

TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
ON FEBRUARY 1, 1958

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Total storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers on February 1, 1958, amounted to 67.0 million hundredweight, according to the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture. These holdings are 15 percent below the 78.8 million hundredweight held on February 1, 1957, and 7 percent smaller than the 1949-56 average holding of 71.9 million hundredweight.

Disappearance of storage potatoes during January 1958 was the second highest of record for the month and well above average. Estimated disappearance during January 1958 was 21.7 million hundredweight compared with 21.4 million hundredweight in January 1957, and the average of 20.1 million. Movement to fresh market in January 1958, as indicated by rail and truck unloads in the 20 cities, continued to hold above a year ago. The aggregate quantity used by processors for starch, frozen French fries, flour and dehydration in January 1958 was slightly above the quantity used in January 1957.

Disappearance from the 1957 crop of fall potatoes from time of harvest to February 1, 1958 was 87.2 million hundredweight compared with 87.9 million hundredweight in 1956 and the average of 80.2 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 in the 20 cities from October 1, 1957 to February 1, 1958 were greater than those reported for these cities from the 1956 crop to

February 1, 1957. However, the total quantity of 1957 fall potatoes used for processing prior to February 1, 1958 was still less than the quantity used from the 1956 crop.

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 and January 1, 1958 reports, include potatoes that will be lost through shrinkage, decay and dumping after February 1, 1958.

Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1 and February 1 total stocks, crops of 1949-57 in the 26 Fall States

Year	Production	Total stocks		
		December 1	January 1	February 1
	<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
1950.....	174,111	129,340	111,640	87,710
1951.....	125,761	83,960	69,170	52,580
1952.....	141,108	96,070	81,240	62,110
1953.....	151,278	108,500	91,750	71,660
1954.....	146,095	103,290	88,160	69,380
1955.....	<u>1/</u> 148,383	104,810	86,760	66,600
1956.....	166,634	117,940	100,150	<u>2/</u> 78,760
1957.....	154,228	108,080	88,710	67,000

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 February 1, 1957 and February 1, 1958 ^{1/}

State	Crop of 1956		Crop of 1957	
	Production	Total stocks February 1, 1957	Production	Total stocks February 1, 1958
	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
Maine.....	41,748	26,000	38,640	24,100
New Hampshire.....	414	170	330	150
Vermont.....	448	230	368	170
Massachusetts.....	822	320	752	260
Rhode Island.....	718	140	693	140
Connecticut.....	1,240	610	1,235	460
New York--L.I.....	7,440	800	6,510	400
--Upstate...	7,220	3,350	5,950	2,000
Pennsylvania.....	7,706	2,700	6,370	2,100
8 Eastern.....	67,756	34,320	60,848	29,780
Ohio.....	1,938	430	1,800	210
Indiana.....	1,120	320	1,260	180
Michigan.....	7,360	3,200	5,940	2,350
Wisconsin.....	3,968	1,550	3,262	1,300
Minnesota.....	10,400	5,200	7,500	2,900
Iowa.....	432	120	480	130
North Dakota.....	12,834	5,300	9,576	3,400
South Dakota.....	950	410	720	260
Nebraska.....	2,265	1,000	1,809	700
9 Central.....	41,267	17,530	32,347	11,430
Montana.....	1,335	930	1,245	770
Idaho.....	31,080	16,000	33,600	15,500
Wyoming.....	705	180	648	200
Colorado.....	7,547	3,450	8,580	3,070
Utah.....	1,632	680	1,628	620
Nevada.....	432	170	396	170
Washington.....	4,275	1,150	4,348	1,350
Oregon.....	6,480	3,150	6,480	2,880
California.....	4,125	1,200	4,108	1,230
9 Western.....	57,611	26,910	61,033	25,790
Total 26 Fall States	166,634	78,760	154,228	67,000

^{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.