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Processing of 2011 Potato Crop up 28 percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 41.8 million cwt of 2011 crop raw potatoes as February 1, an increase of 28 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 36.2 million cwt of the total processed, up 29 percent from last year. The remaining 5.62 million cwt were produced in other states. Processing in Idaho and Malheur County during December and January totaled 13.7 million cwt, an increase of 18 percent from the same period last year.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 106 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 13 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 20.9 million cwt of the total processing, up 53 percent from last year.

Potatoes Used for Processing, Selected States, 2009 - 2011 Crops 1/

STATE	STARTING SEASON	'09 OCT 1	'10 NOV 1	'10 DEC 1	'10 JAN 1	'10 FEB 1	'10 MAR 1	'10 APR 1	'10 MAY 1	'10 JUNE 1	ENDING SEASON
1,000 Tons											
ID & Malheur Co., OR All Potatoes	2009-10	9,800	10,970	23,110	29,180	35,170	42,070	49,260	56,150	62,950	79,190
	2010-11	7,560	14,620	21,910	26,910	32,700	39,210	45,180	52,820	59,110	70,050
	2011-12	14,000	30,510	39,000	44,000	41,000					
Idaho Potatoes	2009-10	6,300	12,380	18,300	21,170	29,900	36,570	43,130	49,600	55,700	71,500
	2010-11	4,850	10,150	16,510	22,110	28,020	34,270	40,240	45,920	52,010	62,500
	2011-12	8,870	15,710	23,020	29,110	26,100					
Malheur 2/	2009-10			1,575	2,050	2,650	3,265	3,915	4,550	5,290	7,190
	2010-11			1,980	2,390	3,020	3,620	4,320	4,900	5,615	7,490
	2011-12			1,960	2,365	3,070					
WA & Other Area, OR	2009-10	13,350	18,545	23,285	31,245	36,350	43,790	50,130	56,700	64,305	75,690
	2010-11	14,170	20,870	27,670	33,570	38,815	46,700	53,660	60,145	67,655	77,040
	2011-12	16,390	21,210	31,745	38,160	41,465					
Other States 3/	2009-10			10,365	13,565	16,305	18,995	21,660	24,335	27,375	34,240
	2010-11			11,820	14,785	17,485	20,370	23,215	25,775	28,600	35,490
	2011-12			11,215	13,650	16,330					
Total	2009-10			60,945	76,070	90,690	108,090	124,845	141,205	160,310	195,490
	2010-11			62,300	77,285	91,670	109,030	127,375	143,790	161,430	190,050
	2011-12			72,880	88,075	105,665					
Dehydrated 4/	2009-10			10,985	14,045	17,150	19,895	24,715	29,640	30,845	38,915
	2010-11			9,960	10,795	16,615	16,805	19,415	22,680	25,875	32,730
	2011-12			13,375	16,845	20,850					

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME and VT.

2/ Includes Malheur potato production only.

3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

4/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour; included in these totals; includes CO, ID, NV, OR, and WA.

Idaho Potato Stocks up 8 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on February 1 totaled 67.5 million cwt, 5.0 million cwt more than on hand February 1, 2011. Disappearance, at 50.6 million cwt is up 18 percent from last year's 50.5 million cwt.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 187 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2012, up 4 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 40 percent of the 2011 fall storage States' production, one percentage point below February 1, 2011. Potato disappearance, at 193 million cwt, was 9 percent above February 1, 2011. Season to date shrink and loss, at 19.3 million cwt, was up 16 percent from the same date in 2011.

Fall Potatoes Production & Stocks, Crop Years 2006 - 2011, Idaho & 13 Fall States Total 1/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		FEB 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
1,000 Cwt								
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2006	178,915	90,000	80,000	70,000	50,500	46,500	33,000	21,000
2007	130,010	92,000	82,000	71,500	60,500	49,000	35,000	23,000
2008	116,470	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,500	45,000	32,500	21,000
2009	132,500	98,000	88,500	78,500	67,500	58,000	48,500	25,500
2010	112,970	81,000	72,000	62,500	53,000	41,000	28,500	17,500
2011 2/	177,070	88,000		67,500				
13 States 1/								
2006	388,527	258,900	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,460
2007	367,753	261,500	232,500	199,300	167,400	125,500	83,960	50,470
2008	368,866	243,700	213,200	183,900	152,700	111,800	78,100	42,300
2009	383,962	255,800	234,500	203,500	168,000	128,700	89,610	52,120
2010	357,191	240,200	209,100	180,300	148,500	111,000	72,000	41,320
2011 2/	379,916	250,000		186,900				

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states.

2/ January 1, March 1, and May 1 stocks estimates discontinued for 2011 crop.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on February 1, 2011 and February 1, 2012 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2010			CROP OF 2011		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2011	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2012	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
California	2,828	1,200	42	4,128	1,700	41
Colorado	21,528	11,400	53	21,291	11,900	55
Idaho	112,970	62,500	55	127,070	67,500	53
Maine	15,892	9,300	59	14,310	7,300	51
Michigan	13,660	3,900	38	13,180	4,700	31
Minnesota	17,010	7,700	45	16,683	8,300	50
Montana	3,673	3,300	90	3,795	3,500	92
Nebraska	7,719	3,400	44	7,800	3,600	46
New York	5,120	1,500	29	4,050	1,200	30
North Dakota	22,000	10,300	47	18,865	9,300	49
Oregon	20,058	12,700	63	23,312	13,000	56
Washington	88,410	40,000	46	98,400	51,000	52
Wisconsin	24,293	10,500	43	23,000	11,000	48
13 STATES	157,191	180,300	50	179,916	186,900	49
Klamath Basin 2/		7,500			7,600	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2011 totaled 25.6 million cwt.

2/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR.