

total potato stocks



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Storage stocks of Irish potatoes for all uses held by growers, local dealers, and processors in fall producing areas totaled 148.0 million hundredweight on January 1, 1972, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 1 percent less than the 149.7 million cwt. on hand for all uses a year earlier, but 7 percent more than the 138.0 million of January 1, 1970.

Stocks in the eight eastern States, at 38.4 million cwt., were about 1 percent above last year's holdings of 38.1 million cwt. Maine stocks of 27.9 million cwt. compare with 27.0 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. There were fewer potatoes on hand than a year earlier in Upstate and Long Island, New York, and in Pennsylvania.

January 1 stocks in the eight central States totaled 32.6 million cwt. this year, 11 percent more than the 29.5 million in 1971. Minnesota had 10.1 million cwt., up from the 7.7 million cwt. a year ago. The North Dakota total of 11.7 million cwt. compares with 11.0 million cwt. last year. Stocks in Wisconsin of 5.2 million were 6 percent more than last year, but Michigan, with 3.2 million cwt., was down 14 percent from a year earlier.

In the eight western States, January 1 holdings totaled 77.0 million cwt., 6 percent below last year at 82.1 million cwt. Idaho stocks, of 47.5 million cwt., equaled the January 1, 1971 level. Washington stocks, at 13.5 million cwt., were down 16 percent from 16.0 million a year earlier. Stocks in California and Wyoming were larger than January 1, 1971 levels, but in the other western States January 1 levels were below a year ago.

Disappearance to January 1 from the 1971 fall production of 249.9 million cwt. was 101.8 million cwt., compared with 103.1 million cwt. for 1970 and 100.5 million cwt. from the 1969 crop.

Movement of the 1971 fall potato crop to fresh market and chippers through December 31, as indicated by rail and truck unloads, was less than a year earlier. However, more potatoes from the 1971 fall crop were used for processing, excluding chips, through December 31, 1971, than during the corresponding 1970 period.

Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes--including fresh market, processing, seed, and livestock feed--accounted for about 88 percent of the fall production in recent years. The balance of the crop disappearance is from shrinkage and waste and used for seed on farms where grown, livestock feed, and food.

Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1 and March 1
total stocks, crops of 1960-71 in the fall States

| Year | Production | T o t a l S t o c k s | | | |
|---------|------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | December 1 | January 1 | February 1 | March 1 |
| | | | following year | following year | following year |
| | | 1,000 cwt. | | | |
| 1960 | : 175,071 | 122,740 | 103,595 | 82,670 | 62,645 |
| 1961 | : 204,235 | 145,020 | 122,215 | 96,120 | 72,960 |
| 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 | : 216,809 | 147,070 | 123,460 | 98,260 | 74,605 |
| 1966 | : 227,787 | 152,640 | 127,380 | 103,040 | 79,517 |
| 1967 | : 231,224 | 161,710 | 139,350 | 112,770 | 86,465 |
| 1968 | : 220,786 | 152,800 | 130,430 | 104,915 | 81,900 |
| 1969 | : 238,475 | 162,505 | 137,965 | 111,165 | 87,350 |
| 1970 2/ | : 252,774 | 174,665 | 149,710 | 121,850 | 96,660 |
| 1971 | : 249,895 | 173,160 | 148,050 | | |

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 1971 Pot 6 (70).

Potatoes: Fall crop production and sales, 1965-71

| Year | Production | Sold 1/ | Percent sold |
|------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| 1,000 cwt. | | | |
| 1965 | 216,809 | 192,147 | 89 |
| 1966 | 227,787 | 191,329 | 84 |
| 1967 | 231,224 | 200,692 | 87 |
| 1968 | 220,786 | 194,738 | 88 |
| 1969 | 238,475 | 209,841 | 88 |
| 1970 | 252,774 | 222,674 | 88 |
| 1971 | 249,895 | 2/ | |

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

2/ Available August, 1972 in Potato Disposition Report.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on January 1, 1971 and January 1, 1972 ^{1/}

| State | Crop of 1970 | | Crop of 1971 | |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| | Production | Total stocks Jan. 1, 1971 | Production | Total stocks Jan. 1, 1972 |
| | 1,000 cwt. | | | |
| Maine | 35,700 | 27,000 | 37,700 | 27,900 |
| New Hampshire | 184 | 80 | 175 | 90 |
| Vermont | 240 | 140 | 264 | 150 |
| Massachusetts | 1,046 | 410 | 966 | 340 |
| Rhode Island | 1,323 | 130 | 1,344 | 200 |
| Connecticut | 1,127 | 430 | 1,081 | 400 |
| New York - L. I. | 6,291 | 2,450 | 5,290 | 2,400 |
| - Upstate | 8,684 | 3,600 | 7,935 | 3,100 |
| Pennsylvania | 8,280 | 3,900 | 8,165 | 3,800 |
| 8 Eastern | 62,875 | 38,140 | 62,920 | 38,380 |
| Ohio | 2,516 | 800 | 2,243 | 700 |
| Indiana | 1,596 | 210 | 1,586 | 200 |
| Michigan | 7,566 | 3,700 | 6,785 | 3,200 |
| Wisconsin | 9,308 | 4,900 | 9,540 | 5,200 |
| Minnesota | 11,440 | 7,700 | 14,850 | 10,100 |
| North Dakota | 17,400 | 11,000 | 18,445 | 11,700 |
| South Dakota | 713 | 320 | 1,053 | 630 |
| Nebraska | 1,700 | 850 | 1,768 | 900 |
| 8 Central | 52,239 | 29,480 | 56,270 | 32,630 |
| Montana | 1,388 | 1,220 | 1,326 | 1,150 |
| Idaho | 74,660 | 47,500 | 75,850 | 47,500 |
| Wyoming | 612 | 320 | 703 | 400 |
| Colorado | 9,990 | 5,700 | 7,015 | 4,250 |
| Utah | 1,088 | 500 | 928 | 490 |
| Washington | 25,010 | 16,000 | 22,910 | 13,500 |
| Oregon | 15,408 | 6,300 | 13,998 | 5,150 |
| California | 9,504 | 4,550 | 7,975 | 4,600 |
| 8 Western | 137,660 | 82,090 | 130,705 | 77,040 |
| Total 24 Fall States | 252,774 | 149,710 | 249,895 | 148,050 |

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

Population: Total and Civilian, United States, 1965-71 and Projected 1972

| Year | Total including | | Civilian | |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Armed Forces overseas | | | |
| | January 1 | July 1 | January 1 | July 1 |
| | Millions | | | |
| 1965 | 193.2 | 194.2 | 190.5 | 191.5 |
| 1966 | 195.5 | 196.5 | 192.6 | 193.3 |
| 1967 | 197.7 | 198.6 | 194.3 | 195.2 |
| 1968 | 199.7 | 200.6 | 196.3 | 197.0 |
| 1969 | 201.7 | 202.6 | 198.3 | 199.1 |
| 1970 | 203.8 | 204.8 | 200.4 | 201.6 |
| 1971 | 206.0 | 207.0 | 203.0 | 204.2 |
| Projections: | | | | |
| 1972 | 208.1 | 209.2 | 205.4 | 206.6 |

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

Potatoes: Per Capita Civilian Consumption, Calendar Years 1965-70

| Year | Canned | Frozen | Fresh use and other processed | Total fresh equivalent farm basis 1/ |
|------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | | | Pounds | |
| 1965 | .5 | 14.3 | 93.0 | 108 |
| 1966 | .6 | 17.3 | 95.7 | 114 |
| 1967 | .5 | 19.0 | 92.0 | 112 |
| 1968 | .6 | 21.4 | 93.8 | 116 |
| 1969 | .6 | 24.6 | 92.3 | 118 |
| 1970 | .7 | 27.8 | 90.1 | 119 |

1/ Based on total supplies of all potatoes available during the calendar year. Economic Research Service, U.S.D.A.