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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
ON MARCH 1, 1958

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Total storage stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on March 1, 1958, amounted to 47.4 million hundredweight, according to the Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. These holdings are 20 percent below the 58.9 million hundredweight held on March 1, 1957, and 9 percent less than the 1949-56 average holding of 52.3 million hundredweight.

Disappearance of storage potatoes during February 1958 was 19.6 million hundredweight compared with 19.8 million hundredweight during February 1957, and the average of 19.6 million. Movement to fresh market of storage potatoes in February 1958, as indicated by rail and truck unloads in 20 cities, continued to hold above a year ago. The aggregate quantity used by processors for starch, frozen French fries, flour, and dehydration in February 1958 was substantially less than the quantity used in February 1957.

Disappearance of the 1957 crop of fall potatoes from the time of harvest to March 1, 1958, was 106.8 million hundredweight compared with 107.7 million hundredweight in 1956 and the average of 99.7 million for 1949-56. Disappearance covers sales for all purposes as well as quantities used to date on farms where grown and lost through shrinkage, decay, and dumping. Cumulative unloads of fall potatoes in 20 cities from October 1, 1957, to March 1, 1958, were greater than those reported for these cities from the 1956 crop to March 1, 1957. However, the total quantity of 1957 fall potatoes used for processing prior to March 1, 1958, was still substantially less than the quantity used from the 1956 crop.

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The estimates of total stocks represent all potatoes held by growers and local dealers in or near producing areas in the 26 fall producing States. They include quantities to be sold for table use, starch, other processing, feed for livestock, seed for succeeding crops, and to be used for feed, seed and household use on farms where grown. These stocks figures, like the December 1, 1957, January 1, 1958, and February 1, 1958 reports, include potatoes that will be lost through shrinkage, decay, and dumping after March 1, 1958.

Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1, and March 1 total stocks, crops of 1949-1957 in the 26 Fall States

Year	Production	Total stocks			
		December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1
	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>	<u>1,000 cwt.</u>
1949.....	162,697	120,380	106,450	86,080	62,570
1950.....	174,111	129,340	111,640	87,710	62,800
1951.....	125,761	83,960	69,170	52,580	35,140
1952.....	141,108	96,070	81,240	62,110	44,780
1953.....	151,278	108,500	91,750	71,660	53,130
1954.....	146,095	103,290	88,160	69,380	52,220
1955.....	<u>1/</u> 148,383	104,810	86,760	66,600	48,730
1956.....	166,634	117,940	100,150	78,760	<u>2/</u> 58,930
1957.....	154,228	108,080	88,710	67,000	47,430

1/ Production includes 150,000 hundredweight not harvested or not marketed because of low prices.

2/ Revised August 1957 (Pot 6 (57))

Fall Potatoes: Production and total stocks held by growers

and local dealers on March 1, 1957 and March 1, 1958 1/

State	Crop of 1956		Crop of 1957	
	Production 1,000 cwt.	Total stocks March 1, 1957 1,000 cwt.	Production 1,000 cwt.	Total stocks March 1, 1958 1,000 cwt.
Maine.....	41,748	21,100	38,640	19,300
Connecticut.....	1,240	340	1,235	240
New York--Upstate...	7,220	2,400	5,950	1,400
Pennsylvania.....	7,706	1,600	6,370	1,100
Other States <u>2/</u>	9,842	760	8,653	440
8 Eastern.....	67,756	26,200	60,848	22,480
Michigan.....	7,360	2,200	5,940	1,600
Wisconsin.....	3,968	1,000	3,262	900
Minnesota.....	10,400	3,600	7,500	1,900
North Dakota.....	12,834	3,700	9,576	2,200
South Dakota.....	950	270	720	180
Nebraska.....	2,265	700	1,809	370
Other States <u>2/</u>	3,490	540	3,540	260
9 Central.....	41,267	12,010	32,347	7,410
Montana.....	1,335	800	1,245	600
Idaho.....	31,080	12,800	33,600	10,800
Colorado.....	7,547	2,700	8,580	2,050
Utah.....	1,632	470	1,628	390
Washington.....	4,275	700	4,348	900
Oregon.....	6,480	2,300	6,480	1,900
California.....	4,125	750	4,108	660
Other States <u>2/</u>	1,137	200	1,044	240
9 Western.....	57,611	20,720	61,033	17,540
Total 26 Fall States	166,634	58,930	154,228	47,430

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."
Disappearance includes all sales for all purposes to date, all potatoes eaten or fed on farms where produced to date and all losses to date through shrinkage, decay, dumping, etc.

2/ Eastern - New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York-Long Island.

Central - Ohio, Indiana, and Iowa.

Western - Wyoming and Nevada.