

# total potato stocks



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Growers, local dealers, and processors in fall producing areas held an estimated 57.5 million hundredweight of Irish potatoes in storage April 1, 1973.

This is the first estimate of April 1 stocks published by the Crop Reporting Board, therefore comparative data for April 1 in other years are not available.

Stocks in the eight Eastern States are estimated at 11.9 million cwt.; Maine storages alone held 10.8 million cwt.

For the eight Central States, April 1 stocks are estimated at 8.1 million cwt. These include North Dakota stocks of 3.3 million cwt., Minnesota 2.4 million, Michigan 1.1 million, and Wisconsin 1.0 million cwt.

April 1 supplies in the eight Western States are placed at 37.4 million cwt., with 27.0 million cwt. of the total in Idaho. Washington stocks are estimated at 4.2 million, Oregon 2.2 million, Colorado 1.9 million, and California 1.3 million cwt.

Disappearance from the 1972 fall crop of 234.1 million cwt., from harvest to April 1, 1973 was 176.6 million cwt. Disappearance during March was 25.5 million cwt. In February 1973 disappearance totaled 23.6 million and in January, 26.2 million cwt.

Processing usage of potatoes from the 1972 crop to April 1, 1973 in Maine, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota totaled 71.8 million cwt., compared with 71.2 million cwt. for the corresponding period last year.

Table 1. Fall potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1 and March 1 total stocks. crops of 1962-72 and April 1, 1973 in the fall States

Crop year	: Production:	: Total stocks				
		: Following year				
	: :December 1:	January 1:	February 1:	March 1:	April 1:	3/
	: 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	122,230	96,780	
1971 2/	: 253,796	176,340	151,400	124,370	98,480	
1972	: 234,100	156,890	132,810	106,615	82,990	57,475

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).

3/ April 1 stocks not estimated prior to 1973.

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

State and area	: 1971 crop		: 1972 crop
	: To April 1, 1972	: Entire season	: To April 1, 1973
	: 1,000 cwt.		
Maine	: 9,238	13,763	7,380
Idaho & Malheur Co., Oregon	: 35,412	49,942	35,927
Washington and Other Oregon areas	: 18,965	22,898	21,040
Other States 2/	: 7,554	10,131	7,449
Seven State Total	: 71,169	96,734	71,756

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 for 1971 and 1972 and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers, local dealers and processors on April 1, 1973 1/

State	Crop of 1971		Crop of 1972	
	Production	Total stocks April 1, 1972 2/	Production	Total stocks April 1, 1973
				1,000 cwt.
Maine	37,700		33,280	10,800
New York 3/	13,133		9,114	620
Pennsylvania	7,810		4,800	400
Other States 4/	3,539		2,458	85
8 Eastern	62,182		49,652	11,905
Michigan	8,165		7,718	1,100
Wisconsin	9,540		7,625	1,000
Minnesota	14,850		11,400	2,400
North Dakota	19,995		17,400	3,300
Nebraska	1,050		968	205
Other States 5/	5,234		4,104	140
8 Central	58,834		49,215	8,145
Montana	1,404		1,650	635
Idaho	77,290		78,795	27,000
Wyoming	925		1,456	150
Colorado	7,560		7,905	1,850
Utah	848		1,011	90
Washington	22,910		22,620	4,200
Oregon	13,723		14,436	2,200
California	8,120		7,360	1,300
8 Western	132,780		135,233	37,425
Total 24 Fall States	253,796		234,100	57,475

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

2/ April 1 stocks not estimated prior to 1973.

3/ Long Island and Upstate, New York.

4/ Eastern--New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, R. I. and Conn.

5/ Central--Ohio, Indiana and South Dakota.

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

Year	Production	Sold 1/ 1,000 cwt.	Percent sold
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. 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.  
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