

potato stocks



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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS DOWN 4 PERCENT DECEMBER 1, 1975

Stocks of potatoes for all uses held in storage by growers, local dealers and processors in the fall production areas totaled 179.4 million cwt. on December 1, 1975, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 8.3 million cwt. (4 percent) less than the 187.7 million cwt. on hand a year earlier but 21.6 million cwt. (14 percent) above 1973.

Stocks in the eight eastern States, on December 1, 1975 totaled 31.1 million cwt., down 10.5 million cwt. (25 percent) from the 41.6 million on hand a year earlier. Stocks were down in all States except Vermont. Maine's stocks of 20.8 million cwt. compare with 29.1 million a year earlier.

Stocks in the eight central States totaled 34.1 million cwt., 19 percent less than 42.2 million on hand a year earlier. A report on "Stocks Quality" in the Red River Valley is shown on page 4 of this release.

December 1 stocks in the eight western States totaled 114.2 million cwt. compared with 103.9 million on hand a year earlier. Washington and Oregon account for 9.6 million of the total western States increase of 10.3 million cwt.

Disappearance of the 1975 fall crop to December 1, 1975 totaled 88.4 million cwt. (excluding Nevada), 10 percent less than the 97.8 million cwt. moved during the comparable period a year earlier.

The quantity of potatoes processed to December 1, 1975 in seven major States totaled 31.8 million cwt., a decrease of 9.8 million or 24 percent fewer processed than in 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				
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR			
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 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 <u>1/</u>	266,686	176,340	151,400	124,370	98,480	
1972	248,841	158,440	134,320	107,165	83,305	<u>2/</u> 58,185
1973	253,866	157,802	133,585	106,600	81,150	55,865
1974 <u>3/</u>	288,674	187,715	162,900	133,245	104,051	75,865
1975	271,942	179,430				

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.

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

STATE	STORAGE	TO	TO	TO	TO	TO	ENTIRE
	SEASON	DEC 1	JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	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	15,790					
MAINE	1974-75	2,830	3,757	5,126	6,109	7,116	9,304
	1975-76	1,735					
WASH AND OTHER AREAS, OREG	1974-75	15,269	16,815	19,181	21,712	24,472	32,295
	1975-76	11,796					
OTHER STATES <u>3/</u>	1974-75	3,833	4,990	6,355	7,539	8,687	11,322
	1975-76	2,504					
TOTAL	1974-75	41,674	49,365	58,725	68,180	78,619	111,089
	1975-76	31,825					

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 MICH.

2/ 1974-75 REVISED.

3/ MICH, MINN, AND N DAK.

TABLE 3. POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL
POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS,
AND LOCAL DEALERS ON DECEMBER 1, 1974
AND DECEMBER 1, 1975

STATE	CROP OF 1974		CROP OF 1975	
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DEC 1, 1974	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DEC 1, 1975
	1,000 CWT			
CALIF	6,417	3,950	6,164	4,350
COLO	8,840	6,300	8,613	6,150
CONN	598	470	552	240
IDAHO	81,195	58,000	75,090	58,500
IND	1,166	225	1,500	335
MAINE	36,400	29,100	26,840	20,800
MASS	800	470	718	410
MICH	8,330	4,500	6,670	3,800
MINN	15,300	11,700	9,690	8,000
MONT	1,750	1,500	1,748	1,600
NEBR	1,152	750	1,127	970
NEV	3,188	1/	4,125	1/
N H	144	80	92	60
N Y - LONG ISLAND	6,750	3,000	6,058	2,800
- UPSTATE	6,968	4,200	5,760	3,000
N DAK	22,950	16,700	17,600	12,800
OHIO	2,090	950	1,914	900
OREG	17,482	9,300	22,779	13,500
PA	7,360	4,150	6,815	3,550
R I	1,034	2/	987	130
S DAK	371	320	598	440
UTAH	1,481	1,040	1,508	1,090
VT	220	135	212	135
WASH	41,160	22,500	48,300	27,900
WIS	14,000	7,100	14,850	6,850
WYO	1,528	1,275	1,632	1,120
TOTAL 25 FALL STATES:	288,674	187,715	271,942	179,430
1/ NOT INCLUDED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE.				
2/ RHODE ISLAND STOCKS INCLUDED IN CONNECTICUT.				

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

The quality information contained in this report is based on a special survey conducted by the Statistical Reporting Service in the Red River Valley. A total of 210 samples selected on a random basis were placed in storage at the time of harvest. Subsequent reports will be issued each month during the 1975-76 storage season indicating accumulated average grade and weight loss for the potato samples removed from storage at the time of shipment.

Potatoes placed in warehouses in the Red River Valley show an improvement in quality for the 1975-76 season as compared to a year earlier. White and russet varieties contained 7 percent and 12 percent more No. 1's, respectively, at time of harvest this year as compared with a year ago. There is also a corresponding decline in the proportions of No. 2's and culls for these varieties. For Red varieties, the percentage of No. 1, No. 2 and culls are virtually unchanged from the comparable period a year earlier.

Averages (after storage) shown in the tables for the 1974-75 storage season reflect the quality and weight loss of all potato samples recovered during the entire season. For the 1975-76 storage season, no samples had been removed from storage by December 1.

NOTE: Size and grade data obtained from potato objective yield surveys conducted in 12 States are published in the December 10, 1975 Crop Production Report.

AVERAGE GRADE OF POTATOES

VARIETAL TYPE	NO. 1		NO. 2		CULLS		NO. 1	WEIGHT
	INCLUDING B'S							
	AT	AFTER	AT	AFTER	AT	AFTER	B'S	LOSS
	HARVEST	STORAGE	HARVEST	STORAGE	HARVEST	STORAGE	<u>1/</u>	<u>2/</u>
		2/		2/		2/		
	PERCENT							
	1975-76 STORAGE SEASON							
RED	89		5		6		8	
WHITE	83		8		9		8	
RUSSET	82		12		6		11	
	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/ NO. 1 B'S ARE POTATOES THAT MEET THE U.S. NO. 1 GRADE BUT DID NOT MEET MINIMUM SIZE STANDARD'S 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 WEIGH LESS THAN 4 OUNCES.

2/ DATA NOT AVAILABLE FOR 1975-76 SEASON. INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF SAMPLES REMOVED FROM STORAGE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1.