

# ESTIMATED POTATO STOCKS



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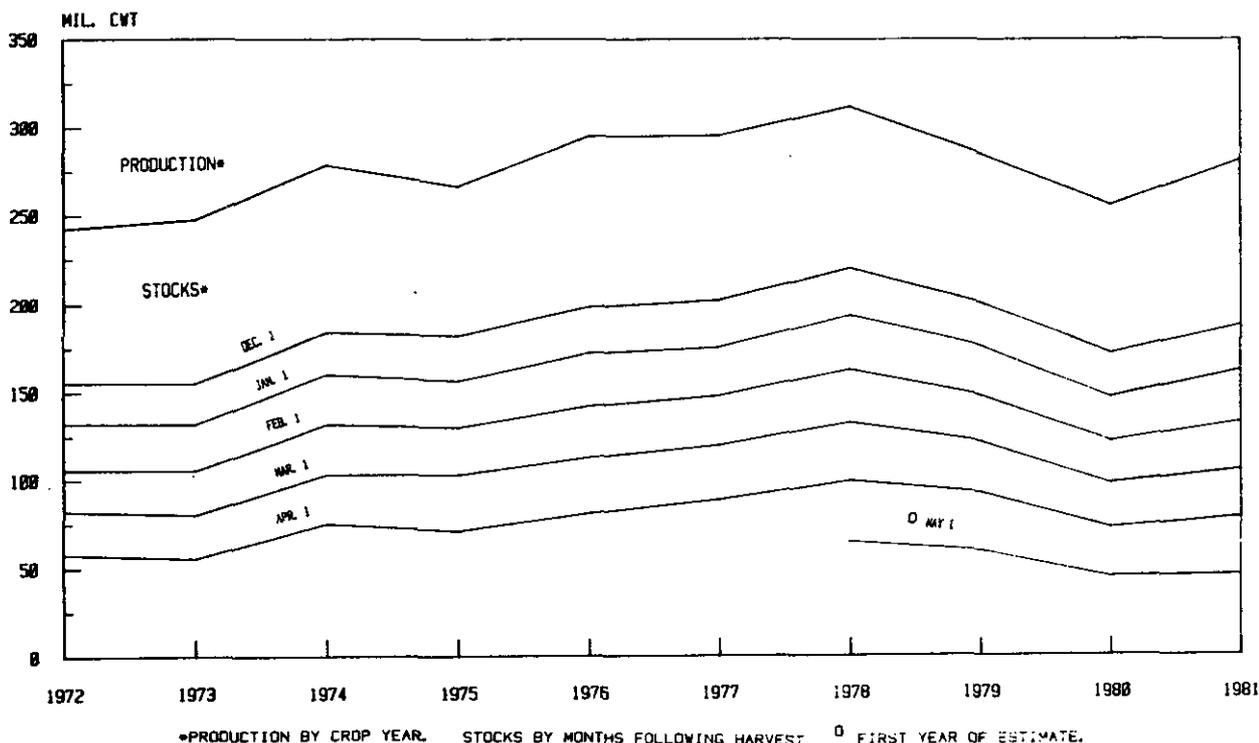
## POTATO STOCKS UP 4 PERCENT FROM YEAR EARLIER

Potato stocks as of May 1, 1982 in 15 major fall States are estimated at 46.1 million cwt (2.09 million metric tons). This is 4 percent above May 1 a year ago, but 23 percent less than on May 1, 1980.

Estimated holdings in the three Eastern States total 5.76 million cwt, 10 percent greater than a year earlier but 32 percent below May 1, 1980. Stocks in Maine, at 5.10 million cwt, are up 6 percent from a year ago. In the six Central States estimated stocks are 6.17 million cwt, 58 percent more than on May 1, 1981 but 8 percent below May 1, 1980. North Dakota's stocks are estimated at 1.90 million cwt compared with last year's low level of 850 thousand cwt. Minnesota and Wisconsin are up 36 and 40 percent, respectively, compared with a year earlier. Holdings in the six Western States are estimated at 34.1 million cwt, 3 percent below May 1, 1981 and 23 percent less than two years ago. Idaho's stocks are estimated at 19.0 million cwt, down 12 percent from a year earlier. Holdings in Washington and Oregon are up 12 and 11 percent, respectively, compared with May 1, 1981.

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## FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND STOCKS



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NOTE: Stocks are defined as the quantity remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage and waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes generally account for about 90 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage and loss and home use account for the remaining 10 percent.

TABLE 1. FALL POTATOES: DECEMBER 1, JANUARY 1, FEBRUARY 1, MARCH 1, APRIL 1, AND MAY 1 TOTAL STOCKS, AND COMPARABLE PRODUCTION FOR 15 STATES ESTIMATING POTATO STOCKS 1/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	DEC 1	JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1
		1,000 CWT					
1971 2/	258,613	172,550	148,600	122,350	97,150		
1972	242,390	155,190	132,050	105,690	82,510	57,860	
1973	247,686	154,890	131,600	105,360	80,460	55,465	
1974	278,679	183,850	160,100	131,480	102,963	75,217	
1975	266,422	181,720	156,220	129,710	102,850	70,970	
1976	294,978	198,630	172,230	142,030	112,830	81,130	
1977	295,421	202,550	175,300	147,930	119,850	88,680	
1978	311,981	219,850	193,520	162,980	132,570	99,250	64,830
1979	285,060	200,820	176,020	147,910	121,720	92,550	59,535
1980	255,691	171,730	146,610	121,565	97,280	72,460	44,446
1981	281,375	187,790	160,010	132,770	106,735	77,475	46,064

1/ SEE TABLE 3 FOR LIST OF 15 STATES. 2/ BEGINNING WITH 1971, LATE SUMMER PRODUCTION FOR N Y - L I, WIS AND WASH HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS FALL.

TABLE 2. POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING 1/, SEVEN STATES, 1980 AND 1981 CROPS

STATE	STORAGE : SEASON	TO : DEC 1	TO : JAN 1	TO : FEB 1	TO : MAR 1	TO : APR 1	TO : MAY 1	ENTIRE SEASON
		1,000 CWT						
IDAHO AND MALHEUR CO., OREG	:1980-81	14,460	18,710	23,230	28,110	33,570	39,210	52,720
	:1981-82	16,720	21,240	26,000	31,205	36,840	42,270	
MAINE 2/	:1980-81	2,190	2,880	3,510	4,245	4,980	5,885	6,660
	:1981-82	2,145	2,715	3,450	4,135	5,195	5,975	
WASH AND OTHER AREAS, OREG	:1980-81	14,610	16,845	19,725	23,710	27,405	31,500	39,020
	:1981-82	17,745	21,270	24,915	29,095	33,665	37,905	
OTHER STATES 3/	:1980-81	2,355	2,890	3,745	4,565	5,205	6,105	7,550
	:1981-82	2,860	3,670	4,635	5,835	7,090	8,250	
TOTAL	:1980-81	33,615	41,325	50,210	60,630	71,160	82,700	105,950
	:1981-82	39,470	48,895	59,000	70,270	82,790	94,400	

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, MICH OR MINN. 2/ INCLUDES MAINE GROWN POTATOES ONLY.

3/ MICH, MINN AND N DAK.

TABLE 3. POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON MAY 1, 1981 AND MAY 1, 1982

STATE	CROP OF 1980			CROP OF 1981		
	PRODUCTION 1,000 CWT	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 1981	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION 1,000 CWT	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 1982	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
CALIF	6,438	800	12	6,734	800	12
COLO	10,950	2,050	19	12,000	2,100	18
IDAHO	79,840	21,500	27	80,040	19,000	24
MAINE	24,960	4,800	19	26,520	5,100	19
MICH	7,403	400	5	7,050	700	10
MINN	9,920	1,400	14	13,300	1,900	14
MONT	1,725	50	3	1,739	30	2
NEBR	1,876	200	11	2,252	200	9
N Y -L I	4,794	1/91		5,365	2/	
-UPST	6,250	155	2	6,875	2/330	
N DAK	15,680	850	5	20,125	1,900	9
OHIO	1,995	1/		1,845	4	
OREG	19,745	3,600	18	21,710	4,000	18
PA	4,180	200	5	5,250	330	6
WASH	43,935	7,300	17	52,380	8,200	16
WIS	16,000	1,050	7	18,190	1,470	8
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TOTAL	255,691	44,446	17	281,375	46,064	16

1/ OHIO COMBINED WITH LONG ISLAND TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS. 2/ LONG ISLAND COMBINED WITH UPSTATE NEW YORK TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

Disappearance to May 1, 1982 in 15 major fall States totals 235 million cwt, 11 percent above the same period a year ago. This includes 25.5 million cwt of potatoes dumped during grading, fed to livestock on potato farms, discarded without grading and lost to shrinkage (moisture loss). Disappearance for the month of April totaled 31.4 million cwt compared with 28.0 million cwt for April 1981.

Potatoes processed to May 1, 1982 in seven major processing States total 94.4 million cwt, 14 percent more than the same period a year earlier. During April, 11.6 million cwt were processed compared with 11.5 million cwt for April 1981.

