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December Potato Processing in Idaho and Malheur County Down 5.3 Percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 5.75 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes during December, down 5.3 percent from December 2009. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 26.8 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes to January 1, down 8.2 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 22.1 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 4.69 million cwt were produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 77.2 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 2 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 10.6 million cwt of the total processing, down 24 percent from last year.

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

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO	TO	TO	TO	TO	TO	TO	TO	TO	2010-11 STORAGE SEASON
		OCT 1	NOV 1	DEC 1	JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUNE 1	
1,000 Cwt											
ID & Malheur Co., OR	2008-09	8,260	15,600	22,380	28,080	35,430	42,150	49,030	55,570	62,590	77,390
	2009-10	8,800	16,950	23,110	29,180	35,170	42,050	49,200	56,100	62,930	79,400
	2010-11	7,560	14,620	21,040	26,790						
Idaho Potatoes	2008-09	5,070	11,310	17,720	24,010	30,180	36,630	42,230	47,950	51,530	68,160
	2009-10	6,390	12,380	18,200	24,170	29,900	36,570	43,430	49,840	55,700	71,500
	2010-11	4,990	10,470	16,510	22,100						
Malheur 1/	2008-09			1,555	3,170	2,765	3,355	3,815	4,565	5,265	7,170
	2009-10			1,575	3,060	2,680	3,365	3,915	4,550	5,260	7,160
	2010-11			1,915	2,460						
WA & Other Area, OR	2008-09	17,800	25,470	32,560	38,050	42,795	49,865	56,150	62,675	70,695	81,260
	2009-10	15,390	29,045	25,295	31,245	36,330	43,780	50,130	56,700	64,805	75,690
	2010-11	14,170	30,850	27,670	33,595						
Other States 2/	2008-09			12,480	15,120	18,165	21,030	24,025	26,515	28,390	37,285
	2009-10			10,865	13,265	16,300	18,990	21,690	24,355	27,375	34,240
	2010-11			11,660	14,385						
Total	2008-09			68,075	84,280	99,155	116,400	131,730	149,785	168,470	203,035
	2009-10			60,915	76,050	90,685	108,000	124,845	141,705	160,370	195,870
	2010-11			62,285	77,230						
Dehydrated 3/	2008-09			10,675	14,190	18,135	21,465	24,875	28,105	31,870	39,345
	2009-10			10,585	14,035	17,120	19,890	23,155	26,630	30,045	38,915
	2010-11			7,845	10,610						

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

2/ Other states include Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Malheur 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 17 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on January 1 totaled 73.5 million cwt, 15.0 million cwt less than on hand January 1, 2010. This is the lowest January 1 stocks level since 1989. Disappearance, at 40.9 million cwt is down from last year's 44.0 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 4.00 million cwt, up from last year's 3.90 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 69.5 million cwt, were down from the 84.6 million cwt stored on January 1, 2010.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 205 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2011, down 13 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 38 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below January 1, 2010. Potato disappearance, at 147 million cwt, was 2 percent below January 1, 2010. Season to date shrink and loss, at 147 million cwt, was down 11 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
1,000 Cwt								
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2005	118,288	85,000	75,500	65,000	55,000	45,500	31,000	18,500
2006	178,915	90,000	80,000	70,000	59,500	48,500	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	65,000	55,500	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					
13 States 1/								
2005	375,118	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,500
2006	489,577	258,900	235,000	197,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,460
2007	387,753	263,500	232,300	199,300	163,100	125,500	83,960	50,120
2008	309,800	245,700	213,200	185,900	152,700	115,800	78,100	45,500
2009	383,962	265,000	234,300	201,500	169,700	128,700	89,610	55,120
2010	351,413	234,700	204,500					

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states.

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

STATE	CROP OF 2009			CROP OF 2010		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS	JANUARY 1	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS	JANUARY 1
		JANUARY 1, 2010	STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION		JANUARY 1, 2011	STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
1,000 Cwt						
California	3,960	1,600	40	2,280	1,400	61
Colorado	33,080	13,900	63	21,538	13,300	62
Idaho	132,500	88,500	67	114,440	73,500	64
Maine	15,205	10,800	71	15,892	10,800	68
Michigan	15,660	7,100	45	15,660	7,600	49
Minnesota	20,700	11,600	56	17,010	9,600	56
Montana	3,298	3,200	97	3,673	3,500	95
Nebraska	8,736	4,900	56	7,719	4,100	53
New York	4,050	1,800	45	3,120	1,500	48
North Dakota	19,125	10,800	56	22,000	12,000	55
Oregon	21,400	15,000	70	20,038	14,500	72
Washington	87,230	47,500	54	81,740	39,300	48
Wisconsin	38,980	17,600	45	34,291	13,400	39
13 STATES	383,962	234,300	61	351,413	204,500	58
Klamath Basin 2/		3,500			3,000	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 25.7 million cwt.

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