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Northwest Region Potato Stocks on February 1, 2016 Totaled 125 million Hundredweight

Potato stocks in Idaho on February 1, 2016 totaled 71.0 million cwt. Disappearance of the Idaho crop to date was 59.3 million cwt. February 1 potato stocks in Oregon totaled 12.0 million cwt. Disappearance to date was 9.78 million cwt. In Washington, February 1 potato stocks totaled 42.0 million cwt. Disappearance to date totaled 58.3 million cwt. Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 197 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2016, down 2 percent from last year. Potatoes in storage accounted for 49 percent of the 2016 fall storage States' production, compared to 51 percent from previous year. Potato disappearance, at 202 million cwt, was up 3 percent from February 1, 2015. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 16.9 million cwt, was 7 percent lower than 2015.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 39.7 million cwt of potatoes for the season, down 3 percent from February 2015. In Washington and other Oregon counties, 46.3 million cwt of potatoes had been used by processors for the season, up 8 percent from the previous year. Processors in the 9 major States used 108 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 1 percent from February 2015. Dehydrating usage accounted for 19.5 million cwt of the total potatoes processed.

Fall Potato Production and Stocks — 13 Major States: February 1, 2015-2016

[Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2014 totaled 26.1 million cwt]

State	Crop of 2014			Crop of 2015			
	Production	Stocks February 1, 2015	February stocks as a percent of production	Production	Stocks December 1, 2015	Stocks February 1, 2016	February stocks as a percent of production
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)
California	3,901	1,600	41	3,720	2,000	1,250	34
Colorado	23,196	13,000	56	22,857	16,600	12,500	55
Idaho	132,880	74,000	56	130,320	90,000	71,000	54
Maine	14,645	8,500	58	16,160	12,500	8,900	55
Michigan	15,725	5,000	32	17,550	10,900	6,500	37
Minnesota	16,400	7,800	48	16,200	11,800	8,800	54
Montana	3,616	3,400	94	3,488	3,300	3,200	92
Nebraska	7,943	3,300	42	6,873	4,100	2,700	39
New York	4,345	1,400	32	4,161	2,200	1,500	36
North Dakota	23,870	12,200	51	27,200	19,500	14,500	53
Oregon	22,562	13,200	59	21,784	17,000	12,000	55
Washington	101,475	44,000	43	100,300	56,000	42,000	42
Wisconsin	26,240	13,400	51	27,500	17,500	11,700	43
Total	396,798	200,800	51	398,113	263,400	196,550	49
Klamath Basin ¹	(NA)	3,000	(NA)	(NA)	4,700	2,650	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Included in the 13-State total.

Quantity of Potatoes Used for Processing — 9 States: 2013-2015

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced]

State and crop year	Current Year	Following year						Season
	To December 1	To January 1	To February 1	To March 1	To April 1 ¹	To May 1	To June 1	
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon								
2013.....	25,770	32,080	39,090	46,320	53,755	61,780	70,425	85,280
2014.....	27,685	33,995	40,850	47,985	54,665	63,025	70,600	86,870
2015.....	26,850	33,115	39,655					
Maine								
2013.....	1,570	1,990	2,510	3,060	3,680	4,240	4,800	6,315
2014.....	1,410	1,845	2,415	2,930	3,475	3,980	4,445	5,622
2015.....	1,250	1,690	2,190					
Washington and Oregon¹								
2013.....	31,575	37,990	45,420	52,690	59,025	64,905	72,325	80,655
2014.....	31,870	37,190	42,715	50,380	57,340	64,525	72,365	88,615
2015.....	33,955	39,970	46,320					
Other States²								
2013.....	11,365	14,280	17,470	20,475	23,695	26,990	30,195	37,425
2014.....	13,705	17,295	20,865	24,685	28,550	32,080	35,415	40,456
2015.....	13,300	16,501	19,758					
United States								
2013.....	70,280	86,320	104,490	122,545	140,155	157,915	177,745	209,675
2014.....	74,670	90,325	106,845	125,980	144,030	163,610	182,825	221,563
2015.....	75,355	91,276	107,923					
Dehydrated³								
2013.....	12,065	15,875	19,835	23,380	27,140	31,095	34,895	44,385
2014.....	13,045	16,325	19,965	23,645	26,345	31,515	35,490	46,340
2015.....	12,154	15,821	19,493					

¹ Oregon excluding Malheur County.

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

³ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington.

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