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March Potato Processing in Idaho and Malheur County Up 3.5 Percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 7.12 million cwt of 2009 crop raw potatoes during March, up 3.5 percent from March 2009. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 49.2 million cwt of 2009 crop raw potatoes to April 1, up 0.3 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 42.4 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 5.77 million cwt were produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 125 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 6 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 23.0 million cwt of the total processing, down 7 percent from last year.

Potatoes Used for Processing, Selected States, 2007 - 2009 Crops 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	10 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	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
ID & Malheur Co., OR. All Potatoes	2007-08	10,930	18,680	26,230	33,250	40,310	48,550	55,400	63,000	70,700	81,090
	2008-09	8,240	15,600	22,200	28,900	35,430	42,150	46,000	55,570	62,540	77,340
	2009-10	9,860	16,950	23,110	29,180	35,170	42,050	49,170			
Idaho Potatoes	2007-08	6,840	13,490	20,890	27,760	34,410	42,220	48,360	55,070	62,050	78,370
	2008-09	5,070	11,310	17,720	24,010	30,180	36,530	42,250	47,950	54,520	68,150
	2009-10	6,360	12,380	18,300	24,170	29,960	36,570	43,400			
Maine 2/	2007-08			1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,990	4,670	5,240	7,550
	2008-09			1,625	2,240	2,895	3,515	4,005	4,795	5,540	7,545
	2009-10			1,575	2,060	2,680	3,255	3,915			
WA & Other Area, OR.	2007-08	16,640	23,350	30,595	36,940	42,150	50,155	57,100	67,660	72,360	81,770
	2008-09	17,000	25,430	32,560	38,050	42,795	49,855	56,350	62,625	70,625	81,260
	2009-10	13,510	18,950	25,350	31,200	35,490	43,750	50,170			
Other States 3/	2007-08			15,040	17,525	20,755	24,700	26,650	29,710	32,600	39,490
	2008-09			12,480	15,120	18,165	21,030	24,025	26,515	29,550	37,285
	2009-10			10,605	13,260	16,225	*19,920	23,625			
Total	2007-08			73,365	89,895	106,290	126,195	144,290	165,070	180,920	217,780
	2008-09			69,055	84,390	99,285	116,550	133,410	149,515	168,695	202,490
	2009-10			60,640	75,700	90,595	*107,985	124,790			
Dehydrated 4/	2007-08			12,815	16,785	21,040	25,350	29,500	33,650	37,575	46,560
	2008-09			10,073	14,490	18,333	21,463	24,875	28,155	31,870	38,345
	2009-10			10,915	13,950	17,065	19,820	22,075			

1/ Revised

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

2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

3/ Other States include CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

4/ Dehydrated products except french and flake, included in share basis; 2007 includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI; 2008 and 2009 includes CO, ID, NV, OR, WA, and WI.

Idaho Potato Stocks Up 13 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 51.0 million cwt, 5.0 million cwt more than on April 1, 2009. Disappearance, at 80.0 million cwt is up from last year's 71.5 million cwt. Disappearance during March, at 14.5 million cwt, is the largest March disappearance since March 2001. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 2.0 million cwt, up from last year's 1.5 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 49.0 million cwt, were up from the 43.5 million cwt stored on April 1, 2009.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 129 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2010, up 11 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 34 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, 3 percentage points above April 1, 2009. Potato disappearance, at 255 million cwt, was slightly above April 1, 2009. Season to date shrink and loss, at 24.4 million cwt, was up 18 percent from the same date in 2009.

Fall Potatoes Production & Stocks, Crop Years 2004-2009, Idaho & 13 Fall States Total 1/ 2/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	DEC 1	TOTAL STOCKS					
			FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
<u>1,000 Cwt</u>								
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2004	131,970	93,500	84,500	75,000	64,000	52,000	38,500	24,000
2005	118,288	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,000	43,500	31,000	18,500
2006	128,915	90,000	80,000	70,000	59,500	46,500	33,000	21,000
2007	130,010	92,000	82,000	71,500	60,500	49,000	35,000	23,000
2008	116,475	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,500	45,000	32,500	21,000
2009	131,000	96,500	87,000	76,500	65,500	51,000		
13 States 1/								
2004 2/	404,017	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	375,118	253,300	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,527	258,900	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,460
2007	397,753	265,500	232,300	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,960	50,420
2008	369,866	243,700	213,200	183,900	152,700	115,800	78,100	45,300
2009	383,929	265,300	235,300	203,400	*169,800	129,100		

* Revised

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states.

2/ 15 states prior to 2005.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on April 1, 2009 and April 1, 2010 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2008			CROP OF 2009		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2009	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2010	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,948	800	20	4,158	900	22
Colorado	21,907	9,000	41	22,080	8,100	37
Idaho	116,475	45,000	39	131,000	51,000	39
Maine	14,769	5,600	38	15,263	6,000	39
Michigan	14,875	1,800	12	15,660	1,200	8
Minnesota	20,400	6,400	31	20,700	7,300	35
Montana	3,465	2,100	61	3,347	2,000	60
Nebraska	8,245	2,200	27	8,756	2,200	25
New York	5,696	700	12	4,950	500	10
North Dakota	22,680	6,300	28	19,125	5,000	26
Oregon	18,676	7,400	40	21,460	8,000	37
Washington	93,000	23,700	25	88,450	28,300	32
Wisconsin	25,730	4,800	19	28,980	8,600	30
13 STATES	369,866	115,800	31	383,929	129,100	34
Klamath Basin 2/		1,450			1,400	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

2/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR. Included in the 13 state total.