

TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
ON DECEMBER 1, 1966

December 20, 1966

Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in the fall producing areas of the country totaled a record high 149.9 million hundredweight on December 1, 1966, according to the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture. These holdings were 1 percent more than the 149.0 million hundredweight on hand December 1, 1965. These stocks consist of fall potatoes held for all uses on December 1.

Stocks in the eight eastern fall States were 50.0 million hundredweight on December 1 compared with 45.3 million in 1965. Maine stocks, at 33.7 million, were 16 percent above 1965. Upstate New York and Pennsylvania holdings were below a year ago while Long Island was up. The nine central fall States had 31.8 million in storage this year compared with 34.3 million last year. Wisconsin had larger stocks while all of the other major States in this area were substantially below a year ago. Stocks in the nine western fall States were 68.1 million this year compared with 69.4 million last year. Idaho and Colorado had smaller holdings than on December 1, 1965 while Washington, Oregon and California had larger stocks.

Disappearance of 1966 fall potatoes to December 1 was at a new record high of 71.1 million hundredweight compared with 64.9 million in 1965 and 56.6 million in 1964. Loss of 1966 production through shrinkage and decay to December 1, mainly because of the losses in Idaho to that date, has been heavy. Further heavy breakdown of potatoes in storage has been indicated since December 1. Production of fall potatoes in 1966 was a record high 221.0 million hundredweight compared with 213.8 million in 1965 and 172.2 million in 1964.

Movement of the current fall potato crop to fresh market and chippers through November 30, as indicated by rail and truck unloads in 41 cities, was slightly

less in 1966 than in the same period of 1965. Processing of potatoes for other food uses (excluding starch and flour) was also slightly below a year earlier. Movement of 1966 fall potatoes to starch factories has been above the 1965 level.

Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes, including fresh market, processing, seed and livestock feed, accounted for 88.9 percent of the 1965 fall production and 89.3 percent of the 1964 crop. The balance of the crop disappearance occurred on farms where grown and included losses through shrinkage and waste and use as seed, food in farm households, and livestock feed.

Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1, and March 1, total stocks, crops of 1957-66 in the 26 fall States

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1 following year	February 1 following year	March 1 following year
	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
1957 ...	159,784	110,615	92,680	71,670	53,150
1958 ...	184,167	129,630	107,865	83,530	61,480
1959 ...	167,733	119,620	99,430	78,090	58,650
1960 ...	175,042	124,860	105,015	83,720	63,075
1961 ...	204,632	147,010	124,120	97,190	73,825
1962 1/	195,250	137,995	117,840	93,925	72,150
1963 ...	197,341	138,350	116,375	90,275	67,895
1964 ...	172,190	115,625	95,160	73,675	54,725
1965 2/	213,823	148,975	124,990	99,585	75,275
1966 ...	221,059	149,934			

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

2/ Revised August 1966 Pot 6(66).

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 48 States, July 1, 1960-67

Area	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
	- Millions -							
Eastern	70.9	72.1	73.1	74.3	75.3	76.4	77.2	--
Central	80.8	81.8	82.8	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.0	--
Western	28.3	29.2	30.0	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.6	--
Total	180.0	183.1	185.9	188.7	191.4	193.8	195.8	1/197.4

1/ Total U. S. resident population for July 1, 1967 based on projections issued by Bureau of the Census in Report Series P-25, No. 329.

Source: Current Population Report No. 348, Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers
and local dealers on December 1, 1965 and December 1, 1966 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 1965		Crop of 1966	
	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1965	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1966
	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>
Maine	35,224	29,000	38,710	33,700
New Hampshire	278	180	266	180
Vermont	350	250	332	260
Massachusetts	1,035	760	960	720
Rhode Island	1,029	290	1,010	250
Connecticut	1,407	1,060	1,408	1,100
New York:				
Long Island	7,540	3,850	7,574	4,500
Upstate	8,600	5,400	9,020	5,300
Pennsylvania	6,940	4,500	5,874	4,000
8 Eastern	62,403	45,290	65,154	50,010
Ohio	1,906	875	1,638	700
Indiana	1,166	480	1,363	650
Michigan	8,700	5,800	7,955	5,150
Wisconsin	8,200	5,600	8,200	5,800
Minnesota	12,180	9,000	10,120	8,000
Iowa	435	75	450	70
North Dakota	15,225	11,000	13,375	9,750
South Dakota	600	340	783	480
Nebraska	1,660	1,100	1,700	1,200
9 Central	50,072	34,270	45,584	31,800
Montana	1,326	1,200	1,360	1,200
Idaho	61,365	43,300	66,050	40,000
Wyoming	630	390	540	360
Colorado	8,575	6,250	8,680	6,100
Utah	1,530	1,100	1,488	1,050
Nevada	180	125	176	114
Washington	11,160	7,000	13,690	8,500
Oregon	9,292	5,400	10,385	5,600
California	7,290	4,650	7,952	5,200
9 Western	101,348	69,415	110,321	68,124
Total 26 Fall States	213,823	148,975	221,059	149,934

^{1/} Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."

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