

TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
ON DECEMBER 1, 1967

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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in the fall crop producing areas of the country totaled a record high 164.6 million hundredweight on December 1, 1967, according to the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture. Holdings at this level are 8 percent more than the 152.6 million hundredweight on hand December 1, 1966. These stocks consist of fall potatoes held for all uses on December 1.

Stocks in the eight eastern fall States, at 51.3 million hundredweight on December 1, compared with 48.4 million in 1966. Maine stocks, at 32.9 million, were 1 percent above 1966. Upstate New York holdings were below a year earlier while Long Island and Pennsylvania holdings were up. The eight central fall States had 33.1 million in storage this year compared with 30.6 million last year. Stocks in all of the major States in this area were above a year earlier. Stocks in the nine western fall States were 80.2 million this year compared with 73.6 million last year. Holdings were above December 1, 1966 in all States.

Disappearance of 1967 fall potatoes to December 1, was 67.4 million hundredweight compared with the record high of 75.1 million in 1966 and 69.7 million in 1965. Loss of 1967 production through shrinkage and decay to December 1 was much below last year. In 1966, losses in Idaho prior to December 1 were very heavy. Production of fall potatoes in 1967 was a record high 232.1 million hundredweight compared with 227.8 million in 1966 and 216.8 million in 1965.

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 more in 1967 than in the same period of 1966. Processing of potatoes for other food uses (excluding starch and flour) was about the same as a year earlier. Movement of 1967 fall potatoes to starch factories has also been about the same as the 1966 level.

Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes, including fresh market, processing, seed and livestock feed, accounted for 84.0 percent of the 1966 fall production and 88.6 percent of the 1965 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 1959-67 in the 25 Fall States

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1
	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
1959	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 <u>1/</u> .	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966 <u>2/</u> .	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967	232,074	164,640			

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 1967 Pot 6(67).

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 48 States, July 1, 1961-68

Area	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
	- Millions -							
Eastern	72.1	73.1	74.3	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.8	---
Central	81.8	82.8	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.0	---
Western	29.2	30.0	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.1	---
Total	183.1	185.9	188.7	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	<u>1/</u> 199.9

1/ Total U. S. resident population for July 1, 1968 based on projections issued by Bureau of the Census.

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 Dec. 1, 1966 and Dec. 1, 1967 1/

State	Crop of 1966		Crop of 1967	
	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1966	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1967
	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>
Maine	37,920	32,500	38,160	32,900
New Hampshire	280	180	252	150
Vermont	314	220	288	210
Massachusetts	1,292	690	1,216	660
Rhode Island	1,271	280	1,140	350
Connecticut	1,495	1,120	1,312	1,020
New York:				
Long Island	7,574	4,500	7,975	5,300
Upstate	8,580	5,300	8,280	4,950
Pennsylvania	6,318	3,600	9,120	5,800
8 Eastern	65,044	48,390	67,743	51,340
Ohio	2,261	840	2,522	950
Indiana	1,575	420	2,170	550
Michigan	7,380	4,350	7,095	4,400
Wisconsin	8,815	6,200	9,678	6,400
Minnesota	10,800	7,100	11,760	8,500
North Dakota	14,300	10,300	13,452	10,700
South Dakota	783	480	590	340
Nebraska	1,539	950	1,794	1,250
8 Central	47,453	30,640	49,061	33,090
Montana	1,360	1,200	1,476	1,400
Idaho	70,190	45,700	63,900	46,400
Wyoming	522	330	578	440
Colorado	8,540	6,000	9,690	7,000
Utah	1,377	1,010	1,463	1,100
Nevada	176	120	192	160
Washington	14,060	8,300	15,265	10,660
Oregon	10,385	5,600	13,252	6,850
California	8,680	5,350	9,454	6,200
9 Western	115,290	73,610	115,270	80,210
Total 25 Fall States.	227,787	152,640	232,074	164,640

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

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