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March Potato Processing in Idaho and Malheur County Down 2.9 Percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 6.94 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes during March, down 2.9 percent from March 2010. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 46.2 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes to April 1, down 6.1 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 40.3 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 5.84 million cwt were produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 127 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 2 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 19.5 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year.

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

STATE	STATE ACP SEASON	2008			2009			2010			ENTER SEASON
		TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1		
1,000 Cwt											
WA & Malheur Co., OR All Potatoes	2008-09	8,740	11,600	22,380	28,480	31,430	47,110	48,010	51,170	67,640	77,340
	2009-10	6,680	16,510	23,110	29,180	31,170	47,010	48,760	51,380	67,510	70,400
	2010-11	7,580	14,670	21,040	26,840	27,700	38,740	45,180			
Idaho Potatoes	2008-09	5,070	11,310	17,720	24,010	26,130	34,520	42,250	47,620	54,220	68,160
	2009-10	6,360	12,330	18,300	24,170	26,940	34,570	43,430	48,640	55,700	71,500
	2010-11	4,480	10,410	15,110	22,140	22,800	34,370	40,140			
Idaho 1/	2008-09			1,323	2,320	2,790	3,823	3,813	4,263	5,263	7,120
	2009-10			1,575	2,090	2,630	3,263	3,613	4,520	5,260	7,160
	2010-11			1,915	2,480	3,690	3,723	4,420			
WA & Other Area, OR	2008-09	17,890	25,430	32,560	38,690	42,790	48,865	56,350	62,625	70,625	81,260
	2009-10	14,290	19,210	23,690	21,210	28,540	34,780	38,190	38,760	61,300	75,260
	2010-11	11,170	20,250	27,670	22,570	28,810	38,790	34,250			
Other States 2/	2008-09			12,989	15,120	18,190	21,079	23,020	25,210	29,290	37,280
	2009-10			10,865	12,565	16,205	18,995	21,600	24,355	27,275	34,240
	2010-11			11,660	14,605	17,240	20,165	22,040			
Total	2008-09			62,975	84,280	95,155	116,400	132,220	149,285	168,420	202,205
	2009-10			62,945	76,690	90,685	108,980	124,845	141,785	168,170	196,460
	2010-11			67,285	77,471	91,645	108,810	126,860			
Dehydrated 3/	2008-09			10,621	14,480	18,331	21,461	24,871	28,181	31,870	38,341
	2009-10			10,965	14,035	17,150	19,895	23,155	25,620	30,045	38,915
	2010-11			7,845	10,795	13,640	15,465	18,450			

1/ Includes Malheur grown potatoes only. Amounts include 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 20 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 41.0 million cwt, 10.0 million cwt less than on hand April 1, 2010. This is the lowest April 1 stocks level since 1990. Disaggregated, 21.9 million cwt is down from last year's 29.5 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 1.50 million cwt, down from last year's 2.00 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 41.0 million cwt, were down from the 31.0 million cwt stored on April 1, 2010.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 105 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2011, down 18 percent from a year ago. Potato in storage accounted for 30 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, four percentage points below April 1, 2010. Potato disappearance, at 246 million cwt, was 4 percent below April 1, 2010. Season to date shrink and loss, at 20.7 million cwt, was down 16 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					
		TOTAL	FOLLOWING YEAR				
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1
<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>							
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2005	118,288	85,000	75,500	66,000	58,000	43,500	31,000
2006	128,915	90,000	80,000	70,000	59,500	46,500	33,000
2007	110,010	97,000	87,000	71,500	60,500	49,000	35,000
2008	115,470	85,000	75,500	66,000	55,500	42,000	32,500
2009	117,500	98,000	88,500	78,500	67,500	51,000	38,500
2010	114,440	62,500	72,500	64,000	54,500	42,500	
13 States 1/							
2005	375,118	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	73,900
2006	388,527	258,500	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050
2007	397,752	265,500	232,300	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,960
2008	369,896	243,700	213,200	183,900	152,700	115,800	78,160
2009	383,962	265,800	234,300	203,500	169,700	128,700	89,630
2010	351,413	224,700	204,500	175,700	145,200	102,600	

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states.

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

STATE	CROP OF 2010			CROP OF 2011		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APR. 1, 2010	APR. 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APR. 1, 2011	APR. 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
<i>1,000 Cwt</i>						
California	3,960	800	20	2,280	600	26
Colorado	22,080	8,100	37	21,528	7,200	33
Idaho	117,500	54,000	46	114,440	47,500	41
Maine	15,761	6,000	38	15,895	6,000	38
Michigan	15,660	1,700	11	15,680	2,300	15
Minnesota	70,700	6,600	9	77,010	5,500	7
Montana	3,298	2,100	64	3,673	2,200	60
Nebraska	8,756	2,200	25	7,719	2,100	27
New York	4,950	500	10	5,120	500	10
North Dakota	19,125	3,000	16	22,000	5,900	27
Oregon	21,460	3,000	14	20,058	7,700	38
Washington	87,230	27,100	31	81,790	17,800	22
Wisconsin	28,980	7,400	26	24,203	5,300	22
13 STATES	383,962	128,700	34	351,413	102,600	30
Klamath Basin 2/		1,200			1,200	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2010 totaled 21.7 million cwt.

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