

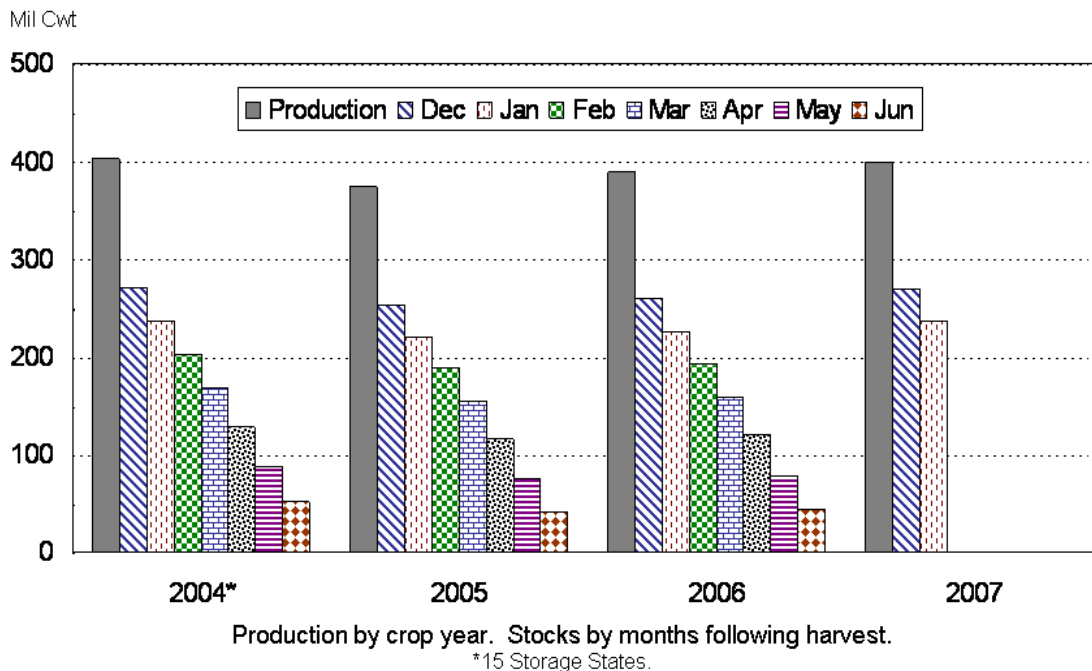
# Potato Stocks

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## Potato Stocks Up 5 Percent from Last Year

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## Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 13 Storage States



**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 13 Major States, 1998-2007**

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>
1998 <sup>1</sup>	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999 <sup>1</sup>	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000 <sup>1</sup>	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001 <sup>1</sup>	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002 <sup>1</sup>	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003 <sup>1</sup>	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 <sup>1</sup>	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	374,298	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,272	259,300	226,100	192,600	159,700	121,000	79,050	44,460
2007 <sup>2</sup>	400,085	270,100	237,500					

<sup>1</sup> 15 major States.

<sup>2</sup> December 1, 2007, stocks revised.

**Potatoes: Quantity Used for Processing, 9 States, 2005-2007 <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>
ID & OR-Mal								
2005	22,840	29,300	35,970	43,300	50,820	57,830	65,030	77,360
2006	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
2007	26,230	33,260						
ME <sup>2</sup>								
2005	1,365	1,880	2,485	3,090	3,800	4,450	5,130	6,825
2006	1,755	2,360	2,910	3,465	4,185	4,810	5,470	7,560
2007 <sup>3</sup>	1,700	2,170						
WA & OR-Oth								
2005	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855	69,360	78,550
2006	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
2007	28,995	34,675						
Other Sts <sup>4</sup>								
2005	11,055	14,070	17,005	19,895	22,520	25,270	27,740	35,535
2006	14,270	17,695	21,290	24,545	28,040	31,370	34,830	43,315
2007 <sup>3</sup>	15,040	17,560						
Total								
2005	65,570	81,145	96,005	114,575	132,460	149,405	167,260	198,270
2006	74,095	91,185	107,740	126,880	145,565	163,030	181,930	213,860
2007 <sup>3</sup>	71,965	87,665						
Dehydrated <sup>5</sup>								
2005	11,920	15,655	19,225	22,765	26,605	30,065	34,130	41,630
2006	14,590	19,250	23,635	27,885	32,210	36,480	40,915	49,370
2007 <sup>3</sup>	12,660	16,680						

<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 and WI.

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

<sup>3</sup> December revised.

<sup>4</sup> CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

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

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 13 Major States,  
January 1, 2007-2008<sup>1</sup>**

State	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007			
	Prod	Stocks Jan 1, 2007	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Dec 1, 2007	Stocks Jan 1, 2008	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	3,870	1,500	39	4,223	2,000	1,600	38
CO	22,686	15,200	67	20,981	15,200	13,200	63
ID	128,915	80,000	62	131,650	94,000	84,000	64
ME	17,980	12,800	71	16,530	12,700	11,300	68
MI	14,190	6,300	44	14,700	9,500	7,400	50
MN	20,400	11,600	57	20,680	13,500	11,500	56
MT	3,518	3,300	94	3,696	3,600	3,500	95
NE <sup>2</sup>	8,730	4,900	56	8,051	5,300	4,500	56
NY	5,700	2,200	39	5,216	2,800	1,900	36
ND	25,480	15,000	59	23,660	14,500	12,500	53
OR	18,533	13,900	75	20,238	18,000	16,100	80
WA	89,900	42,500	47	102,300	60,000	54,000	53
WI	29,370	16,900	58	28,160	19,000	16,000	57
13 States <sup>2</sup>	389,272	226,100	58	400,085	270,100	237,500	59
Klamath Basin <sup>3</sup>		3,400			4,200	3,400	

<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 2007 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

<sup>2</sup> December 1, 2007, stocks revised.

<sup>3</sup> Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. OR.

**Fall Potatoes: Stocks by Type as Percent of Total Stocks,  
10 Selected States, January 1, 2007-2008**

State	Potato Types														
	Reds			Round Whites			Long Whites			Yellows <sup>1</sup>			Russets		
	Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008
<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>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	3	4	4	13	3	3					11	11	84	82	82
ID	2	2	2				2	3	3		1	1	96	94	94
ME	2	3	3	39	42	43	1	1	1		2	2	58	52	51
MI		1	1	90	86	86					1	1	10	12	12
MN	11	12	12	4	8	5	2						83	80	83
NY	5	16	16	90	69	69					13	13	5	2	2
ND <sup>2</sup>	15	14	13	15	14	13	2	4	4		1	1	68	67	69
OR	1	1	1	2	4	6	2	2	1		1	1	95	92	91
WA	2	3	3		4	4	3	7	7		1	1	95	85	85
WI	3	4	2	33	34	33							64	62	65
10 St Avg	3	4	4	11	11	10	2	3	3		2	2	84	80	81

<sup>1</sup> Estimates began in December 2007.

<sup>2</sup> December 2007 Revised.

**Fall Potatoes: Production, January 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,  
13 Storage States and Fall Season States, 2004-2007 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	2004	3,648	2,300	213	1	292	3,355
	2005	3,306	1,300	249		331	2,975
	2006	3,870	1,500	210		480	3,390
	2007	4,223	1,600				
CO	2004	23,791	15,800	1,513	1,300	2,286	20,205
	2005	22,910	15,000	1,498	1,200	1,650	20,060
	2006	22,686	15,200	1,480	1,140	2,056	19,490
	2007	20,981	13,200				
ID	2004	131,970	84,500	7,150	1,250	10,902	119,818
	2005	118,288	75,500	7,370	1,230	7,800	109,258
	2006	128,915	80,000	7,875	1,188	8,200	119,527
	2007	131,650	84,000				
ME	2004	19,065	12,800	1,231	190	4,900	13,975
	2005	15,455	11,200	1,264	242	1,183	14,030
	2006	17,980	12,800	1,236	228	1,482	16,270
	2007	16,530	11,300				
MI	2004	13,650	6,300	860	194	1,656	11,800
	2005	13,910	6,200	1,044	182	1,728	12,000
	2006	14,190	6,300	961	180	1,800	12,210
	2007	14,700	7,400				
MN	2004	18,920	11,600	837	100	1,750	17,070
	2005	17,630	11,100	1,040	140	1,600	15,890
	2006	20,400	11,600	1,190	250	1,700	18,450
	2007	20,680	11,500				
MT	2004	3,551	3,400	257	156	276	3,119
	2005	3,445	3,300	244	156	210	3,079
	2006	3,518	3,300	270	180	130	3,208
	2007	3,696	3,500				
NE	2004	9,288	5,300	519	212	906	8,170
	2005	8,245	4,700	515	231	834	7,180
	2006	8,730	4,900	521	200	775	7,755
	2007	8,051	4,500				
NY	2004	5,184	1,600	451	100	513	4,571
	2005	5,226	2,200	453	100	491	4,635
	2006	5,700	2,200	460	100	480	5,120
	2007	5,216	1,900				

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**Fall Potatoes: Production, January 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,  
13 Storage States and Fall Season States, 2004-2007 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	2004	26,765	17,500	1,794	240	2,825	23,700
	2005	20,500	11,500	1,900	240	1,810	18,450
	2006	25,480	15,000	1,853	240	2,290	22,950
	2007	23,660	12,500				
OH <sup>1</sup>	2004	1,080	100	73	6	33	1,041
	2005						
	2006						
	2007						
OR	2004	19,775	14,500	955	241	1,264	18,270
	2005	22,023	16,500	837	255	1,392	20,376
	2006	18,533	13,900	880	260	1,020	17,253
	2007	20,238	16,100				
PA <sup>1</sup>	2004	2,640	1,100	253	39	216	2,385
	2005						
	2006						
	2007						
WA	2004	93,810	43,000	3,850	240	5,600	87,970
	2005	95,480	46,500	3,900	240	6,000	89,240
	2006	89,900	42,500	4,290	240	5,500	84,160
	2007	102,300	54,000				
WI	2004	30,450	16,900	1,360	260	1,985	28,205
	2005	27,880	15,500	1,452	300	1,380	26,200
	2006	29,370	16,900	1,430	245	1,925	27,200
	2007	28,160	16,000				
13 States <sup>2</sup>	2004	403,587	236,700	21,316	4,529	35,404	363,654
	2005	374,298	220,500	21,766	4,516	26,409	343,373
	2006	389,272	226,100	22,656	4,451	27,838	356,983
	2007	400,085	237,500				
Fall States	2004	410,253		21,593	4,549	35,923	369,781
	2005	382,743		22,415	4,545	27,115	351,083
	2006	398,921		23,337	4,482	28,576	365,863
	2007	409,082					
Klamath Basin <sup>3</sup>	2004						
	2005						
	2006		3,400				
	2007		3,400				

<sup>1</sup> Stock estimates discontinued in 2005.

<sup>2</sup> 15 storage States in 2004.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates began in December 2006. Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. OR.

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 91.1 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage, loss, and home use account for the remaining 8.9 percent.

**Potatoes: Production, Sold, Not Sold, and Kept for Seed,  
United States, 2002-2007**

Crop Year	Fall Potatoes					Amount Used for Seed All Seasons Following Year
	Production	Sold	Sold as % of Production	Not Sold	Not Sold as % of Production	
	<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>
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	24,768
2005	382,743	351,083	91.7	31,660	8.3	25,659
2006	398,921	365,863	91.7	33,058	8.3	26,437
2007	409,082					

**Potatoes: Shrinkage and Loss, 13 Fall Storage States, 2004-2007**

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>
2004 <sup>1</sup>	15.5	19.1	22.0	24.8	27.3	29.7	32.5	35.4
2005	12.7	15.0	16.8	18.4	20.2	22.0	23.7	26.4
2006	13.2	16.1	18.4	20.4	22.3	24.0	25.5	27.8
2007	13.9	16.0						

<sup>1</sup> 15 fall storage States.

**Fall Potatoes: Farm Marketings, Selected States and United States,  
2004-2006 Marketing Years**

State	Marketing 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	2004				8	9	21	13	8	14	12	7	8	
	2005				4	14	22	10	11	12	12	8	7	
	2006				9	15	11	15	10	11	12	9	5	3
CO	2004			5	7	9	10	10	8	12	10	11	11	7
	2005			5	8	10	10	10	8	11	10	12	10	6
	2006			6	7	9	9	10	9	10	11	11	11	7
ID	2004		6	9	10	11	7	6	6	9	10	9	10	7
	2005		2	11	13	8	7	8	7	11	10	10	6	7
	2006		3	11	12	8	7	8	8	10	10	9	7	7
ME	2004		1	9	6	7	10	10	10	11	15	10	7	4
	2005			5	11	8	9	10	9	12	15	10	6	5
	2006			8	7	8	9	9	8	13	13	12	7	6
MI	2004	1	10	11	11	12	12	11	8	10	9	5		
	2005	1	8	11	13	12	12	12	10	10	8	3		
	2006	1	9	12	13	12	12	12	7	11	7	4		
MN	2004		9	8	8	6	6	7	8	13	7	9	10	9
	2005		7	6	4	7	15	12	12	14	9	3	6	5
	2006	5	8	7	7	7	7	8	9	11	10	10	11	
NY	2004		4	16	19	16	13	10	9	8	5			
	2005		2	14	14	12	13	10	12	14	7	2		
	2006		4	15	14	12	14	16	7	10	4	4		
ND	2004		1	20	9	6	6	8	7	11	11	7	8	6
	2005		2	25	13	5	9	9	9	8	10	7	2	1
	2006		3	27	11	6	6	11	5	7	10	9	4	1
OR	2004		12	11	16	8	6	4	9	10	9	8	4	3
	2005		17	10	13	5	7	5	8	9	10	8	4	4
	2006		12	10	13	5	7	7	7	10	10	8	7	4
PA <sup>1</sup>	2004	1	18	16	15	8	15	8	6	5	6	2		
	2005													
	2006													
WA	2004		18	14	21	6	5	5	7	6	6	6	5	1
	2005		14	13	23	7	6	4	6	7	7	7	5	1
	2006		15	11	25	7	6	5	7	6	6	6	5	1
WI	2004		6	14	12	12	9	9	9	11	10	6	2	
	2005	1	6	16	11	10	10	9	9	10	8	8	2	
	2006	1	6	15	10	10	10	9	9	11	10	6	3	
US	2004		9	11	13	9	7	7	7	9	9	8	7	4
	2005		7	12	14	8	8	7	8	10	9	8	5	4
	2006		7	12	14	8	7	8	8	9	9	8	6	4

<sup>1</sup> Farm marketing estimates discontinued in 2005.

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Disappearance of 163 million cwt from the start of harvest to January 1 is down slightly from last year but up 6 percent from 2007. Shrink and loss, at 16.0 million cwt, is down 1 percent from the previous year but 7 percent above the same date in 2006.

Processors have used 87.7 million cwt of 2007 crop potatoes so far this season, down 4 percent from a year ago but 8 percent above 2 years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon total processing decreased 2 percent from a year ago, Maine's total processing was 8 percent below the same date in 2007, and Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing was down 6 percent from last season. Dehydrating usage accounts for 16.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year but 7 percent above the same date in 2006.

Western States held 172 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, up 10 percent from last year and 9 percent above 2006. Idaho's potato stocks are up 5 percent from last year, Washington's potato sheds held 27 percent more than last year, and Oregon's stocks increased 16 percent from last season. Montana's potato sheds held 6 percent more stocks than last year and California's potato stocks increased 7 percent from last season. Colorado's potato stocks declined 13 percent from last year.

Central States accounted for 51.9 million cwt of potato stocks on January 1, down 5 percent from last year but 6 percent above the same date in 2006. Wisconsin's potato stocks declined 5 percent from last year, North Dakota's sheds held 17 percent less, and potato stocks in Minnesota are 1 percent below last season. Nebraska's potato stocks decreased 8 percent from the same date in 2007. Michigan's potato sheds held 17 percent more than a year ago.

Eastern States stored 13.2 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, down 12 percent from last year and 1 percent below January 1, 2007. Maine's potato sheds held 12 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks declined 14 percent from a year ago.



## 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 238 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 2.7 percent or approximately 6.41 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 4.6 percent or approximately 10.9 million cwt.

The 20-year (1987-2006) record of differences between the January 1 stocks estimates and the final estimates averaged 4.26 million cwt, ranging from 8.74 million cwt above the final to 14.3 million cwt below the final. During the 20-year period, the January 1 estimate has been below the final estimate 16 years and above 4 years.

**Fall Potato Stocks: Preliminary and Final January 1 Stocks,  
United States, 1997-2007**

Crop Year	Preliminary Stocks	% of Final	Final Stocks
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
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	100.3	231,490
2003	233,880	100.1	233,590
2004	238,220	100.6	236,700
2005	218,900	99.3	220,500
2006	220,000	97.3	226,100
2007	237,500		

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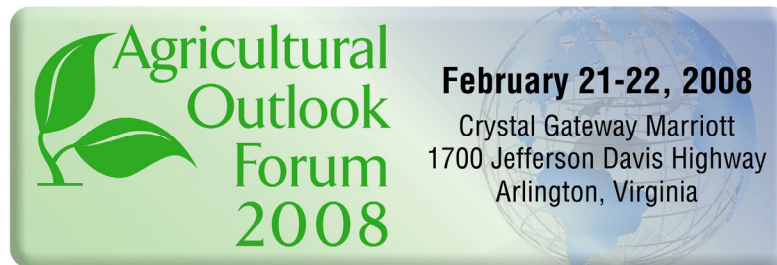
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