

# 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 156.9 million cwt. on December 1, 1972, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 19.5 million cwt., 11 percent, less than the 176.3 million cwt. on hand a year earlier for all uses, and 18.3 million cwt. less than the 175.1 million cwt. on December 1, 1970.

For the eight Eastern States December 1, 1972 stocks of 33.3 million cwt. are 24 percent less than the 43.8 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Maine stocks of 25.1 million cwt. are 5.5 million, 18 percent, less than December 1, 1971 holdings. Supplies in Upstate and Long Island, New York and Pennsylvania are also sharply below 1971.

In the eight Central States December 1 potato stocks of 33.3 million cwt. were 7.4 million cwt., 18 percent, less than a year earlier. North Dakota supplies of 12.2 million cwt. this year compare with 14.5 million cwt. a year ago. Minnesota had 9.4 million cwt. this December 1, compared with 12.2 million a year earlier. Other Central States also had fewer potatoes on hand this year on December 1 than a year ago.

December 1 stocks in the eight Western States totaled 90.3 million cwt., 1.5 million cwt., 2 percent, less than the 91.8 million cwt. last year. Idaho stocks of 55.5 million cwt. equal 1971 stocks but in Washington stocks of 15.8 million cwt. were below the 16.5 million cwt. of a year ago. Colorado, Oregon, and California stocks are also down from last year.

Disappearance to December 1 from the 1972 fall production of 234.1 million cwt. was 77.2 million cwt., slightly less than the 77.5 million cwt. a year ago and also less than the corresponding 1970 period of 78.4 million cwt.

Total quantity of potatoes used for processing to December 1 in Maine, Idaho, Washington (late summer and fall crops), Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota was 33.4 million cwt., compared with 30.2 million cwt. for the corresponding 1971 period. Washington-Oregon (excluding Malheur County) usage for processing from the 1972 production of both the late summer and fall crops was 11.8 million cwt. to December 1 this year, compared with 9.0 million cwt. last year. Processing plants in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 15.4 million cwt. to December 1, 1972 compared with 14.6 million to December 1 a year earlier. For Maine processing usage totaled 3.3 million to December 1 this year, compared with 3.6 million cwt. a year earlier; in the three upper midwest States processors took 2.9 million cwt. this year, compared with 3.1 to December 1, 1971.

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 production with the balance of the production 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	Following year		
			January 1	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			

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 December 1, 1971	To December 1, 1972
	1,000 cwt.		
Maine	13,763	3,562	3,288
Idaho and Malheur Co. Oreg.	49,942	14,596	15,445
Wash. and Other Areas, Oreg.	22,898	8,977	11,754
Other States 2/	10,131	3,111	2,934
Seven State Total	96,734	30,246	33,421

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, processors, and local dealers on December 1, 1971 and December 1, 1972 1/

State	Crop of 1971		Crop of 1972	
	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1971	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1972
	1,000 cwt.			
Maine	37,700	30,600	33,280	25,100
New Hampshire	189	110	141	70
Vermont	264	190	209	170
Massachusetts	987	490	592	340
Rhode Island	1,248	270	907	2/
Connecticut	851	500	609	350
New York - L.I.	5,198	3,250	4,141	2,350
- Upstate	7,935	4,200	4,973	2,100
Pennsylvania	7,810	4,200	4,800	2,800
8 Eastern	62,182	43,810	49,652	33,280
Ohio	2,473	1,200	2,043	1,050
Indiana	1,708	360	1,323	235
Michigan	8,165	4,500	7,718	4,300
Wisconsin	9,540	6,500	7,625	5,200
Minnesota	14,850	12,200	11,400	9,350
North Dakota	19,995	14,500	17,400	12,200
South Dakota	1,053	720	738	360
Nebraska	1,050	750	968	590
8 Central	58,834	40,730	49,215	33,285
Montana	1,404	1,300	1,650	1,525
Idaho	77,290	55,500	78,795	55,500
Wyoming	925	600	1,456	1,030
Colorado	7,560	5,500	7,905	5,300
Utah	848	550	1,011	670
Washington	22,910	16,450	22,620	15,800
Oregon	13,723	6,300	14,436	6,100
California	8,120	5,600	7,360	4,400
8 Western	132,780	91,800	135,233	90,325
Total 24 Fall States	253,796	176,340	234,100	156,890

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

2/ Rhode Island stocks included in Connecticut total.

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 Armed Forces overseas		Civilian resident	
	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	209.11
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-strings	Dehydrated	Total processed	Fresh use	Total fresh equivalent farm basis 1/
	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.