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April Potato Processing in Idaho and Malheur County Down 4.2 Percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 6.61 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes during April, down 4.2 percent from April 2010. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 52.8 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes to May 1, down 5.9 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 40.9 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 6.90 million cwt were produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 144 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 1 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 22.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 15 percent from last year.

Potatoes Used for Processing, Selected States, 2008 - 2010 Crops

STATE	STARTING 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	ENDING SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
WA & Malheur Co. OR	2008-09	8,740	11,600	22,350	28,000	31,430	42,110	48,030	51,770	69,940	77,340
	2009-10	9,360	16,950	23,110	29,100	35,170	42,050	47,330	56,300	62,930	70,100
	2010-11	7,590	14,620	21,040	26,840	32,700	39,240	45,180	52,750		
Idaho Potatoes	2008-09	5,070	11,210	17,720	24,010	30,100	36,630	42,250	47,550	54,530	60,160
	2009-10	6,580	12,590	18,300	24,170	29,980	36,570	43,480	49,640	55,700	71,500
	2010-11	4,490	10,450	16,510	22,140	28,300	34,270	40,340	45,850		
Utah 1/	2008-09			1,555	2,130	2,765	3,355	3,815	4,265	5,265	7,120
	2009-10			1,575	2,060	2,980	3,265	3,915	4,250	5,260	7,160
	2010-11			1,915	2,460	3,000	3,725	4,420	5,080		
WA & Other Area, OR	2008-09	17,800	23,430	32,560	38,050	42,795	49,865	56,330	62,635	70,625	81,260
	2009-10	13,500	19,045	25,305	31,245	36,530	43,780	50,130	56,700	61,805	75,690
	2010-11	14,170	20,850	27,070	33,570	38,815	45,700	53,280	60,345		
Other States 2/	2008-09			12,400	15,120	10,165	21,030	24,025	26,515	29,590	37,285
	2009-10			10,965	15,265	16,505	18,995	21,600	24,225	27,375	34,240
	2010-11			11,660	14,665	17,740	20,165	23,000	25,535		
Total	2008-09			63,975	84,230	99,155	116,400	134,220	149,295	186,420	208,005
	2009-10			69,645	76,050	90,685	108,000	124,845	141,765	160,370	196,400
	2010-11			62,285	77,475	91,845	109,030	126,000	143,550		
Dehydrated 3/	2008-09			10,075	14,400	18,555	21,465	24,875	28,305	31,870	39,545
	2009-10			10,965	14,025	17,150	19,095	23,155	26,620	30,045	39,915
	2010-11			7,815	10,295	14,970	18,185	21,915	25,710		

1/ Includes Idaho grown potatoes only. Amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips.

2/ Other states include Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Monthly amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips in Wisconsin.

3/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

Idaho Potato Stocks Down 22 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on May 1 totaled 30.0 million cwt, 8.5 million cwt less than on hand May 1, 2010. This is the lowest May 1 stocks level since 1991. Disappearance, at 84.4 million cwt is down from last year's 94.0 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 1.30 million cwt, down from last year's 1.70 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 28.7 million cwt, were down from the 36.8 million cwt shown on May 1, 2010.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 65.7 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2011, down 27 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 19 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, four percentage points below May 1, 2010. Potato disappearance, at 286 million cwt, was 3 percent below May 1, 2010. Season to date shrink and loss, at 22.1 million cwt, was down 17 percent from the same date in 2010.

Fall Potatoes Production & Stocks, Crop Years 2005-2010, Idaho & 13 Fall States Total 1/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
<u>1,000 CWT</u>								
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2005	118,788	81,000	71,500	66,000	56,000	45,500	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	116,875	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	53,000	38,500	25,500
2010	114,440	82,500	73,500	64,000	54,500	42,500	30,000	
13 States 1/								
2005	975,318	715,800	720,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,500
2006	889,527	258,900	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,400
2007	897,753	265,500	252,300	199,300	163,100	125,500	85,900	50,420
2008	869,866	213,700	213,300	183,900	152,700	115,800	78,100	45,300
2009	883,962	265,800	234,300	203,500	169,700	128,700	89,610	55,120
2010	351,413	234,700	204,500	175,700	143,200	105,300	65,650	

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on May 1, 2010 and May 1, 2011 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2010			CROP OF 2011		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 2010	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 2011	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,960	600	15	2,280	350	15
Colorado	22,080	1,900	22	21,528	1,300	20
Idaho	132,500	38,500	29	114,440	30,000	26
Maine	15,203	3,900	26	15,892	3,800	24
Michigan	15,660	*		15,660	900	6
Minnesota	20,700	4,800	23	17,010	3,500	19
Montana	3,298	700	21	3,673	500	14
Nebraska	8,756	1,100	13	7,719	1,100	14
New York	4,950	*		5,120	200	4
North Dakota	10,125	3,300	17	22,000	3,700	17
Oregon	21,400	5,300	25	20,058	4,900	24
Washington	87,230	22,300	26	81,740	10,300	13
Wisconsin	28,980	3,800	13	24,295	2,500	9
Other States		410				
13 STATES	883,962	89,610	23	351,413	65,650	19
Klamath Basin 2/		770			520	

* Combined into "Other States" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2010 totaled 23.7 million cwt.

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