

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 173.2 million hundredweight on December 1, 1971, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 1 percent less than the 174.7 million cwt. on hand for all uses a year earlier but 7 percent more than the 162.5 million of December 1, 1969.

Stocks in the eight eastern States, at 44.1 million cwt., were slightly above last year's holdings of 43.9 million cwt. Maine stocks of 30.6 million cwt. compare with 29.3 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Upstate and Long Island, New York, and Pennsylvania each had fewer potatoes on hand than a year earlier.

December 1 stocks in the eight central States totaled 39.3 million cwt. this year compared with 36.3 million in 1970. Minnesota with 11.9 million cwt. is up from 9.2 million cwt. a year ago. The North Dakota total is 13.8 million cwt. compared with 13.0 million cwt. a year earlier. Stocks in Wisconsin of 6.7 million were up 8 percent from last year but Michigan, with 3.9 million cwt., was down 19 percent from a year earlier.

In the eight western States, December 1 holdings totaled 89.7 million cwt., 5 percent below last year's record high of 94.5 million cwt. Stocks in Montana, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and California are less than December 1 last year. Idaho stocks of 54.0 million cwt. compare with 53.5 million cwt. December 1, 1970. Washington stocks, at 16.5 million cwt., were down 11 percent.

Disappearance to December 1 from the 1971 fall production of 249.9 million cwt. was 76.7 million cwt. compared with 78.1 million cwt. in 1970 and 76.0 million cwt. in 1969.

Movement of the 1971 fall potato crop to fresh market and chippers through November 30, as indicated by rail and truck unloads, was less than a year earlier. Quantities from the 1971 fall potato crop used for processing, excluding chips, through November 30 were about equal to 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 usage on the farms where grown for seed, 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 following year	February 1 following year	March 1 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			

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 December 1, 1970 and December 1, 1971 1/

State	Crop of 1970		Crop of 1971	
	Production	Total stocks : Dec. 1, 1970	Production	Total stocks : Dec. 1, 1971
	1,000 cwt.			
Maine	35,700	29,300	37,700	30,600
New Hampshire	184	100	175	110
Vermont	240	155	264	190
Massachusetts	1,046	540	966	490
Rhode Island	1,323	250	1,344	270
Connecticut	1,127	650	1,081	600
New York - L. I.	6,291	3,600	5,290	3,250
- Upstate	8,684	4,650	7,935	4,000
Pennsylvania	8,280	4,650	8,165	4,600
8 Eastern	62,875	43,895	62,920	44,110
Ohio	2,516	1,150	2,243	900
Indiana	1,596	390	1,586	360
Michigan	7,566	4,800	6,785	3,900
Wisconsin	9,308	6,200	9,540	6,700
Minnesota	11,440	9,200	14,850	11,900
North Dakota	17,400	13,000	18,445	13,750
South Dakota	713	430	1,053	720
Nebraska	1,700	1,100	1,768	1,100
8 Central	52,239	36,270	56,270	39,330
Montana	1,388	1,270	1,326	1,200
Idaho	74,660	53,500	75,850	54,000
Wyoming	612	460	703	520
Colorado	9,990	7,000	7,015	5,000
Utah	1,088	620	928	670
Washington	25,010	18,500	22,910	16,450
Oregon	15,408	7,300	13,998	6,280
California	9,504	5,850	7,975	5,600
8 Western	137,660	94,500	130,705	89,720
Total 24 Fall States:	252,774	174,665	249,895	173,160

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.