



Potato Stocks

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Potato Stocks Down 1 Percent from December 1, 2024

Potatoes held in storage on December 1, 2025 totaled 270 million cwt, down 1 percent from December 1, 2024. Potatoes in storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2024 production, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier. The indicated season to date disappearance, at 142 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same period last year. Season to date shrink and loss, at 13.0 million cwt, was up 2 percent from the same time last year. Processors in the 8 States used 73.4 million cwt of potatoes for the season, down 3 percent from December 2024.

Potato Production and Stocks – 13 States: December 1, 2024-2025

[Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop.]

State	Crop of 2024			Crop of 2025		
	Production	Stocks December 1, 2024	December stocks as a percent of production	Production	Stocks December 1, 2025	December stocks as a percent of production
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)
California	8,944	(D)	(D)	8,557	(D)	(D)
Colorado	22,058	15,600	71	23,016	17,500	76
Florida	4,602	-	(X)	4,648	-	(X)
Idaho	135,235	94,000	70	138,380	95,000	69
Maine	18,326	13,300	73	17,253	12,700	74
Michigan	20,425	12,700	62	20,210	12,800	63
Minnesota	17,892	11,900	67	16,590	11,000	66
Nebraska	10,137	6,300	62	9,950	6,600	66
North Dakota	25,305	18,200	72	24,495	17,900	73
Oregon	26,169	20,000	76	26,035	20,500	79
Texas	6,789	(D)	(D)	6,205	(D)	(D)
Washington	98,890	60,000	61	88,583	52,000	59
Wisconsin	26,400	17,500	66	28,140	19,300	69
Other States ¹	-	4,800	(X)	-	5,000	(X)
Total	421,172	274,300	65	412,062	270,300	66

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes data withheld above.

Accumulated Potato Shrinkage and Loss – 13 States: 2024-2026

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop year	Current year	Following year					
	December 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	February 1, 2025	March 1, 2025	April 1, 2025	May 1, 2025	June 1, 2025
2024	(1,000 cwt) 12,677	(1,000 cwt) 15,106	(1,000 cwt) 16,836	(1,000 cwt) 18,629	(1,000 cwt) 20,622	(1,000 cwt) 22,890	(1,000 cwt) 24,918
Crop year	Current year	Following year					
	December 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	February 1, 2026	March 1, 2026	April 1, 2026	May 1, 2026	June 1, 2026
2025	(1,000 cwt) 12,974	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)

Quantity of Potatoes Used for Processing – 8 States: 2024-2026

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

State	Current year	Following year						
	December 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	February 1, 2025	March 1, 2025	April 1, 2025	May 1, 2025	June 1, 2025	Season
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Colorado	505	690	875	1,055	1,245	(D)	(D)	1,915
Idaho	25,685	32,120	39,210	46,370	53,760	60,510	67,885	82,484
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,160	4,050	4,955	5,890	6,960	(D)	(D)	12,533
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oregon	12,795	15,500	17,820	19,350	22,315	24,775	28,015	33,499
Washington	23,385	27,560	32,560	38,300	42,955	47,165	52,125	58,902
Wisconsin	4,540	5,560	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	12,188
Other States ¹	5,345	6,705	14,950	17,740	20,475	32,555	36,265	20,115
United States	75,415	92,185	110,370	128,705	147,710	165,005	184,290	221,636
State	Current year	Following year						
	December 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	February 1, 2026	March 1, 2026	April 1, 2026	May 1, 2026	June 1, 2026	Season
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Colorado	355							
Idaho	25,720							
Maine	(D)							
Minnesota	(D)							
North Dakota	(D)							
Oregon	13,195							
Washington	21,860							
Wisconsin	(D)							
Other States ¹	12,240							
United States	73,370							

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Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: The December 1 potato stock estimates in this report are based primarily on a survey conducted in the first week of December in the potato producing States. The potato stocks survey is a probability survey that includes a sample of approximately 840 growers, processors, and storage facilities that are contacted to obtain the quantity of potatoes stored as of the first of the month, as well as monthly shrinkage and loss information.

Monthly processing data is collected from a census of all known potato processing facilities in eight States (Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin). An effort is made to obtain a report from all facilities. Estimates are made for missing facilities to make the survey complete.

Data was collected by mail, internet, telephone, or personal interview to obtain information on potato stocks, monthly potato processing, and monthly shrink and loss.

Estimating Procedures: Information obtained from the potato stocks survey, processing survey, and federal administrative data, is used to establish estimates of stocks, shrinkage and loss, and processing usage. These estimates are reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates.

Revision Policy: Stocks, shrink and loss, and processing estimates for the previous estimating period are subject to revision based on late and/or updated information. At the end of the marketing season, all information available, including disposition data, are thoroughly reviewed and any necessary revisions for the entire crop year are published in the *Potatoes Annual Summary* released in September.

Reliability: Reliability of the stocks and processing data must be treated separately because the survey designs for the two surveys are very different. The stocks estimates are subject to sampling variability because all operations holding stocks are not included in the sample. This variability, as measured by the relative standard error at the United States level, is approximately 1.5 percent. This means that chances are approximately 95 out of 100 that the survey estimates for stocks will be within plus or minus 3.0 percent of the value that could be developed by averaging the estimates produced from all possible samples selected from the same population and surveyed using the same procedures.

Survey indications are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. Processing, as well as stocks, are subject to these types of errors. These errors cannot be measured directly, but they are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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