



Potato Stocks

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Potato Stocks Down 3 Percent from February 2022

Potatoes held in storage on February 1, 2023 totaled 192 million cwt, down 3 percent from February 1, 2022. Potatoes in storage accounted for 49 percent of the 2022 production, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier. The indicated season to date disappearance, at 200 million cwt, was down 5 percent from the same period last year. Season to date shrink and loss, at 15.3 million cwt, was down slightly from the same time last year. Processors in the 8 States used 112 million cwt of potatoes for the season, down 2 percent from February 2022.

Potato Production and Stocks – 13 States: February 1, 2022-2023

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

State	Crop of 2021			Crop of 2022			
	Production	Stocks February 1, 2022	February stocks as a percent of production	Production	Stocks December 1, 2022	Stocks February 1, 2023	February stocks as a percent of production
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)
California	11,049	900	8	7,728	1,300	900	12
Colorado	21,484	11,800	55	21,120	14,800	10,600	50
Florida	5,400	(D)	(D)	4,956	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	132,090	72,000	55	120,745	84,500	64,500	53
Maine	18,389	9,800	53	18,060	14,400	10,500	58
Michigan	19,350	7,900	41	16,465	10,500	7,200	44
Minnesota	17,553	9,100	52	20,081	15,600	12,500	62
Nebraska	9,261	4,100	44	9,652	5,700	4,300	45
North Dakota	22,500	13,100	58	22,995	17,000	13,200	57
Oregon	26,280	14,200	54	24,940	18,500	13,100	53
Texas	5,520	(D)	(D)	7,188	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	91,928	40,000	44	90,383	49,500	38,000	42
Wisconsin	29,025	14,100	49	27,930	19,600	16,000	57
Other States ¹	-	1,600	(X)	-	3,000	1,600	(X)
Total	409,829	198,600	48	392,243	254,400	192,400	49
Klamath Basin ² .	(NA)	2,500	(NA)	(NA)	3,600	2,300	(NA)

- Represents zero.

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

(NA) Not available.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes data withheld above.

² Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Already included in the total.

Potato Production and Stocks – 13 States: 2013-2022

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

Crop year	Production	December 1	February 1	April 1	June 1
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
2013	388,204	(NA)	(NA)	119,450	47,085
2014	399,118	267,500	206,600	139,200	63,535
2015	403,062	267,900	205,900	137,200	60,080
2016	412,688	275,800	213,000	142,600	67,570
2017	406,800	277,900	210,600	138,800	63,740
2018	414,359	279,300	212,800	144,700	70,370
2019 ¹	424,419	269,200	203,000	127,000	58,000
2020	420,020	270,300	205,100	124,800	56,400
2021	409,829	265,500	198,600	127,300	56,400
2022	392,243	254,400	192,400		

(NA) Not available.

¹ Beginning in 2019, production represents all potatoes.

Potato Stocks by Type as Percent of Total Stocks – 13 States: February 1, 2022-2023

State	Potato types											
	Reds			Whites			Yellows			Russets		
	Feb 2022	Dec 2022	Feb 2023	Feb 2022	Dec 2022	Feb 2023	Feb 2022	Dec 2022	Feb 2023	Feb 2022	Dec 2022	Feb 2023
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
California	4	7	7	48	41	26	16	13	14	32	39	53
Colorado	10	5	(D)	4	1	10	3	6	(D)	83	88	84
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Idaho	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	93	93	95
Maine	3	(D)	4	28	29	30	4	(D)	4	65	56	62
Michigan	1	(D)	(D)	76	78	77	1	4	(D)	22	(D)	21
Minnesota	6	7	7	5	(D)	5	-	(D)	1	89	89	87
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	69	69	68	(D)	(D)	(D)	29	29	29
North Dakota	13	(D)	16	24	25	24	5	(D)	5	58	51	55
Oregon	2	(D)	(D)	4	(D)	(D)	3	(D)	(D)	91	91	90
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Washington	3	3	2	5	5	4	3	4	2	89	88	92
Wisconsin	6	5	3	28	42	34	2	2	2	64	51	61
13 State average	4	4	3	12	14	12	3	4	2	81	78	77

- Represents zero.

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Quantity of Potatoes Used for Processing – 8 States: 2021-2023

[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, 2021	January 1, 2022	February 1, 2022	March 1, 2022	April 1, 2022	May 1, 2022	June 1, 2022	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)
Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon	27,070	34,300	41,530	48,715	56,370	63,875	71,680	83,070
Maine	1,735	2,250	2,890	3,475	4,065	4,590	5,050	5,399
Washington and Oregon ¹	34,920	42,380	49,870	59,620	67,870	76,105	84,965	94,882
Other States ²	11,882	16,011	19,773	22,981	26,364	29,486	33,035	39,642
United States	75,607	94,941	114,063	134,791	154,669	174,056	194,730	222,993
Dehydrated ³	11,855	15,715	19,495	22,335	26,080	29,360	32,415	40,406

State	Current year	Following year						
	December 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	February 1, 2023	March 1, 2023	April 1, 2023	May 1, 2023	June 1, 2023	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	740	(D)	(D)					
Idaho	22,085	28,735	35,255					
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)					
Minnesota	2,745	3,795	4,985					
North Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)					
Oregon	15,630	18,630	21,335					
Malheur County	3,715	4,410	5,200					
All other counties	11,915	14,220	16,135					
Washington	24,715	29,330	34,025					
Wisconsin	4,595	5,580	6,665					
Other States ⁴	4,868	7,519	9,420					
United States	75,378	93,589	111,685					
Dehydrated ³	11,095	14,560	17,750					

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¹ Oregon excluding Malheur County.

² Other States include Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

³ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington.

⁴ Includes data withheld above.

Accumulated Potato Shrinkage and Loss – 13 States: 2021-2023

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop year	Current year	Following year					
	December 1, 2021	January 1, 2022	February 1, 2022	March 1, 2022	April 1, 2022	May 1, 2022	June 1, 2022
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
2021	12,202	13,831	15,450	17,355	18,950	20,480	21,848
Crop year	Current year	Following year					
	December 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	February 1, 2023	March 1, 2023	April 1, 2023	May 1, 2023	June 1, 2023
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
2022	11,846	13,668	15,349				

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: The February 1 potato stocks estimate in this report are based primarily on a survey conducted in the first week of February 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 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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