² 13 major States.

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 90.7 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage, loss, and home use account for the remaining 9.3 percent.

Potatoes: Quantity Used for Processing, 9 States, 2003-2005 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								
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	84,600
2005	22,590							
ME ²								
2003	1,590	2,085	2,720	3,420	4,095	4,740	5,400	7,270
2004	1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
2005	1,280							
WA & OR-Oth								
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	78,680
2005	30,340							
Other Sts ³								
2003	13,835	16,505	19,590	22,685	25,920	29,480	32,845	42,160
2004	12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
2005	11,715							
Total								
2003	72,405	87,840	102,180	120,955	138,085	154,760	174,365	206,760
2004	70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
2005	65,925							
Dehydrated ⁴								
2003	14,250	18,440	22,050	26,090	30,290	34,630	39,070	47,750
2004	14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
2005	12,200							

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: Stocks by Type as Percent of Total Stocks,
11 Selected States, December 1, 2004-2005**

State	Potato Types							
	Reds		Round Whites		Long Whites		Russets	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<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	4	2	11			93	85
ID	1	3			5	2	94	95
ME	3	2	45	42	3	3	49	53
MI	1	1	89	87			10	12
MN	9	7	4	6	1		86	87
NY	5	5	90	90			5	5
ND	13	13	20	18	11	4	56	65
OR	1	1	1	1	1	2	97	96
PA ¹	2		98					
WA	1	1	1	1	6	5	92	93
WI	4	4	36	38			60	58
11 St Avg	3	3	12	12	4	2	81	83

¹ Estimates discontinued in 2005.

**Potatoes: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production
by Seasonal Group, State, and United States, 2003-2005**

Seasonal Group and State	Area Planted			Area Harvested		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Winter ¹						
CA	8.5	13.0	14.0	8.5	13.0	14.0
FL	6.1	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.5	5.8
Total	14.6	18.7	20.0	14.3	18.5	19.8
Spring ¹						
AZ	7.6	6.2	4.3	7.6	6.2	4.3
CA	19.0	17.5	13.8	19.0	17.5	13.8
FL	30.0	24.8	23.6	28.6	24.5	23.2
Hastings	21.5	18.2	17.3	20.3	18.0	17.0
Other FL	8.5	6.6	6.3	8.3	6.5	6.2
NC	19.0	17.0	14.5	17.0	13.5	14.0
TX	13.0	11.0	9.5	12.5	10.5	9.1
Total	88.6	76.5	65.7	84.7	72.2	64.4
State	Yield			Production		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
Winter ¹						
CA	310	250	250	2,635	3,250	3,500
FL	240	285	240	1,392	1,568	1,392
Total	282	260	247	4,027	4,818	4,892
Spring ¹						
AZ	275	285	275	2,090	1,767	1,183
CA	440	475	410	8,360	8,313	5,658
FL	280	313	282	8,008	7,678	6,550
Hastings	280	320	285	5,684	5,760	4,845
Other FL	280	295	275	2,324	1,918	1,705
NC	175	200	190	2,975	2,700	2,660
TX	240	210	225	3,000	2,205	2,048
Total	288	314	281	24,433	22,663	18,099

¹ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

Potatoes: Area Planted and Harvested by State, 2003-2005

Seasonal Group and State	Area Planted			Area Harvested		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Summer ¹						
AL	3.0	2.3	1.6	1.8	1.3	1.3
CA	7.5	7.0	6.2	7.2	7.0	6.2
CO	6.5	5.8	4.9	6.4	5.7	4.8
DE	3.7	3.3	3.0	3.6	3.1	2.9
IL	6.5	5.0	4.5	6.1	4.8	4.3
KS	2.8	3.5	4.1	2.7	3.4	4.0
MD	4.7	4.7	3.5	4.6	4.6	3.4
MO	8.0	6.9	6.0	7.1	6.2	5.7
NJ	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.7	2.2	2.1
NM ²	1.9	1.2		1.9	1.0	
TX	9.0	10.4	9.4	8.4	9.6	8.7
VA	7.0	6.0	5.0	6.2	5.0	4.9
Total	63.4	58.4	50.3	58.7	53.9	48.3
Fall						
CA	8.3	7.6	7.2	8.3	7.6	7.2
CO	66.3	65.0	58.2	65.7	64.3	57.9
ID	360.0	355.0	325.0	358.0	353.0	323.0
10 SW Co	25.0	25.0	21.0	25.0	25.0	21.0
Other ID	335.0	330.0	304.0	333.0	328.0	302.0
IN ³	3.8	3.4		3.7	3.2	
ME	66.0	63.5	57.5	65.5	61.5	56.5
MA	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.4
MI	46.0	43.0	44.0	45.5	42.0	43.5
MN	60.0	47.0	46.0	58.0	44.0	43.0
MT	10.7	10.7	11.0	10.6	10.6	10.9
NE	23.5	22.0	19.5	23.2	21.6	19.3
NV	8.3	6.7	5.5	8.0	6.7	5.5
NM ²	4.0	4.0	5.3	4.0	4.0	4.8
NY	22.2	20.0	20.5	21.7	19.2	20.1
ND	117.0	105.0	92.0	112.0	101.0	82.0
OH	4.5	3.7	3.7	4.3	3.6	3.6
OR	42.8	37.0	37.3	42.6	37.0	37.1
Malheur	5.8	5.2	3.8	5.8	5.2	3.8
Other OR	37.0	31.8	33.5	36.8	31.8	33.3
PA	13.0	12.0	11.5	12.5	11.0	11.0
RI	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
SD ⁴	1.0			1.0		
UT ⁴	1.0			1.0		
WA	163.0	160.0	154.0	162.0	159.0	154.0
WI	81.0	71.0	71.0	80.0	70.0	70.0
Total	1,106.0	1,039.7	972.2	1,090.9	1,022.3	952.3
US	1,272.6	1,193.3	1,108.2	1,248.6	1,166.9	1,084.8

¹ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

² Summer potatoes combined with fall potatoes in 2005.

³ Estimates discontinued in 2005.

⁴ Estimates discontinued in 2004.

Potatoes: Yield and Production by State, 2003-2005

Seasonal Group and State	Yield			Production		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
Summer ¹						
AL	185	175	135	333	228	176
CA	385	350	340	2,772	2,450	2,108
CO	360	350	365	2,304	1,995	1,752
DE	240	260	230	864	806	667
IL	360	415	340	2,196	1,992	1,462
KS	380	400	360	1,026	1,360	1,440
MD	240	260	250	1,104	1,196	850
MO	265	310	340	1,882	1,922	1,938
NJ	250	270	265	675	594	557
NM ²	280	340		532	340	
TX	420	440	465	3,528	4,224	4,046
VA	250	240	230	1,550	1,200	1,127
Total	320	340	334	18,766	18,307	16,123
Fall						
CA	425	480	450	3,528	3,648	3,240
CO	360	370	385	23,652	23,791	22,292
ID	344	374	362	123,180	131,970	116,975
10 SW Co	465	490	465	11,625	12,250	9,765
Other ID	335	365	355	111,555	119,720	107,210
IN ³	250	350		925	1,120	
ME	260	310	280	17,030	19,065	15,820
MA	265	320	260	716	800	624
MI	330	325	320	15,015	13,650	13,920
MN	385	430	410	22,330	18,920	17,630
MT	315	335	315	3,339	3,551	3,434
NE	420	430	420	9,744	9,288	8,106
NV	415	430	425	3,320	2,881	2,338
NM ²	400	430	440	1,600	1,720	2,112
NY	300	270	260	6,510	5,184	5,226
ND	245	265	250	27,440	26,765	20,500
OH	255	300	250	1,097	1,080	900
OR	493	534	594	20,991	19,775	22,023
Malheur	415	470	450	2,407	2,444	1,710
Other OR	505	545	610	18,584	17,331	20,313
PA	270	240	250	3,375	2,640	2,750
RI	285	290	210	171	145	105
SD ⁴	340			340		
UT ⁴	335			335		
WA	575	590	620	93,150	93,810	95,480
WI	410	435	415	32,800	30,450	29,050
Total	376	401	402	410,588	410,253	382,525
US	367	391	389	457,814	456,041	421,639

¹ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

² Summer potatoes combined with fall potatoes in 2005.

³ Estimates discontinued in 2005.

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**Potatoes: Area Planted and Harvested by State
and United States, 2003-2005**

State State	Area Planted			Area Harvested		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
AL	3.0	2.3	1.6	1.8	1.3	1.3
AZ	7.6	6.2	4.3	7.6	6.2	4.3
CA	43.3	45.1	41.2	43.0	45.1	41.2
CO	72.8	70.8	63.1	72.1	70.0	62.7
DE	3.7	3.3	3.0	3.6	3.1	2.9
FL	36.1	30.5	29.6	34.4	30.0	29.0
ID	360.0	355.0	325.0	358.0	353.0	323.0
IL	6.5	5.0	4.5	6.1	4.8	4.3
IN ¹	3.8	3.4		3.7	3.2	
KS	2.8	3.5	4.1	2.7	3.4	4.0
ME	66.0	63.5	57.5	65.5	61.5	56.5
MD	4.7	4.7	3.5	4.6	4.6	3.4
MA	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.4
MI	46.0	43.0	44.0	45.5	42.0	43.5
MN	60.0	47.0	46.0	58.0	44.0	43.0
MO	8.0	6.9	6.0	7.1	6.2	5.7
MT	10.7	10.7	11.0	10.6	10.6	10.9
NE	23.5	22.0	19.5	23.2	21.6	19.3
NV	8.3	6.7	5.5	8.0	6.7	5.5
NJ	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.7	2.2	2.1
NM	5.9	5.2	5.3	5.9	5.0	4.8
NY	22.2	20.0	20.5	21.7	19.2	20.1
NC	19.0	17.0	14.5	17.0	13.5	14.0
ND	117.0	105.0	92.0	112.0	101.0	82.0
OH	4.5	3.7	3.7	4.3	3.6	3.6
OR	42.8	37.0	37.3	42.6	37.0	37.1
PA	13.0	12.0	11.5	12.5	11.0	11.0
RI	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
SD ²	1.0			1.0		
TX	22.0	21.4	18.9	20.9	20.1	17.8
UT ²	1.0			1.0		
VA	7.0	6.0	5.0	6.2	5.0	4.9
WA	163.0	160.0	154.0	162.0	159.0	154.0
WI	81.0	71.0	71.0	80.0	70.0	70.0
US	1,272.6	1,193.3	1,108.2	1,248.6	1,166.9	1,084.8

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**Potatoes: Yield and Production by State
and United States, 2003-2005**

State State	Yield ¹			Production		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
AL	185	175	135	333	228	176
AZ	275	285	275	2,090	1,767	1,183
CA	402	392	352	17,295	17,661	14,506
CO	360	368	383	25,956	25,786	24,044
DE	240	260	230	864	806	667
FL	273	308	274	9,400	9,246	7,942
ID	344	374	362	123,180	131,970	116,975
IL	360	415	340	2,196	1,992	1,462
IN ²	250	350		925	1,120	
KS	380	400	360	1,026	1,360	1,440
ME	260	310	280	17,030	19,065	15,820
MD	240	260	250	1,104	1,196	850
MA	265	320	260	716	800	624
MI	330	325	320	15,015	13,650	13,920
MN	385	430	410	22,330	18,920	17,630
MO	265	310	340	1,882	1,922	1,938
MT	315	335	315	3,339	3,551	3,434
NE	420	430	420	9,744	9,288	8,106
NV	415	430	425	3,320	2,881	2,338
NJ	250	270	265	675	594	557
NM	361	412	440	2,132	2,060	2,112
NY	300	270	260	6,510	5,184	5,226
NC	175	200	190	2,975	2,700	2,660
ND	245	265	250	27,440	26,765	20,500
OH	255	300	250	1,097	1,080	900
OR	493	534	594	20,991	19,775	22,023
PA	270	240	250	3,375	2,640	2,750
RI	285	290	210	171	145	105
SD ³	340			340		
TX	312	320	342	6,528	6,429	6,094
UT ³	335			335		
VA	250	240	230	1,550	1,200	1,127
WA	575	590	620	93,150	93,810	95,480
WI	410	435	415	32,800	30,450	29,050
US	367	391	389	457,814	456,041	421,639

¹ Derived

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**Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,
15 Storage States and Fall Season States, 2002-2005 Crop Years**

State	Crop Year	Production	Stocks Dec 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	2002	4,316	3,400	208	16	399	3,901
	2003	3,528	2,700	167	1	343	3,184
	2004	3,648	3,000	202	1	292	3,355
	2005	3,240	1,600				
CO	2002	27,885	20,500	1,724	1,460	2,845	23,580
	2003	23,652	17,500	1,625	1,410	2,507	19,735
	2004	23,791	18,000	1,513	1,300	2,286	20,205
	2005	22,292	16,300				
ID	2002	133,385	92,000	7,920	1,440	8,650	123,295
	2003	123,180	86,000	7,810	1,463	8,900	112,817
	2004	131,970	93,500	7,260	1,250	10,902	119,818
	2005	116,975	84,000				
ME	2002	16,960	12,600	1,386	310	790	15,860
	2003	17,030	13,500	1,245	215	2,430	14,385
	2004	19,065	15,000	1,188	190	4,900	13,975
	2005	15,820	12,900				
MI	2002	13,878	7,900	1,099	205	1,400	12,273
	2003	15,015	9,200	1,060	265	1,680	13,070
	2004	13,650	8,000	860	194	1,656	11,800
	2005	13,920	8,300				
MN	2002	18,810	12,000	1,080	130	1,400	17,280
	2003	22,330	14,000	1,060	130	1,800	20,400
	2004	18,920	13,000	837	100	1,750	17,070
	2005	17,630	13,500				
MT	2002	3,224	3,100	257	145	142	2,937
	2003	3,339	3,100	268	160	270	2,909
	2004	3,551	3,500	264	156	276	3,119
	2005	3,434	3,300				
NE	2002	8,611	5,500	611	149	612	7,850
	2003	9,744	6,500	616	194	840	8,710
	2004	9,288	6,300	532	212	906	8,170
	2005	8,106	5,700				
NY	2002	5,500	2,400	488	100	350	5,050
	2003	6,510	2,700	440	100	520	5,890
	2004	5,184	2,300	451	100	513	4,571
	2005	5,226	3,100				

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**Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,
15 States and Fall Season, 2002-2005 (continued)**

State	Crop Year	Production	Stocks Dec 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	2002	23,460	16,000	2,223	450	2,650	20,360
	2003	27,440	19,400	1,995	390	3,700	23,350
	2004	26,765	19,600	1,755	240	2,825	23,700
	2005	20,500	14,000				
OH ¹	2002	902	85	95	2	11	889
	2003	1,097	300	76	6	40	1,051
	2004	1,080	200	71	6	33	1,041
	2005						
OR	2002	24,936	17,500	1,021	266	1,386	23,284
	2003	20,991	18,000	883	275	1,290	19,426
	2004	19,775	17,000	892	241	1,264	18,270
	2005	22,023	19,000				
PA ¹	2002	2,128	1,300	238	36	78	2,014
	2003	3,375	1,900	228	42	287	3,046
	2004	2,640	1,600	253	39	216	2,385
	2005						
WA	2002	92,340	50,000	3,912	300	6,500	85,540
	2003	93,150	51,000	4,000	280	5,600	87,270
	2004	93,810	50,000	3,850	240	5,600	87,970
	2005	95,480	52,000				
WI	2002	30,750	20,200	1,782	265	1,738	28,747
	2003	32,800	22,100	1,562	300	2,750	29,750
	2004	30,450	20,100	1,420	260	1,985	28,205
	2005	29,050	19,700				
15 Sts ²	2002	407,085	264,485	24,044	5,274	28,951	372,860
	2003	403,181	267,900	23,035	5,231	32,957	364,993
	2004	403,587	271,100	21,348	4,529	35,404	363,654
	2005	373,696	253,400				
Fall Sts	2002	413,581		24,496	5,399	29,386	378,796
	2003	410,588		23,387	5,254	33,579	371,755
	2004	410,253		21,639	4,549	35,923	369,781
	2005	382,525					

¹ Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.

² 13 Storage States starting in 2005.

**Potatoes: Production, Sold, Not Sold, and Kept for Seed,
United States, 2000-2005**

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>
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	26,687
2004	410,253	369,781	90.1	40,472	9.9	24,695
2005	382,525					

Potatoes: Shrinkage and Loss, 15 Fall Storage States, 2002-2005

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>
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	15.5	19.1	22.0	24.8	27.3	29.7	32.5	35.4
2005 ¹	14.0							

¹ 13 Fall Storage States.

2005 Potato Objective Yield Survey

The National Agricultural Statistics Service conducted potato objective yield surveys in the 7 major fall producing States in 2005. These 7 States account for 83 percent of the fall potato production. Sample plots were located in potato fields selected on a random basis using a scientifically designed sampling procedure. Field workers recorded counts and measurements. Survey data from the objective yield counts are presented in the following 2 tables and are provided to show information about the crop and trends in production.

Potatoes: Harvest Loss by Type, Seven Objective Yield States, 2004-2005^{1 2}

State	Crop Year	Reds	Whites	Russets	All Types
		<i>Cwt per Acre</i>	<i>Cwt per Acre</i>	<i>Cwt per Acre</i>	<i>Cwt per Acre</i>
ID	2004			25	25
	2005			28	28
ME	2004		23	30	25
	2005	9	15	15	14
MN	2004	28	21	27	26
	2005	19	10	28	23
ND	2004		21	32	25
	2005	15	17	52	37
OR	2004		14	30	27
	2005		18	27	26
WA	2004		14	26	24
	2005			22	22
WI	2004		10	24	18
	2005		15	12	13

¹ Potatoes left in the field at time of harvest. Based on counts in potato fields selected for postharvest samples.

² Missing data represents insufficient number of samples.

Potatoes: Number of Hills by Type, Seven Objective Yield States, 2004-2005¹

State	Crop Year	Reds		Whites		Russets	
		Number of Samples	Avg No. Hills per Acre	Number of Samples	Avg No. Hills per Acre	Number of Samples	Avg No. Hills per Acre
ID	2004	4	16,372	13	12,747	259	12,628
	2005	5	13,665	9	12,740	265	12,502
ME	2004	6	12,598	77	13,495	62	10,012
	2005	7	13,005	66	12,240	79	9,007
MN	2004	34	13,649	18	11,700	82	12,601
	2005	44	11,272	8	11,011	94	12,589
ND	2004	19	11,435	58	11,134	68	12,007
	2005	20	9,540	40	10,516	101	11,938
OR	2004	3	9,585	19	14,917	79	13,995
	2005	3	15,278	22	13,727	80	13,879
WA	2004	6	17,155	26	16,739	146	15,306
	2005	5	15,184	14	15,193	167	15,009
WI	2004	11	13,513	41	14,554	68	12,559
	2005	15	15,501	33	15,319	80	13,119

¹ Based on row measurements and counts in potato fields selected for objective yield samples.

Potato Size and Grade

Size and grade measurements came from potatoes harvested in the objective yield survey sample plots. Potatoes were harvested from six hills per sample randomly selected in each State using a scientifically designed sampling procedure. Potatoes were sent to laboratories for sizing and grading according to accepted U.S. fresh grading standards. The following tables contain percent measurements as they actually occurred.

Grading Categories of Potatoes ¹

Type and State	No. 1 2 Inch Minimum ²		No. 2 or Processing Usable 1 1/2 Inch Minimum ³		Cull ⁴		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Round Red Potatoes								
MN	81.0	70.7	14.6	20.6	4.4	8.7	100.0	100.0
Round White Potatoes								
ME ⁵	85.5	83.2	7.9	8.1	6.6	8.7	100.0	100.0
ND ⁶	86.4		8.8		4.8		100.0	
WI	80.0	75.5	19.9	24.1	0.1	0.4	100.0	100.0
Long Potatoes: (Russet and Shepody)								
ID ⁷	78.6	74.8	20.9	24.0	0.5	1.2	100.0	100.0
ME ⁵	70.2	74.8	12.4	15.3	17.4	9.9	100.0	100.0
MN	77.0	72.2	19.9	22.2	3.1	5.6	100.0	100.0
ND	77.8	72.1	17.5	19.0	4.7	8.9	100.0	100.0
OR	78.2	77.7	21.2	21.2	0.6	1.1	100.0	100.0
WA	82.6	81.7	16.7	17.1	0.7	1.2	100.0	100.0
WI	79.9	81.3	20.0	18.6	0.1	0.1	100.0	100.0

¹ Gross yield basis.

² Potatoes which meet the requirements for US #1, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

³ Potatoes which meet the requirements for US #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

⁴ Potatoes not meeting the requirements for US #1 or US #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

⁵ Percent of net yield - adjusted for field loss.

⁶ For 2005, data were not published due to insufficient number of samples.

⁷ Russets only.

Round Potatoes: Size Categories ¹

Type State and Year	1 1/2	1 7/8	2	2 1/4	2 1/2	3 1/2	4 Inch and over	Total
	Inches							
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
2004								
Red Potatoes								
MN	6.9	6.1	14.5	18.6	52.5	1.4		100.0
White Potatoes								
ME ²	1.7	3.0	9.8	16.2	63.2	5.7	0.4	100.0
ND	4.1	3.8	11.0	19.3	55.0	5.6	1.2	100.0
WI	3.6	2.8	8.9	13.7	64.7	5.6	0.7	100.0
2005								
Red Potatoes								
MN	6.3	5.1	14.4	19.7	52.1	2.1	0.3	100.0
White Potatoes								
ME ²	2.3	2.8	8.7	15.2	61.5	8.5	1.0	100.0
ND ³								
WI	3.4	2.4	8.9	12.0	63.1	9.9	0.3	100.0

¹ Gross yield basis.

² Percent of net yield - adjusted for field loss.

³ For 2005, data were not published due to insufficient number of samples.

Maine Long Potatoes (Russet & Shepody): Size Categories ¹

Crop Year	1 1/2 -1 7/8	1 7/8 -2	2 in. or 4-6	6-8	8-10	10-12	12-14	14 and Over	Total
	Inches			Ounce					
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
2004	2.8	3.7	26.5	21.0	15.2	10.3	6.0	14.5	100.0
2005	4.4	3.9	31.3	18.4	15.7	10.0	5.9	10.4	100.0

¹ Percent of net yield - adjusted for field loss.

Long Potatoes (Russet & Shepody): Size Categories ¹

State and Year	1 1/2 -1 5/8	1 5/8 -1 7/8	1 7/8 -2	2 in. or 4-6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 and Over	Total
	Inches				Ounce									
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
2004														
ID ²	1.8	6.7	4.9	26.8	9.2	8.7	7.8	6.1	5.2	4.4	3.5	2.7	12.2	100.0
MN	1.8	8.8	7.2	35.0	11.6	9.9	7.8	4.9	3.8	2.4	1.9	1.1	3.8	100.0
ND	1.1	6.9	5.5	26.1	10.7	9.9	8.7	6.7	5.9	3.7	3.6	2.3	8.9	100.0
OR	1.8	4.3	3.1	20.2	9.3	9.4	8.5	8.0	6.3	5.4	4.4	2.9	16.4	100.0
WA	0.9	3.7	3.0	21.7	10.0	9.0	8.2	7.0	6.3	5.7	4.8	4.0	15.7	100.0
WI	4.5	4.3	5.9	32.4	12.2	9.7	8.2	6.5	3.9	3.7	2.4	2.1	4.2	100.0
2005														
ID ²	1.9	7.2	4.2	25.6	9.2	8.9	7.7	6.7	5.6	4.5	4.0	2.6	11.9	100.0
MN	1.8	8.0	5.6	29.3	11.7	10.3	8.0	6.4	4.6	4.4	2.9	2.0	5.0	100.0
ND	1.4	6.7	4.5	25.3	11.2	11.1	8.0	7.7	4.9	4.6	3.8	2.4	8.4	100.0
OR	2.0	4.8	3.4	23.8	9.0	9.1	8.2	7.4	5.4	4.7	4.3	3.3	14.6	100.0
WA	0.8	3.4	2.5	22.5	8.6	9.4	7.9	7.3	6.3	5.2	5.1	3.8	17.2	100.0
WI	1.1	5.9	4.8	27.2	10.0	9.3	8.5	7.0	5.8	4.8	4.1	3.0	8.5	100.0

¹ Gross yield basis.

² Russets only.

**Fall Potatoes: Farm Marketings, Selected States,
2002-2004 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	2002				11	11	11	10	10	10	13	8	9	7
	2003				13	12	15	14	9	8	10	7	12	
	2004				8	9	21	13	8	14	12	7	8	
CO	2002			4	9	10	10	11	9	11	11	10	7	8
	2003			6	8	9	10	11	9	12	14	8	7	6
	2004			5	7	9	10	10	8	12	10	11	11	7
ID	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
	2004		6	9	10	11	7	6	6	9	10	9	10	7
ME	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
	2004		1	9	6	7	10	10	10	11	15	10	7	4
MI	2002	4	7	11	12	13	8	6	8	12	13	6		
	2003	1	7	8	11	11	11	10	8	13	12	8		
	2004	1	10	11	11	12	12	11	8	10	9	5		
MN	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
	2004		9	8	8	6	6	7	8	13	7	9	10	9
NY	2002		8	17	16	14	11	14	10	7	3			
	2003		1	8	29	20	17	8	7	6	4			
	2004		4	16	19	16	13	10	9	8	5			
ND	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
	2004		1	20	9	6	6	8	7	11	11	7	8	6
OR	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
	2004		12	11	16	8	6	4	9	10	9	8	4	3
PA	2002		18	14	17	14	10	9	6	5	4	3		
	2003		15	18	14	11	10	10	9	6	5	2		
	2004	1	18	16	15	8	15	8	6	5	6	2		
WA	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
	2004		18	14	21	6	5	5	7	6	6	6	5	1
WI	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	
	2004		6	14	12	12	9	9	9	11	10	6	2	
US	2002		8	10	13	10	7	8	8	9	9	9	6	3
	2003		7	10	14	10	8	7	8	9	10	9	5	3
	2004		9	11	13	9	7	7	7	9	9	8	7	4

December Potato Stocks Down 6 Percent from Last Year

The 13 major potato States held 253 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2005, down 6 percent from last year and 5 percent below December 1, 2003, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 68 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent red, 12 percent round white, 2 percent long white (Shepody), and 83 percent russets, with fewer long whites and more round whites and russets than a year ago for comparable States.

Disappearance of 120 million cwt from the start of harvest to December 1, is down 8 percent from last year and 10 percent below 2 years ago for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 14.0 million cwt, is down 9 percent from last year and 6 percent below the same date in 2003 for comparable States.

Processors have used 65.9 million cwt of 2005 crop potatoes so far this season, down 7 percent from a year ago and 9 percent below 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, total processing decreased 7 percent from a year ago and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing dropped 6 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 12.2 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year and 14 percent below the same date in 2003.

Western States held 176 million cwt of potatoes in storage on December 1, down 5 percent from last year and 1 percent below 2 years ago. Idaho's potato stocks are down 10 percent from last year, Colorado's potato sheds stored 9 percent less than in 2004, stocks in Montana are 6 percent below last season, and California's stocks decreased 47 percent from last year. Oregon's potato stocks are up 12 percent from last year and Washington's potato sheds stored 4 percent more than last season.

Central States accounted for 61.2 million cwt of potato stocks on December 1, down 9 percent from last year and 14 percent below 2 years ago for comparable States. Wisconsin's potato stocks are down 2 percent from last year, North Dakota's potato sheds are 29 percent below last season, and Nebraska's stocks decreased 10 percent from December 1, 2004. Michigan and Minnesota's potato sheds both stored 4 percent more than last year.

Eastern States stored 16.0 million cwt of potatoes on December 1, down 8 percent from last year and 1 percent below 2 years ago for comparable States. Maine's potato sheds hold 14 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks increased 35 percent from a year ago.

Fall Potato Production Virtually Unchanged from November

Production of fall potatoes for 2005 is forecast at 383 million cwt, virtually unchanged from last month but down 7 percent from last year for comparable States. Indiana was dropped from the program in 2005. Area harvested, at 952,300 acres, is up less than 1 percent from November but 7 percent below last year. The average yield is forecast at a record high 402 cwt per acre, unchanged from last month but 1 cwt above the previous record set last year.

Western States production is forecast at 268 million cwt, up less than 1 percent from the November forecast but down 5 percent from last year. Acreage harvested, at 600,400 acres, decreased 7 percent from last year but the average yield of 446 cwt per acre is up 8 cwt from 2004. Growing conditions through out the Western States were generally favorable. Idaho's potato production, forecast at 117 million cwt, is 11 percent below last year and the lowest since 1989. Planted and harvested acres in Idaho are the lowest since 1986. Yield in Washington, is forecast at 620 cwt, 30 cwt above last year. If realized this will be a record high yield, exceeding the previous record established in 2000 by 20 cwt. Production, at 95.5 million cwt, is 2 percent above last year. Colorado's production is expected to decrease 6 percent from 2004 but yields are up 15 cwt per acre. A long growing season and adequate irrigation water allowed potatoes to size larger. Oregon's production is forecast to be up 11 percent due to the record high yield of 594 cwt per acre, 51 cwt above the previous record high established in 2000. In Montana, production is expected to be down 3 percent but the crop quality is reported to be good. In California, production is forecast to be down 11 percent. Cool weather in late spring and early summer led to smaller potatoes and lower yields. Nevada growers expect a 19 percent decrease in production. New Mexico's production is expected to be up 23 percent from last year. This increase is due to the inclusion of summer potatoes into New Mexico's fall potato forecast in 2005. All potato production for New Mexico is forecast up 3 percent.

Central States production is forecast at 90.1 million cwt, down less than 1 percent from the November forecast and 10 percent below last year for comparable States. Harvested area, estimated at 261,400 acres, is up less than 1 percent from November but 7 percent below a year ago for comparable States. Average yields, at 345 cwt per acre, are down 1 cwt from last month and 10 cwt below a year ago. Wisconsin growers are expecting production to decrease 5 percent from last year. This decrease is due to fewer potatoes per hill resulting in a 20 cwt per acre drop in yield. North Dakota's production is forecast to be down 23 percent due in part to a 19 percent decrease in harvested acres. Flooding in the major potato producing region caused growers to abandon a larger amount of acres than normal. Yields are also expected to be down from last year. Minnesota production is forecast to be 7 percent below last year. In Nebraska, production is expected to be down 13 percent. Ohio production is expected to be 17 percent below last year due to a 50 cwt per acre decrease in yield. Michigan is the only State in the Central Region where production is expected to increase, 2 percent above last year. Good weather throughout the growing season provided excellent planting and growing conditions. Decent fall weather allowed harvest to progress at a normal pace and led to good storage conditions.

Eastern States production is forecast at 24.5 million cwt, virtually unchanged from the November forecast but down 12 percent from last year. Area for harvest totaled 90,500 acres, unchanged from last month but 4 percent below last year. Average yield, at 271 cwt per acre, is unchanged from November but 23 cwt below last season. Drought conditions during the summer in Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island reduced yields. A 17 percent decrease in production from last year is expected in Maine, 22 percent in Massachusetts, and 28 percent for Rhode Island. New York growers expect a 1 percent increase in production and a 4 percent increase is expected in Pennsylvania from the previous season.

Reliability of December 1 Stocks Estimates

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the December 1 stocks estimate, the "Root Mean Square Error," a statistical measure based on past performance, is computed. The deviation between the December 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 December 1 stocks estimate is 2.4 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 253 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 2.4 percent or approximately 6.1 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 4.1 percent or approximately 10.4 million cwt.

The 10-year (1995-2004) record of differences between the December 1 stocks estimates and the final estimates averaged 2.4 million cwt, ranging from 7.8 million cwt above the final to 4.7 million cwt below the final. During the 10-year period, the December 1 estimate has been below the final estimate 6 years and above 4 years.

Reliability of December 1 Fall Potato Estimates

Estimate	Root Mean Square Error		Ten Year Record of Difference Between Dec 1 and Final Estimate					
	Percent	90% Confidence Level		Quantity			Number of Years	
		Percent	Quantity	Avg	Small	Large	Below Final	Above Final
		<i>Million Cwt</i>	<i>Million Cwt</i>	<i>Million Cwt</i>	<i>Million Cwt</i>	<i>Million Cwt</i>		
Stocks	2.4	4.1	10.39	2.36	0.11	7.77	6	4
Production	1.6	2.7	10.33	2.81	0.40	6.56	7	3

Fall Potato Stocks: Preliminary and Final December 1 Stocks, United States, 1995-2005

Crop Year	Preliminary Stocks	% of Final	Final Stocks
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
1995	252,030	98.2	256,710
1996	291,650	98.8	295,100
1997	274,250	98.4	278,830
1998	281,020	100.0	280,910
1999	274,870	99.9	275,100
2000	309,520	99.7	310,300
2001	266,520	103.0	258,750
2002	265,190	100.3	264,485
2003	267,160	99.7	267,900
2004	271,600	100.2	271,100
2005	253,400		

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