

potato stocks



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POTATO STOCKS DOWN 6 PERCENT

Stocks of potatoes for all uses held in storage by growers, local dealers and processors in the fall production areas totaled 152.9 million cwt. on January 1, 1976, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 10.0 million cwt. (6 percent) less than the record 162.9 million cwt. on hand a year earlier but 19.3 million more than on hand January 1, 1974.

January 1 stocks in the eight eastern States totaled 25.2 million cwt., down 28 percent from the 35.2 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Stocks in Maine totaled 18.0 million cwt., down 30 percent from the January 1, 1975 stocks of 25.8 million cwt.

Stocks in the eight central States totaled 26.7 million cwt., a decline of 24 percent from the 35.3 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Stocks in Minnesota and North Dakota on January 1, 1976 totaled 16.8 million cwt., down 7.5 million from the 24.3 million on hand a year earlier.

Stocks in the eight western States totaled 101.1 million cwt., up 9 percent from the 92.4 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Increases in stocks occurred in California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. (NOTE: Idaho stocks, December 1, 1975, have been revised from 58.5 to 60.0 million cwt.).

Disappearance from the 1975 fall crop to January 1, 1976 totaled 114.9 million cwt. (excluding Nevada), down 6 percent from the 122.6 million cwt. moved during the comparable period a year earlier.

The accumulated quantity of potatoes processed in seven major States to January 1, 1976 totaled 40.1 million cwt., a decline of 19 percent from the 49.4 million cwt. for the comparable period a year earlier.

Note: Stocks are defined as the quantity remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage and waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes generally account for about 90 percent of the total fall production. The remaining 10 percent is lost primarily through shrinkage and waste.

TABLE 1. FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION, DECEMBER 1, JANUARY 1, FEBRUARY 1, MARCH 1, AND APRIL 1, TOTAL STOCKS, CROPS OF 1965 - 75 IN THE FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS				
		DECEMBER 1	FOLLOWING YEAR			
			JANUARY 1	FEBRUARY 1	MARCH 1	APRIL 1
			1,000 CWT.			
1965	216,749	147,780	124,170	98,670	74,905	
1966	228,442	153,550	128,050	103,630	79,632	
1967	231,656	161,500	139,170	112,640	86,405	
1968	221,906	152,810	130,350	104,995	81,940	
1969	239,460	162,800	138,140	111,510	87,620	
1970	253,525	175,145	150,030	122,830	96,780	
1971 1/	266,686	176,340	151,400	124,370	98,480	
1972	248,841	158,440	134,320	107,165	83,305	2/58,185
1973	253,866	157,802	133,585	106,600	81,150	55,865
1974 3/	288,674	187,715	162,900	133,245	104,051	75,865
1975	271,942	4/180,930	152,920			

1/ BEGINNING WITH 1971 LATE SUMMER PRODUCTION FOR NEW YORK-LONG ISLAND, WISCONSIN AND WASHINGTON HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS FALL. 2/ APRIL 1 STOCKS EFFECTIVE WITH 1972 CROP YEAR. 3/ REVISED AUGUST 1975 POT 6 (75). 4/ REVISED, IDAHO STOCKS (DEC 1) ADJUSTED FROM 58.5 TO 60.0 MIL. CWT.

TABLE 2. POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, 1/ SEVEN STATES 1974 AND 1975 CROPS 2/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	ENTIRE SEASON
			(1,000 CWT.)				
IDAHO AND MALHEUR CO., OREG	1974-75	19,742	23,803	28,063	32,820	38,344	58,168
	1975-76	4/15,030	19,890				
MAINE	1974-75	2,830	3,757	5,126	6,109	7,116	9,304
	1975-76	1,735	2,350				
WASH AND OTHER AREAS, OREG	1974-75	15,269	16,815	19,181	21,712	24,472	32,295
	1975-76	11,796	14,780				
OTH STS 3/	1974-75	3,833	4,990	6,355	7,539	8,687	11,322
	1975-76	2,504	3,100				
TOTAL	1974-75	41,674	49,365	58,725	68,180	78,619	111,089
	1975-76	4/31,065	40,120				

1/ TOTAL QUANTITY RECEIVED AND USED FOR PROCESSING REGARDLESS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE POTATOES WERE PRODUCED. DOES NOT INCLUDE QUANTITIES USED FOR POTATO CHIPS IN MAINE OR MICHIGAN. 2/ 1974-75 REVISED. 3/ MICH, MINN, AND NORTH DAKOTA. 4/ REVISED.

TABLE 3. POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL
POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS,
AND LOCAL DEALERS ON JANUARY 1, 1975
AND JANUARY 1, 1976

STATE	CROP OF 1974		CROP OF 1975	
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JAN 1, 1975	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JAN 1, 1976
	1,000 CWT			
CALIF	6,417	3,200	6,164	3,350
COLO	8,840	5,350	8,613	4,950
CONN	598	235	552	145
IDAHO	81,195	52,500	75,090	53,800
IND	1,166	140	1,500	245
MAINE	36,400	25,800	26,840	18,000
MASS	800	300	718	300
MICH	8,330	3,400	6,670	2,900
MINN	15,300	10,500	9,690	6,400
MONT	1,750	1,450	1,748	1,580
NEBR	1,152	600	1,127	820
N H	144	65	92	50
N Y - L I	6,750	2,100	6,058	1,950
- UPSTATE	6,968	3,300	5,760	2,200
N DAK	22,950	13,800	17,600	10,400
OHIO	2,090	650	1,914	580
OREG	17,482	7,600	22,779	11,800
PA	7,360	3,300	6,815	2,450
R I	1,034	<u>1/</u>	987	<u>1/</u>
S DAK	371	300	598	310
UTAH	1,481	820	1,508	790
VI	220	110	212	90
WASH	41,160	20,500	48,300	24,100
WIS	14,000	5,900	14,850	5,000
WYO	1,528	980	1,632	710
24 STATE TOTAL	285,486	162,900	267,817	152,920
NEV	3,188	<u>2/</u>	4,125	<u>2/</u>
TOTAL 25 FALL STATES	288,674	162,900	271,942	152,920

1/ R I STOCKS INCLUDED IN CONN.

2/ NOT INCLUDED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE.

POTATO STOCKS QUALITY SURVEY
Minnesota and North Dakota (Red River Valley)

Quality information contained in this report is based on a potato stocks quality survey conducted by the Statistical Reporting Service in the Red River Valley. There were 211 samples selected on a random basis that were placed in storage at the time of harvest. Reports will be issued during the 1975-76 storage season indicating accumulated average grade and weight loss for potato samples removed from storage.

Samples recovered before January 1, 1976 in the aggregate showed a pronounced improvement in quality as compared with a year ago. The U.S. No. 1 (including B's) grade for Red and White varieties averaged 86 and 82 percent respectively and compare with an average of 70 percent for (all varieties) on the comparable day a year earlier. The Red and White varieties removed from storage contain 5 and 4 percent fewer No. 1's than when they were harvested.

Culls for both Red and White varieties average 2 percent more after storage than when they were harvested. Culls averaged 6 percent for Reds and 10 percent for Whites after storage as compared with 21 percent all varieties combined a year earlier. Total weight loss while in storage is now indicated at 3 percent for both Red and White varieties.

This report does not contain Russet information for January 1, 1976 or comparable data by varieties for the January 1, 1975. Final data for the 1974-75 storage season is provided and shows the average grade at harvest and after storage for matched samples which were recovered from storage.

POTATO STOCK QUALITY, RED RIVER VALLEY, 1975-76
AVERAGE GRADE OF POTATOES SHIPPED: 1/

VARIETAL TYPE	NO. 1 INCLUDING B'S		NO. 2		CULLS		NO. 1 B'S <u>2/</u>	WEIGHT LOSS
	AT HARVEST	AFTER STORAGE	AT HARVEST	AFTER STORAGE	AT HARVEST	AFTER STORAGE		
	- - - - - PERCENT - - - - -							
	SAMPLES RECOVERED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1976							
RED	91	86	5	8	4	6	8	3
WHITE	86	82	7	8	8	10	8	3
RUSSET <u>3/</u>								
	SAMPLES RECOVERED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1975 <u>3/</u>							
RED								
WHITE								
RUSSET								
	ALL SAMPLES 1974-75 STORAGE SEASON - FINAL							
RED	88	69	7	12	5	19	1	4
WHITE	76	70	12	10	12	20	1	5
RUSSET	70	61	18	11	12	28	9	6

1/ MATCHED SAMPLES, QUALITY AT HARVEST COMPARED WITH QUALITY AFTER STORAGE.

2/ NO. 1 B'S ARE POTATOES THAT MEET THE U. S. NO. 1 GRADE BUT DID NOT MEET MINIMUM SIZE STANDARDS FOR THE AREA; RED AND WHITE VARIETIES 1 1/2 - 2 1/4 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND RUSSET VARIETIES UNDER 2 INCHES IN DIAMETER OR WEIGHT LESS THAN 4 OUNCES.

3/ DATA NOT PUBLISHED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF SAMPLES RECOVERED FROM STORAGE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1.