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Potato Stocks
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North Dakota

North Dakota growers, dealers and processors held 2.50 million hundredweight (cwt) of potatoes in storage on June 1, 2008, up 19 percent from a year ago and 92 percent from two years ago. This is according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Current stocks represent 11 percent of production, up from 8 percent last year and 6 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 June 1 totaled 21.2 million cwt, down from 23.4 million cwt a year ago but up from 19.2 million cwt two years ago. May disappearance totaled 1.40 million cwt, down from 2.70 million cwt a year ago and 1.90 million cwt two years ago.

United States

The 13 major potato states held 58.4 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2008, up 31 percent from a year ago and 40 percent above June 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 15 percent of the 2007 fall storage states' production, up 3 percentage points from last year.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to June 1 was at 342 million cwt, 1 percent below last year but up 3 percent from 2006. Shrink and loss, at 24.6 million cwt, was down 4 percent from the same period in 2007 but up 4 percent from 2006. Processors have used 176 million cwt of the 2007 potato crop so far this season, down 3 percent from last year's season-to-date usage but up 5 percent from two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 37.5 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year but 10 percent above the same period in 2006.

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

State	Crop of 2006		Crop of 2007	
	Production <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Stocks June 1, 2007 ¹ <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Production <i>1,000 Cwt</i>	Stocks June 1, 2008 ¹ <i>1,000 Cwt</i>
North Dakota	25,480	2,100	23,660	2,500
California	3,870	290	4,223	300
Colorado	22,686	3,700	20,981	2,700
Idaho	128,915	21,000	131,650	24,500
Maine	17,980	3,000	16,530	1,950
Michigan	14,190	¹	14,700	¹
Minnesota	20,400	2,000	20,680	2,500
Montana	3,518	¹	3,696	¹
Nebraska	8,730	700	8,051	320
New York	5,700	¹	5,216	¹
Oregon	18,533	2,300	20,238	4,200
Washington	89,900	7,500	102,300	17,500
Wisconsin	29,370	1,700	28,160	1,600
Other States		170		320
13 State Total	389,272	44,460	400,085	58,390

¹ Missing stocks combined into "Other States".