

potato stocks



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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS DOWN 9 PERCENT

Stocks of Irish potatoes held in storage for all uses by growers, local dealers, and processors in fall production areas totaled 52.9 million cwt. on April 1, 1974, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 9 percent less than the 58.2 million cwt. on hand a year earlier.

In the eight Eastern States, April 1, 1974 supplies totaled 10.8 million cwt., 15 percent or 1.9 million cwt. below the 12.6 million on hand a year earlier. *Maine stocks of 9.6 million cwt. compare with 11.4 million a year earlier and are down 16 percent.* Stocks in Long Island and Upstate New York were above year earlier levels.

Stocks of 7.6 million cwt. in the eight Central States were 5 percent less than the April 1, 1973 stocks of 8.0 million. North Dakota stocks at 3.2 million are down slightly from the 3.3 million cwt. of a year earlier. Stocks in Minnesota at 2.3 million cwt. and Michigan at 1.0 million cwt. were also below year earlier levels.

For the eight Western States, April 1, 1974 stocks totaled 34.6 million cwt., 8 percent less than the 37.6 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. April 1 stocks levels were below a year earlier in all Western States except Washington and Oregon. Idaho stocks at 23.5 million cwt. were 3.5 million cwt. below last year, while Washington stocks at 5.5 million cwt. were 1.3 million cwt. more than a year ago.

Disappearance to April 1, 1974 from the 1973 fall crop production of 252.0 million cwt. was 199.1 million cwt. Comparable disappearance from the 1972 production was 190.7 million cwt.

Use of potatoes from the 1973 crop for processing to April 1, 1974 in Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington totaled 79.2 million cwt., up 9 percent from the 72.4 million cwt. processed for the corresponding period a year ago.

Table 1. Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1, March 1, and April 1 total stocks, crops of 1963-73 in the fall States

Crop year	Production	TOTAL STOCKS				
		Following year				
		December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1	April 1
		1,000 cwt.				
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280	
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535	
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 ^{2/}	248,841	158,440	134,320	107,165	83,305	^{3/} 58,185
1973	252,033	154,635	128,890	102,430	77,585	52,940

^{1/} Beginning with 1971, late summer production for N. Y.-L. I., Wisc., and Wash. has been classified as fall.

^{2/} Revised August 1973 Pot 6 (73).

^{3/} April 1 stocks effective with 1972 crop year.

Table 2. Potatoes: Used for processing ^{1/}, seven States, 1972 and 1973 crops

State and area	From 1972 crop		From 1973 crop
	To April	Entire	To April 1
	1973	season	1974
	1,000 cwt.		
Maine	7,380	8,635	6,426
Idaho and Malheur Co.			
Oregon	35,944	49,215	39,987
Washington and Other Oregon areas	21,040	25,228	24,609
Other States ^{2/}	8,056	9,908	8,186
Seven State Total	72,420	92,986	79,208

^{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 and Michigan.

^{2/} Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Table 3. Potatoes: Production and total stocks of Fall potatoes held by growers processors, and local dealers on April 1, 1973 and April 1, 1974 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 1972		Crop of 1973	
	Production	Stocks	Production	Stocks
		April 1, 1973		April 1, 1974
	1,000 cwt.			
California	7,403	1,150	6,100	700
Colorado	7,905	1,950	8,235	1,550
Connecticut				
Idaho	77,295	27,000	77,530	23,500
Indiana				
Maine	33,280	11,400	28,770	9,600
Massachusetts				
Michigan	7,875	1,100	7,520	950
Minnesota	13,260	2,400	13,120	2,300
Montana	1,650	850	1,462	700
Nebraska	968	210	968	170
New Hampshire				
New York - L. I.	5,585	3/	5,500	400
- Upstate	4,973	700	6,670	325
North Dakota	17,400	3,300	19,140	3,200
Ohio			1,800	100
Oregon	14,436	2,200	15,915	2,445
Pennsylvania	5,100	450	6,000	400
Rhode Island				
South Dakota				
Utah	1,011	80		
Vermont				
Washington	31,365	4,200	35,260	5,500
Wisconsin	11,530	800	11,515	750
Wyoming	1,316	150		
Other States	2/6,489	2/245	4/6,528	4/350
Total 24 Fall States	248,841	58,185	252,033	52,940

^{1/} Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date".

^{2/} Includes Connecticut, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Vermont.

^{3/} Long Island stocks included in Upstate New York.

^{4/} Includes Connecticut, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, and Wyoming.

Table 4. Potatoes: Fall crop production and sales, 1966-73

Year	Production	Sold ^{1/}	Percent sold
		1,000 cwt.	
1966	228,442	192,214	84
1967	231,656	201,403	87
1968	221,906	196,100	88
1969	239,460	210,698	88
1970	253,525	223,639	88
1971	266,686	232,906	87
1972	248,841	223,468	90
1973	252,033	<u>2/</u>	

^{1/} Includes potatoes sold for all purposes -- food, processing, seed and Livestock feed.

^{2/} Available August 1974 in Potato Disposition and Utilization Report.

Table 5. Population: Total and Civilian, United States, 1966-73 and Projected 1974-75

Year	Total including Armed Forces overseas		Civilian resident	
	January 1	July 1	January 1	July 1
	Millions			
1966	195.5	196.6	192.6	193.4
1967	197.7	198.7	194.4	195.3
1968	199.8	200.7	196.4	197.1
1969	201.8	202.7	198.3	199.1
1970	203.8	204.9	200.5	201.7
1971	206.1	207.0	203.1	204.3
1972	208.1	209.2	205.5	206.7
1973	209.7	210.4	207.3	208.1
Projections				
1974	211.1	211.9	208.9	209.6
1975	212.6	213.4	210.4	211.2

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