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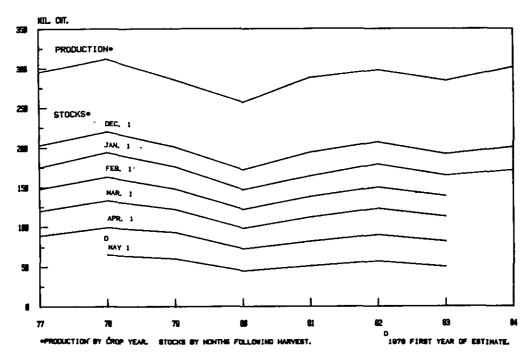
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### POTATO STOCKS UP 5 PERCENT

Fall potato stocks totaled 174 million cwt (7.88 million metric tons) on January 1, 1985 in the 15 major storage States. This is up 5 percent from last year, but 3 percent below two years ago. By variety, potatoes in storage are 72 percent russets, 25 percent whites, and 3 percent reds based on data from the 11 objective yield States. The storage total accounted for 57 percent of fall production this season compared with 58 percent last year.

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| CROP<br>YEAR   | : :PRODUCTION:  | DEC 1   | JAN 1   | FEB 1  | MAR T   | APR 1  | MAY 1  |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|
|  | :   |   |   | 1,000 CWT  |   |  |  |
| 1974<br>1975<br>1976<br>1977<br>1978<br>1979<br>1980<br>1981<br>1982<br>1983<br>1984 | 278,679<br>: 266,422<br>: 294,978<br>: 295,421<br>: 311,981<br>: 284,940<br>: 256,518<br>: 287,710<br>: 298,031<br>: 284,344<br>: 302,495 | 183,850<br>181,720<br>198,630<br>202,550<br>219,850<br>200,820<br>172,030<br>193,610<br>206,525<br>192,150<br>201,335 | 160,100<br>156,220<br>172,230<br>175,300<br>193,520<br>176,020<br>147,010<br>164,380<br>178,980<br>165,330<br>173,760 | 131,480<br>129,710<br>142,030<br>147,930<br>162,980<br>147,910<br>122,065<br>137,820<br>150,200<br>138,900 | 102,963<br>102,850<br>112,830<br>119,850<br>132,570<br>121,720<br>97,680<br>111,780<br>122,500<br>112,730 | 75,217<br>70,970<br>81,130<br>88,680<br>99,250<br>92,550<br>72,660<br>82,270<br>90,105<br>81,740 | 64,830<br>59,535<br>44,546<br>50,760<br>57,305<br>50,365 |

TABLE 2. POTATOES PROCESSED 1/, EIGHT STATES, 1983 AND 1984 CROPS

| STATE                             | :STORAGE:<br>:SEASON:     |                  | TO :<br>JAN 1 :  | TO :<br>FEB 1 : | TO :<br>MAR : | TO :<br>APR 1 : | TO :   | ENTIRE<br>SEASON |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|------------------|
|                                   | :                         |                  |                  | 1,000           | CWT           |                 |        |                  |
| IDAHO AND<br>MALHEUR CO.,<br>OREG | :<br>:1983-84<br>:1984-85 | 15,755<br>19,000 | 20,445<br>24,310 | 24,785          | 29,540        | 35,155          | 40,640 | 53,810           |
| MAINE 2/                          | :1983-84<br>:1984-85      | 1,160<br>1,630   | 1,745<br>2,290   | 2,260           | 2,780         | 3,370           | 3,970  | 5,125            |
| WASH AND OTHER<br>AREAS, OREG     | R:1983-84<br>:1984-85     | 16,245<br>20,745 | 19,920<br>24,690 | 23,690          | 28,250        | 33,280          | 37,455 | 45,800           |
| OTHER STATES 3/                   | :<br>:1983-84<br>:1984-85 | 4,305<br>5,695   | 6,005<br>7,510   | 7,755           | 9,600         | 11,615          | 13,400 | 16,320           |
| TOTAL                             | :1983-84<br>:1984-85      | 37,465<br>47,070 | 48,115<br>58,800 | 58,490          | 70,170        | 83,420          | 95,465 | 121,055          |

<sup>1/</sup> 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, MICH, MINN, N DAK, OR WIS. 2/ INCLUDES MAINE GROWN POTATOES ONLY. 3/ MICH, MINN, N DAK, AND WIS.

PRODUCTION AND STOCKS ON JANUARY 1, 1984 AND TABLE 3. FALL POTATOES: JANUARY 1, 1985

|  |   | OP OF 19   | <br>183  | : CR   | OP OF 198   | 34   |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| STATE  | PRODUCTION:   | TOTAL<br>STOCKS  | : JAN 1  | PRODUCTION:  | TOTAL<br>STOCKS   | : JAN 1  |
|  | 1,000   | CWT  | PERCENT  | 1,000  | CWT   | PERCENT  |
| CALIF COLO IDAHO MAINE MICH MINN MONT NEBR N Y - L I - UPSTATE N DAK OHIO OREG PA WASH WIS | 7,790 13,950 85,990 22,560 9,840 10,313 1,800 2,025 4,075 5,635 20,480 1,886 20,710 4,300 54,080 18,910 | 4,300<br>9,000<br>54,500<br>16,000<br>5,400<br>7,800<br>1,670<br>1,130<br>2,600<br>12,700<br>430<br>12,100<br>2,200<br>25,900<br>8,400 | 55<br>63<br>71<br>55<br>76<br>93<br>56<br>29<br>46<br>62<br>23<br>58<br>51<br>48 | 7,280 17,225 86,600 21,360 12,540 13,775 1,924 2,240 3,726 6,630 20,615 2,465 22,680 5,160 56,925 21,350 | 3,900<br>10,950<br>54,500<br>15,900<br>6,500<br>10,500<br>1,830<br>1,550<br>1,300<br>2,500<br>12,900<br>530<br>12,900<br>3,100<br>25,900<br>9,000 | 54<br>64<br>63<br>74<br>52<br>76<br>95<br>69<br>35<br>38<br>63<br>22<br>57<br>60<br>45<br>42 |
| 15 STATE TOTAL   | 284,344   | 165,330  | 58   | 302,495  | 173,760   | 57   |

### RELIABILITY OF JANUARY 1 STOCKS ESTIMATES

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the January 1 stocks estimate is 2.5 percent. This means that the chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 174 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 2.5 percent or approximately 4.3 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 4.4 percent or approximately 7.6 million cwt.

The 10-year (1975-84) record of the differences between the January 1 stocks estimates and the final estimates averaged 4.09 million cwt, ranging from 1.23 million to 5.94 million cwt. During this 10-year period, the January 1 estimate has been below the final estimate 9 out of 10 years.

TABLE 4. FALL POTATOES: STOCKS BY TYPE AS PERCENT OF TOTAL STOCKS, JANUARY 1, 1985, 11 MAJOR STATES

| CTATE                             |           |         | POTATO T | YPES                   |   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|------------------------|---|-------------------|
| STATE                             | REDS      | : WHIT  | ES :     | RUSSETS                | : | rotal.            |
|                                   |           |         | PERCE    | NT                     |   |                   |
| COLO<br>IDAHO<br>MAINE<br>MICH 4/ | : 10<br>: | ;       | 72       | 1/90<br>1/ 2/100<br>28 |   | 100<br>100<br>100 |
| MINN<br>N Y                       | 15        | 2/ 3/10 | 53<br>00 | 32                     |   | 100<br>100        |
| N DAK<br>OREG<br>PA               | 20        |         | 53       | 17<br>1/ 2/100         |   | 100<br>100<br>100 |
| WASH<br>WIS                       | 6         | ·       | 53       | 1/ 2/100<br>41         |   | 100<br>100        |
| 11 STATE TOTAL                    | 3         | ·<br>·  | 25       | 72                     |   | 100               |

<sup>1/</sup> INCLUDES SMALL QUANTITIES OF WHITES, LESS THAN 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL.

The three <u>Eastern States</u> had 22.8 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, 1985 a gain of 4 percent from last year, but 18 percent below 1983. Maine stocks at 15.9 million cwt were down 1 percent; New York with 3.80 million cwt was the same as last year; while Pennsylvania at 3.10 million cwt was up two-fifths.

Stocks in the six <u>Central States</u> totaled 41.0 million cwt on January 1, 1985, up 14 percent from last year and 10 percent above two years ago. North Dakota stocks at 12.9 million cwt gained 2 percent from last year. Minnesota storage at 10.5 million cwt was up 35 percent. Michigan and Wisconsin showed increases of 20 and 7 percent, respectively.

The six <u>Western States</u> had 110 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, 1985, an increase of 2 percent from a year ago, but 4 percent less than two years ago. Idaho with 54.5 million cwt and Washington with 25.9 million cwt were the same as last year. Oregon at 12.9 million cwt was up 7 percent. Colorado with stocks of nearly 11.0 million cwt was up 22 percent; while California storages totaling 3.9 million cwt were off 9 percent.

<u>Disappearance</u> of potatoes in the 15 States from harvest to January 1 this year totaled 129 million cwt, a gain of 8 percent over the last two years. This includes shrinkage and losses of 18.9 million cwt, well ahead of last year's 15.9 million cwt loss during the same period.

Processing to January 1 totaled 58.8 million cwt, up 22 percent over a year earlier.

<sup>2/</sup> INCLUDES SMALL QUANTITIES OF REDS, LESS THAN 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL.

<sup>3/</sup> INCLUDES SMALL AMOUNT OF RUSSETS, LESS THAN 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL.

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TO: totaled 173 million cwt. (7.84 million metric tons)

PAGE 2, Table 1, Crop Year 1984, Month, January 1, 1985

FROM: 173,760

TO: 172,860

PAGE 3, Table 3, Crop Year, 1984, January 1, 1985 stocks and stocks as percent of production

Maine FROM: 15,900 and 74

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TO: Eastern States had 21.9 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, 1985, slightly below last year and 21 percent below 1983. Maine stocks at 15.0 million cwt were down 6 percent.

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