



# News Release

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Potato Stocks  
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### North Dakota

North Dakota growers, dealers and processors held 6.00 million hundredweight (cwt) of potatoes in storage April 1, 2008, down 24 percent from a year ago but up 13 percent from two years ago. This is according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Current stocks represent 25 percent of production, down from 31 percent last year and 26 percent two years ago. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to April 1 totaled 17.7 million cwt, up from 17.6 million cwt a year ago and 15.2 million cwt two years ago. March disappearance totaled 2.00 million cwt, same as a year ago, but up from 1.90 million cwt two years ago.

### United States

The 13 major potato States held 130 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2008, up 8 percent from a year ago and 12 percent above April 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 33 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from last year.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to April 1 was at 270 million cwt, 1 percent above last year and up 4 percent from 2006. Shrink and loss, at 21.6 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same period in 2007 but up 7 percent from 2006. Processors have used 144 million cwt of 2007 crop potatoes so far this season, down 1 percent from last year's season-to-date usage but up 9 percent from two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 29.3 million cwt of the total processing, down 9 percent from last year but 10 percent above the same period in 2006.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks  
13 Major States and United States, April 1, 2007-2008**

State	Crop of 2006		Crop of 2007	
	Production	Stocks April 1, 2007	Production	Stocks April 1, 2008
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
<b>North Dakota</b>	25,480	7,900	23,660	6,000
California	3,870	800	4,223	600
Colorado	22,686	9,000	20,981	7,500
Idaho	128,915	46,500	131,650	51,000
Maine	17,980	7,700	16,530	6,200
Michigan	14,190	1,800	14,700	2,900
Minnesota	20,400	6,100	20,680	6,400
Montana	3,518	2,300	3,696	1,900
Nebraska	8,730	2,400	8,051	2,100
New York	5,700	500	5,216	300
Oregon	18,533	7,600	20,238	8,700
Washington	89,900	21,000	102,300	29,500
Wisconsin	29,370	7,400	28,160	7,000
<b>13 State Total</b>	<b>389,272</b>	<b>121,000</b>	<b>400,085</b>	<b>130,100</b>