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November Potato Processing in Idaho and Malheur County Up 4.2 Percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 6.42 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes during November, up 4.2 percent from November 2009. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 21.0 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes to December 1, down 9.0 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 16.5 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 4.53 million cwt were produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 61.5 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 4 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 7.36 million cwt of the total processing, down 28 percent from last year.

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

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	1,000 Cwt									
		TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUNE 1	ENTIRE SEASON
ID & Malheur Co., OR All Potatoes	2008-09	8,240	15,800	22,580	26,980	35,430	42,150	49,030	55,270	62,940	77,240
	2009-10	9,880	18,950	25,110	29,180	35,170	42,050	49,200	56,100	63,910	79,900
	2010-11	7,560	14,670	21,010							
Idaho Potatoes	2008-09	5,670	11,310	17,720	24,010	30,180	36,570	43,250	47,950	54,510	68,160
	2009-10	6,360	12,380	18,300	21,170	29,960	36,570	43,430	49,610	55,700	71,500
	2010-11	4,490	10,450	16,510							
Monte 1/	2008-09			1,550	2,130	2,760	3,350	3,810	4,260	5,260	7,120
	2009-10			1,570	2,060	2,680	3,260	3,910	4,200	5,260	7,160
	2010-11			1,910							
WA & Other Area, OR	2008-09	17,800	25,490	32,500	38,030	42,790	49,800	56,350	62,630	70,620	81,260
	2009-10	13,950	19,045	25,195	31,245	38,570	43,780	50,130	56,700	61,805	75,690
	2010-11	14,170	20,850	28,800							
Other States 2/	2008-09			12,480	15,120	18,165	21,070	24,675	26,515	30,500	37,285
	2009-10			10,860	13,560	16,305	18,005	21,600	23,335	27,375	34,240
	2010-11			11,060							
Total	2008-09			68,970	84,280	99,155	116,400	133,220	148,285	168,420	203,005
	2009-10			60,945	76,050	90,685	108,090	124,845	141,205	160,170	196,460
	2010-11			65,180							
Dehydrated 3/	2008-09			10,670	14,490	18,550	21,400	24,870	28,190	31,870	39,240
	2009-10			10,985	14,035	17,150	19,895	23,155	26,670	30,045	38,015
	2010-11			7,800							

1/ Includes Monte 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 Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

Idaho Potato Stocks Down 16 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on December 1 totaled 82.5 million cwt, 15.5 million cwt less than on hand December 1, 2009. This is the lowest December 1 stocks level since 1989. Disappearance, at 31.9 million cwt is down from last year's 34.5 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 4.60 million cwt, down from last year's 5.60 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 77.9 million cwt, were down from the 92.4 million cwt stored on December 1, 2009.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 232 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2010, down 13 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 66 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below December 1, 2009. Potato disappearance, at 119 million cwt, was 1 percent above December 1, 2009. Season to date shrink and loss, at 12.5 million cwt, was down 13 percent from the same date in 2009.

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

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
1,000 Cwt								
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2005	118,288	83,000	73,500	60,000	50,000	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	132,500	98,000	88,500	78,500	67,500	53,000	38,500	25,500
2010	114,440	82,500						
13 States 1/								
2005	575,118	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,500	41,500
2006	589,527	258,900	225,800	192,300	159,500	120,500	79,050	44,460
2007	597,753	265,500	232,800	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,960	50,420
2008	569,866	243,700	213,700	183,900	152,700	115,800	78,160	45,360
2009	583,962	265,800	234,300	203,500	169,700	128,700	89,610	53,120
2010	551,413	232,500						

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states.

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

STATE	CROP OF 2009			CROP OF 2010		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2009	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS DECEMBER 1, 2010	DECEMBER 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,960	2,100	53	2,280	1,600	70
Colorado	22,000	15,900	72	21,528	15,500	72
Idaho	132,500	98,000	74	114,440	82,500	72
Maine	15,261	12,000	79	15,717	12,600	76
Michigan	13,660	9,000	57	15,660	9,300	59
Minnesota	20,700	13,500	64	17,010	11,000	65
Montana	3,298	3,300	100	3,616	3,500	97
Nebraska	8,756	5,700	65	7,719	4,900	63
New York	4,950	2,400	48	4,870	2,300	48
North Dakota	19,125	13,000	68	22,000	14,000	64
Oregon	21,460	17,400	81	20,058	15,100	75
Washington	87,230	53,100	61	81,740	44,100	54
Wisconsin	28,980	20,600	71	24,800	18,500	67
13 STATES	383,962	265,800	69	351,413	232,300	66
Klamath Basin 2/		4,500			3,700	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 23.0 million cwt.

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