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Potato Stocks
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North Dakota

North Dakota growers, dealers and processors held 10.0 million hundredweight (cwt) of potatoes in storage on February 1, 2008, down 17 percent from a year ago but up 6 percent from two years ago. This is according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Current stocks represent 42 percent of production, down from 47 percent last year. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

Stocks by type are 72 percent russets, 10 percent round whites, 4 percent long whites, 1 percent yellows and 13 percent reds. As a percent of total stocks, russets and long whites are up from 2007. Round whites are down from a year ago, while reds are the same as last year. In previous years, yellows were included under white types.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1 totaled 13.7 million cwt, up from 13.5 million cwt a year ago and 11.1 million cwt two years ago. January disappearance totaled 2.50 million cwt, down from 3.00 million cwt a year ago, but up from 2.10 million cwt two years ago.

United States

The 13 major potato States held 206 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2008, up 7 percent from last year and 9 percent above February 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 52 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from last year. Stocks by type were 3 percent reds, 9 percent round whites, 3 percent long whites, 2 percent yellows and 83 percent russets, with more long whites than a year ago for comparable states.

Potato disappearance, at 194 million cwt, was down 1 percent from last year but up 5 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 18.0 million cwt, was down 2 percent from the same date in 2007 but 7 percent above 2006. Processors in the 9 major States have used 104 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 4 percent from the same time last year but 8 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 20.9 million cwt of the total processing, down 12 percent from last year but 9 percent above the same date in 2006.

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

State	Crop of 2006		Crop of 2007		Stocks by Type as Percent of Total Stocks									
	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2007	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2008	Reds		Round Whites		Long Whites		Yellows		Russets	
					2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</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>
North Dakota	25,480	12,000	23,660	10,000	13	13	15	10	2	4		1	70	72
California	3,870	1,300	4,223	1,400										
Colorado	22,686	13,100	20,981	11,200	3	4	13	3				11	84	82
Idaho	128,915	70,000	131,650	74,000	2	2			2	2		1	96	95
Maine	17,980	11,300	16,530	9,600	2	2	40	40	1			2	57	56
Michigan	14,190	4,600	14,700	6,200		1	90	86				1	10	12
Minnesota	20,400	10,000	20,680	9,900	11	10	4	5	2				83	85
Montana	3,518	3,200	3,696	3,600										
Nebraska	8,730	4,000	8,051	3,700										
New York	5,700	1,400	5,216	1,200	5	16	90	69				13	5	2
Oregon	18,533	11,700	20,238	13,900	1	1	2	6	2	1		1	95	91
Washington	89,900	36,500	102,300	48,000	1	3		4	2	7		1	97	85
Wisconsin	29,370	13,500	28,160	13,500	1	1	30	31				1	69	67
10 State Average					3	3	10	9	1	3		2	86	83
13 State Total	389,272	192,600	400,085	206,200										

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