

# total potato stocks



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Storage stocks of Irish potatoes for all uses held by growers, local dealers, and processors in fall production areas totaled 132.8 million cwt. on January 1, 1973, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 12 percent, 18.6 million cwt., less than the 151.4 million cwt. on hand a year earlier for all uses, and 17.2 million cwt. less than the 150.0 million cwt. on hand January 1, 1971.

Stocks in the eight Eastern States on January 1, 1973 totaled 27.4 million cwt., 10.6 million, 28 percent, less than the 38.0 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Maine supplies of 21.5 million cwt. were 23 percent less than the 27.9 million cwt. on hand a year earlier, reflecting the continued rapid use of the smaller 1972 production for that State. Stocks on January 1 this year in Upstate and Long Island, New York, and Pennsylvania also were below year-earlier levels.

For the eight Central States January 1 potato stocks of 26.7 million cwt. were 7.4 million cwt., 22 percent, less than a year earlier. North Dakota stocks of 10.1 million cwt. compare with 12.5 million a year ago and Minnesota, with 7.5 million this year, was down from 10.5 million cwt. a year ago. Declines from a year ago also were recorded for other Central States.

Stocks in the eight Western States totaled 78.7 million cwt., 1 percent less than the 79.3 million cwt. of a year earlier. Idaho stocks of 49.5 million were slightly higher than a year earlier at 49.0 million, while Washington, with 13.4 million this year, was slightly less than a year ago at 13.5 million. Stocks were less than a year earlier in Colorado, Oregon, and California.

Disappearance from the 1972 fall crop production of 234.1 million cwt. to the January 1, 1973 stocks level totaled 101.3 million cwt., slightly less than the 102.4 million cwt. for the comparable period a year earlier.

Use of potatoes from the 1972 crop for processing to January 1, 1973 in Maine, Idaho, Washington (late summer and fall crops), Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota totaled 41.7 million cwt., compared with 39.7 million cwt. for the corresponding period a year ago.

Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes--including fresh market, processing, seed, and livestock feed--generally account for about 88 percent of the fall crop with the balance used on farms where grown or lost through shrinkage and waste.

Table 1. Fall potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1, and March 1 total stocks, crops of 1962-72 in the fall States

Crop year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1	Following year	
				February 1	March 1
			1,000 cwt.		
1962 1/	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,749	147,780	124,170	98,670	74,905
1966	228,442	153,550	128,050	103,630	79,632
1967	231,656	161,500	139,170	112,640	86,405
1968	221,906	152,810	130,350	104,995	81,940
1969	239,460	162,800	138,140	111,510	87,620
1970	253,525	175,145	150,030	122,830	96,780
1971 2/	253,796	176,340	151,400	124,370	98,480
1972	234,100	156,890	132,810		

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

2/ Revised August 1972 Pot 6 (72).

Table 2. Potatoes used for processing, 1/ Seven States, 1971 and 1972 crops

State and area	From 1971 crop		From 1972 crop
	Entire season	To January 1, 1972	To January 1, 1973
	1,000 cwt.		
Maine	13,763	4,823	4,447
Idaho and Malheur Co. Oreg.	49,942	19,394	19,776
Wash. and Other Areas, Oreg.	22,898	11,363	13,469
Other States 2/	10,131	4,094	4,056
Seven State Total	96,734	39,674	41,748

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Does not include quantities used for potato chips in Maine and Michigan.

2/ Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Table 3. Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on January 1, 1972 and January 1, 1973 1/

Stat	Crop of 1971		Crop of 1972	
	Production	Total stocks : Jan. 1, 1972	Production	Total stocks : Jan. 1, 1973
	1,000 cwt.			
Maine	37,700	27,900	33,280	21,500
New Hampshire	189	90		
Vermont	264	150		
Massachusetts	987	340		
Rhode Island	1,248	200		
Connecticut	851	330		
New York - L. I.	5,198	2,400	4,141	1,750
- Upstate	7,935	3,300	4,973	1,600
Pennsylvania	7,810	3,300	4,800	1,950
Others 2/			2/2,458	2/640
8 Eastern	62,182	38,010	49,652	27,440
Ohio	2,473	700	2,043	600
Indiana	1,708	200	1,323	70
Michigan	8,165	3,700	7,718	3,600
Wisconsin	9,540	5,200	7,625	4,100
Minnesota	14,850	10,500	11,400	7,500
North Dakota	19,995	12,500	17,400	10,100
South Dakota	1,053	630	738	230
Nebraska	1,050	650	968	490
8 Central	58,834	34,080	49,215	26,690
Montana	1,404	1,250	1,650	1,475
Idaho	77,290	49,000	78,795	49,500
Wyoming	925	450	1,456	725
Colorado	7,560	4,750	7,905	4,500
Utah	848	410	1,011	480
Washington	22,910	13,500	22,620	13,400
Oregon	13,723	5,300	14,436	5,100
California	8,120	4,650	7,360	3,500
8 Western	132,780	79,310	135,233	78,680
Total 24 Fall States	253,796	151,400	234,100	132,810

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."

2/ Includes New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut..

Table 4. Potatoes: Fall crop production and sales, 1965-72

Year	Production	Sold 1/	Percent sold
		1,000 cwt.	
1965	216,749	192,270	89
1966	228,442	192,214	84
1967	231,656	201,403	87
1968	221,906	196,100	88
1969	239,460	210,698	88
1970	253,525	223,639	88
1971	253,796	220,490	87
1972	234,100	2/	

1/ Includes potatoes sold for all purposes--food, processing, seed and livestock feed.

2/ Available August, 1973 in Potato Disposition and Utilization Report.

Table 5. Population: Total and Civilian, United States, 1965-72 and Projected 1973

Year	Total including		Civilian resident	
	Armed Forces overseas			
	January 1	July 1	January 1	July 1
	Millions			
1965	193.2	194.3	190.5	191.6
1966	195.5	196.6	192.6	193.4
1967	197.7	198.7	194.4	195.3
1968	199.8	200.7	196.4	197.1
1969	201.8	202.7	198.3	199.1
1970	203.8	204.9	200.5	201.7
1971	206.1	207.0	203.1	204.3
1972	208.1	209.2	205.5	206.7
Projections				
1973	210.4	211.5	207.9	209.1
1974	212.8	214.0	210.3	211.6

Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce and Economic Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Table 6. Potatoes: Per capita civilian consumption, Calendar years 1965-71

Year	Canned	Frozen	Chips and shoe-		Total processed	Fresh use	Total fresh equivalent farm basis 1/
			strings	Dehydrated			
	Pounds						
1965	.5	14.3	15.8	8.1	38.7	68.6	107.3
1966	.6	17.3	16.7	10.3	44.9	72.4	117.3
1967	.5	19.0	16.9	10.0	46.4	62.2	108.6
1968	.6	21.4	17.1	10.6	49.7	66.6	116.3
1969	.6	24.6	17.7	12.1	55.0	62.4	117.4
1970	.7	27.8	17.7	12.8	59.0	59.1	118.1
1971	.7	30.3	17.3	13.0	61.3	57.9	119.2

1/ Based on total supplies of all potatoes available during the calendar year. Economic Research Service, USDA.