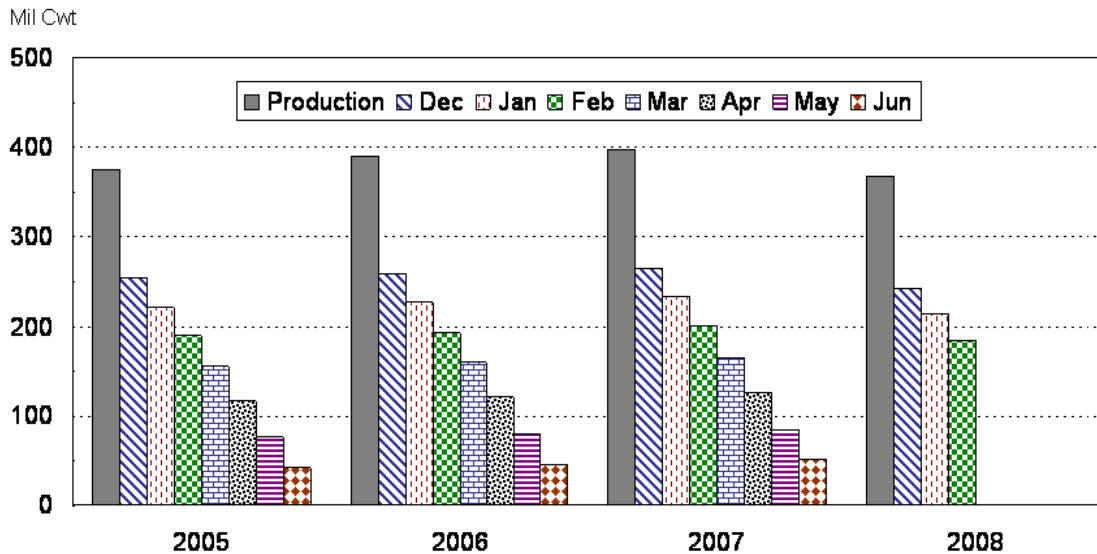


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Potato Stocks Down 8 Percent From February 2008

The 13 major potato States held 183 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2009, down 8 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below February 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 50 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, unchanged from February 1, 2008. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.80 million cwt on February 1, 2009, up 4 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 185 million cwt, was 7 percent below February 1, 2008 and 6 percent below 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 16.9 million cwt, was down 8 percent from the same date in both 2008 and 2007. Processors in the 9 major States have used 99.2 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 7 percent from the same period last year and down 8 percent from 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 18.4 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year and 22 percent below the same period in 2007.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 13 Storage States



Production by crop year. Stocks by months following harvest.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 13 Major States, 1999-2008

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 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>
1999 ¹	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000 ¹	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001 ¹	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002 ¹	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003 ¹	403,566	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 ¹	404,017	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	375,118	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,527	258,900	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,460
2007	397,753	265,500	232,300	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,960	50,420
2008 ²	367,715	243,300	212,800	183,200				

¹ 15 major States.

² January 1, 2009 stocks revised.

Potatoes: Quantity Used for Processing, 9 States, 2006-2008 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								
2006	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
2007	26,230	33,250	40,310	48,660	55,460	63,000	70,700	88,030
2008	22,360	28,980	35,430					
ME ²								
2006	1,785	2,390	2,940	3,490	4,215	4,840	5,500	7,675
2007	1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,990	4,670	5,240	7,550
2008	1,635	2,240	2,890					
WA & OR-Oth								
2006	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
2007	30,595	36,940	42,350	50,165	57,160	67,690	72,380	82,770
2008	32,570	37,750	42,490					
Other Sts ³								
2006	14,355	17,800	21,415	24,690	28,205	31,560	35,040	43,565
2007	15,040	17,535	20,755	23,900	26,650	29,710	32,600	39,430
2008 ⁴	12,535	15,190	18,360					
Total								
2006	74,210	91,320	107,895	127,050	145,760	163,250	182,170	214,225
2007	73,565	89,895	106,230	126,165	143,260	165,070	180,920	217,780
2008 ⁴	69,100	84,160	99,170					
Dehydrated ⁵								
2006	14,590	19,250	23,635	27,885	32,210	36,480	40,915	49,375
2007	12,815	16,785	21,040	25,350	29,500	33,650	37,975	46,660
2008 ⁶	10,745	14,570	18,410					

¹ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced.

² Includes Maine grown potatoes only. Amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips.

³ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. Monthly amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips in WI.

⁴ December and January revised.

⁵ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes CO, ID, NV, OR, WA, and WI.

⁶ January revised.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks, 13 Major States,
February 1, 2008-2009 ¹**

State	Crop of 2007			Crop of 2008			
	Prod	Stocks Feb 1, 2008	% of Prod	Prod	Stocks Jan 1, 2009	Stocks Feb 1, 2009	Feb % 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	3,792	1,400	37	3,939	1,500	1,300	33
CO	20,981	11,200	53	21,338	14,500	12,500	59
ID	130,010	71,500	55	114,805	73,500	64,000	56
ME	16,668	9,700	58	14,769	10,000	8,500	58
MI	14,700	5,300	36	14,875	6,500	5,000	34
MN ²	21,560	9,900	46	20,400	11,800	10,600	52
MT	3,696	3,400	92	3,465	3,300	3,200	92
NE ²	8,217	3,700	45	8,342	4,700	4,000	48
NY	5,216	1,600	31	5,696	1,800	1,200	21
ND	23,660	10,000	42	22,680	12,500	10,300	45
OR	20,293	13,900	68	18,676	14,100	12,000	64
WA	100,800	43,800	43	93,000	43,800	38,600	42
WI	28,160	13,900	49	25,730	14,800	12,000	47
13 States	397,753	199,300	50	367,715	212,800	183,200	50
Klamath Basin ³		2,700			3,300	2,800	

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2008 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

² January 1, 2009 stocks revised.

³ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR. Included in the 13 State total.

**Fall Potatoes: Stocks by Type as Percent of Total Stocks,
10 Selected States, February 1, 2008-2009**

State	Potato Types														
	Reds			Round Whites			Long Whites			Yellows			Russets		
	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009
<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	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	1.0				11.0	11.0	11.0	82.0	85.0	85.0
ID	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	95.0	95.0	95.0
ME	2.0	2.0	2.0	40.0	41.0	37.0				2.0	3.0	2.0	56.0	54.0	59.0
MI	1.0	1.0	1.0	86.0	87.0	85.0				1.0	1.0	1.0	12.0	11.0	13.0
MN	10.0	8.0	7.0	5.0	2.0	2.0					1.0	1.0	85.0	89.0	90.0
NY	16.0	4.0	4.0	69.0	92.0	93.0				13.0	4.0	3.0	2.0		
ND	13.0	14.0	13.0	10.0	7.0	6.0	4.0	8.0	7.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	72.0	70.0	73.0
OR	1.0	1.0	2.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	1.0	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	91.0	91.0	92.0
WA	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	11.0	11.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	85.0	80.0	80.0
WI	1.0	4.0	5.0	31.0	15.0	15.0				1.0			67.0	81.0	80.0
10 St Avg	3.0	3.4	3.4	9.0	9.2	8.3	3.0	3.3	3.2	2.0	1.8	1.7	83.0	82.3	83.4

**Fall Potatoes: Production, February 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,
13 Storage States and All Fall Season States, 2005-2008 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	2005	3,306	1,100	249		331	2,975
	2006	3,870	1,300	221		480	3,390
	2007	3,792	1,400	279		372	3,420
	2008	3,939	1,300				
CO	2005	22,910	12,900	1,498	1,200	1,650	20,060
	2006	22,686	13,100	1,480	1,140	2,056	19,490
	2007	20,981	11,200	1,482	1,060	2,236	17,685
	2008	21,338	12,500				
ID	2005	118,288	66,000	7,370	1,230	7,800	109,258
	2006	128,915	70,000	7,875	1,188	8,200	119,527
	2007	130,010	71,500	6,930	945	8,700	120,365
	2008	114,805	64,000				
ME	2005	15,455	9,700	1,264	242	1,183	14,030
	2006	17,385	10,900	1,228	228	1,227	15,930
	2007	16,668	9,700	1,183	195	633	15,840
	2008	14,769	8,500				
MI	2005	13,910	4,500	1,044	182	1,728	12,000
	2006	14,190	4,600	961	180	1,800	12,210
	2007	14,700	5,300	1,046	185	1,815	12,700
	2008	14,875	5,000				
MN	2005	18,450	9,000	1,081	151	1,670	16,629
	2006	21,250	10,000	1,238	261	1,770	19,219
	2007	21,560	9,900	946	117	1,165	20,278
	2008	20,400	10,600				
MT	2005	3,445	3,300	244	156	210	3,079
	2006	3,518	3,200	283	187	123	3,208
	2007	3,696	3,400	273	172	227	3,297
	2008	3,465	3,200				
NE	2005	8,245	3,900	515	231	834	7,180
	2006	8,730	4,000	533	205	770	7,755
	2007	8,217	3,700	497	186	716	7,315
	2008	8,342	4,000				
NY	2005	5,226	1,700	453	100	491	4,635
	2006	5,700	1,400	437	100	480	5,120
	2007	5,216	1,600	432	94	370	4,752
	2008	5,696	1,200				

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**Fall Potatoes: Production, February 1 Stocks, and Farm Disposition,
13 Storage States and All Fall Season States, 2005-2008 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	2005	20,500	9,400	1,900	240	1,810	18,450
	2006	25,480	12,000	1,892	240	2,290	22,950
	2007	23,660	10,000	1,577	240	2,220	21,200
	2008	22,680	10,300				
OR	2005	22,023	14,500	837	255	1,392	20,376
	2006	18,533	11,700	880	260	1,020	17,253
	2007	20,293	13,900	863	197	1,220	18,876
	2008	18,676	12,000				
WA	2005	95,480	40,500	3,900	240	6,000	89,240
	2006	89,900	36,500	4,160	240	5,500	84,160
	2007	100,800	43,800	3,875	236	6,400	94,164
	2008	93,000	38,600				
WI	2005	27,880	12,600	1,452	300	1,380	26,200
	2006	29,370	13,500	1,419	245	1,925	27,200
	2007	28,160	13,900	1,548	250	1,505	26,405
	2008	25,730	12,000				
13 States	2005	375,118	189,100	21,807	4,527	26,479	344,112
	2006	389,527	192,200	22,607	4,474	27,641	357,412
	2007	397,753	199,300	20,931	3,877	27,579	366,297
	2008	367,715	183,200				
Fall States	2005	383,563		22,456	4,556	27,185	351,822
	2006	399,176		23,289	4,505	28,379	366,292
	2007	406,800		21,560	3,901	28,282	374,617
	2008	376,386					
Klamath Basin ¹	2005						
	2006						
	2007		2,700				
	2008		2,800				

¹ 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 91.3 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage, loss, and home use account for the remaining 8.7 percent.

**Potatoes: Production, Sold, Not Sold, and Kept for Seed,
United States, 2003-2008**

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>
2003	410,973	372,107	90.5	38,866	9.5	26,652
2004	410,683	370,169	90.1	40,514	9.9	24,744
2005	383,563	351,822	91.7	31,741	8.3	25,616
2006	399,176	366,292	91.8	32,884	8.2	26,374
2007	406,800	374,617	92.1	32,183	7.9	24,476
2008	376,386					

Potatoes: Shrinkage and Loss, 13 Fall Storage States, 2005-2008

Crop Year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	Total Jun 1
	<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>
2005	12.7	15.0	16.8	18.4	20.2	22.0	23.7
2006	13.2	16.1	18.4	20.4	22.3	24.0	25.5
2007	14.2	16.4	18.4	20.2	22.1	24.0	25.3
2008 ¹	12.8	14.9	16.9				

¹ January 1, 2008 shrink and loss revised.

**Fall Potatoes: Farm Marketings, Selected States and United States,
2005-2007 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	2005				4	14	22	10	11	12	12	8	7	
	2006				9	15	11	15	10	11	12	9	5	3
	2007			6	9	12	11	10	8	9	9	11	11	4
CO	2005			5	8	10	10	10	8	11	10	12	10	6
	2006			6	7	9	9	10	9	10	11	11	11	7
	2007			5	9	11	10	11	9	10	10	12	7	6
ID	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
	2007		3	12	12	8	7	7	8	9	10	9	7	8
ME	2005			5	11	8	9	10	9	12	15	10	6	5
	2006			8	7	8	9	9	8	13	13	12	7	6
	2007			8	8	9	9	10	10	10	13	10	5	8
MI	2005	1	8	11	13	12	12	12	10	10	8	3		
	2006	1	9	12	13	12	12	12	7	11	7	4		
	2007	3	7	10	11	11	12	11	10	9	8	6	2	
MN	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	
	2007	1	10	9	8	8	8	8	8	10	9	9	6	6
NY	2005		2	14	14	12	13	10	12	14	7	2		
	2006		4	15	14	12	14	16	7	10	4	4		
	2007	1	5	11	11	13	17	11	7	13	8	3		
ND	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
	2007		7	30	5	10	7	7	6	6	7	4	3	8
OR	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
	2007		12	8	13	6	5	6	7	10	12	9	7	5
WA	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
	2007		13	11	25	7	6	6	7	6	6	6	5	2
WI	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	
	2007	1	5	14	12	10	10	9	11	12	10	5	1	
US	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
	2007		7	12	14	8	8	7	8	8	9	8	6	

Reliability of February 1 Stocks Estimates

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the February 1 stocks estimate, the “Root Mean Square Error,” a statistical measure based on past performance, is computed. The deviation between the February 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 February 1 stocks estimate is 3.2 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 183 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 3.2 percent, or approximately 5.86 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 5.4 percent, or approximately 9.89 million cwt.

The 20-year (1988-2007) record of differences between the February 1 stocks estimates and the final estimates averaged 4.51 million cwt, ranging from 14.2 million cwt above the final to 300,000 cwt below the final. During the 20-year period, the February 1 estimate has been below the final estimate 13 years and above 7 years.

**Fall Potato Stocks: Preliminary and Final February 1 Stocks,
United States, 1998-2008**

Crop Year	Preliminary Stocks	% of Final	Final Stocks
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
1998	211,100	100.7	209,640
1999	205,780	99.3	207,150
2000	235,050	100.3	234,260
2001	201,750	105.0	192,090
2002	197,470	99.2	199,020
2003	200,530	100.1	200,230
2004	204,190	100.3	203,490
2005	187,600	99.2	189,100
2006	187,800	97.7	192,200
2007	206,200	103.5	199,300
2008	183,200		

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