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MERCHANTABLE POTATO STOCKS
AS OF MARCH 1, 1955
WITH COMPARISONS

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Stocks of merchantable potatoes held by growers and dealers on March 1, 1955 in or near producing areas are estimated at 62,265,000 bushels compared with 89,690,000 bushels held on February 1, 1955 and 118,168,000 bushels on January 1, 1955, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Comparable March 1 stocks estimates for recent years are not available.

These estimates of March 1 stocks, like the January 1 and February 1 stocks estimates, include all potatoes available for sale at any price for table stock, seed, livestock feed, starch and other processing. Cullouts to be sold at very low prices to starch plants or for livestock feed are included in these stocks estimates. These stocks figures do not include potatoes saved for food, seed and feed for livestock on farms where grown nor expected losses for the season through shrinkage, decay and waste.

Disappearance during February, as indicated by a comparison of the March 1, 1955 and February 1, 1955 stocks, was 27,425,000 bushels. The corresponding disappearance figures by groups of States are: 9 Eastern Late States - 10,570,000 bushels; 9 Central Late States - 6,015,000 bushels; 11 Western Late States - 10,740,000 bushels and 7 Intermediate States - 100,000 bushels.

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POTATOES (IRISH): MARCH 1, 1955 MERCHANTABLE POTATO STOCKS HELD BY GROWERS
AND LOCAL DEALERS IN THE 36 LATE AND INTERMEDIATE STATES, WITH COMPARISONS.

GROUP AND STATE	Production Crop of 1954	Sold and for Sale from the 1954 Crop	Merchantable Stocks 1/ January 1, 1955	February 1, 1955	March 1, 1955
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- Thousand bushels -

LATE STATES:

Maine	49,725	41,516	33,500	28,400	22,000
Connecticut	3,140	2,851	1,540	1,100	560
New York - Upstate	12,320	9,684	5,200	3,700	2,800
Pennsylvania	14,210	11,768	6,000	3,850	2,100
Other States 2/	25,251	22,552	3,300	1,830	850
<u>9 Eastern</u>	<u>104,646</u>	<u>88,371</u>	<u>49,540</u>	<u>38,880</u>	<u>28,310</u>
Michigan	9,555	6,537	3,500	2,700	1,900
Wisconsin	11,610	8,466	3,050	2,250	1,350
Minnesota	16,000	12,164	7,500	5,650	3,700
North Dakota	18,620	14,017	7,400	5,400	3,700
South Dakota	1,680	1,068	540	460	300
Other States 2/	10,148	7,644	1,560	995	490
<u>9 Central</u>	<u>67,613</u>	<u>49,896</u>	<u>23,550</u>	<u>17,455</u>	<u>11,440</u>
Nebraska	4,830	3,894	2,500	1,900	1,200
Montana	2,401	1,765	1,310	1,070	900
Idaho	42,075	37,640	21,000	15,800	11,600
Wyoming	1,680	1,358	800	600	300
Colorado	17,280	13,510	5,800	4,300	2,800
Utah	3,380	2,752	1,510	1,250	850
Washington	13,200	11,413	1,700	1,050	600
Oregon	13,200	11,068	4,700	3,550	2,300
California - Late	16,560	15,287	5,100	3,500	1,830
Other States 2/	588	482	305	220	120
<u>11 Western</u>	<u>115,194</u>	<u>99,169</u>	<u>44,725</u>	<u>33,240</u>	<u>22,500</u>
29 Late States	287,453	237,436	117,815	89,575	62,250

7 Intermediate States 2/	15,715	12,000	353	115	15

36 LATE AND INTERMEDIATE STATES	303,168	249,436	118,168	89,690	62,265

- 1/ Merchantable stocks consist of potatoes held by growers, local dealers and buyers on farms or near areas of production for sale or delivery after December 31, 1954, January 31, 1955, and February 28, 1955 for food, seed, feed and processing.
- 2/ Eastern - New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York - Long Island, West Virginia; Central - Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa; Western - New Mexico, Nevada; Intermediate - New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas.