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MERCHANTABLE POTATO STOCKS
AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1955
WITH COMPARISONS

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

These estimates of February 1 stocks, like the January 1 stocks estimates, include all potatoes available for sale at any price for table stock, seed, livestock feed, starch and other processing. Cullouts, sold and 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 January, as indicated by a comparison of the February 1, 1955 and January 1, 1955 stocks, was 28,478,000 bushels. The corresponding disappearance figures by groups of States are: 9 Eastern Late States - 10,660,000 bushels; 9 Central Late States - 6,095,000 bushels; 11 Western Late States - 11,485,000 bushels and 7 Intermediate States - 238,000 bushels.

Estimates of the March 1, 1955 merchantable potato stocks will be released on March 17, 1955 at 3:00 p.m. E.S.T.

POTATOES (IRISH): FEBRUARY 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
Thousand bushels				
LATE STATES:				
Maine	49,725	41,516	33,500	28,400
Massachusetts	2,100	1,834	840	550
Connecticut	3,140	2,851	1,540	1,100
New York - L.I.	18,615	17,957	1,150	350
New York - Upstate	12,320	9,684	5,200	3,700
Pennsylvania	14,210	11,768	6,000	3,850
Other States 2/	4,536	2,761	1,310	930
9 Eastern	104,646	88,371	49,540	38,880
Ohio	5,750	4,731	900	580
Indiana	3,438	2,497	580	350
Michigan	9,555	6,537	3,500	2,700
Wisconsin	11,610	8,466	3,050	2,250
Minnesota	16,000	12,164	7,500	5,650
North Dakota	18,620	14,017	7,400	5,400
South Dakota	1,680	1,068	540	460
Other States 2/	960	416	80	65
9 Central	67,613	49,896	23,550	17,455
Nebraska	4,830	3,894	2,500	1,900
Montana	2,401	1,765	1,310	1,070
Idaho	42,075	37,640	21,000	15,800
Wyoming	1,680	1,358	800	600
Colorado	17,280	13,510	5,800	4,300
Utah	3,380	2,752	1,510	1,250
Washington	13,200	11,413	1,700	1,050
Oregon	13,200	11,068	4,700	3,550
California - Late	16,560	15,287	5,100	3,500
Other States 2/	588	482	305	220
11 Western	115,194	99,169	44,725	33,240
29 Late States	287,453	237,436	117,815	89,575
7 Intermediate States 2/	15,715	12,000	353	115
36 LATE AND INTERMEDIATE STATES	303,168	249,436	118,168	89,690

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 and January 31, 1955 for food, seed, feed and processing.

2/ Eastern - New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, West Virginia; Central - Illinois, Iowa; Western - New Mexico, Nevada; Intermediate - New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas.