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# **Potato Stocks**

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#### Potato Stocks Down 6 Percent from April 1, 2024

Potatoes held in storage on April 1, 2025 totaled 131 million cwt, down 6 percent from April 1, 2024. Potatoes in storage accounted for 31 percent of the 2024 production, the same as a year earlier. The indicated season to date disappearance, at 290 million cwt, was down 4 percent from the same period last year. Season to date shrink and loss, at 20.9 million cwt, was down 2 percent from the same time last year. Processors in the 8 States used 147 million cwt of potatoes for the season, down 5 percent from April 2024.

#### Potato Production and Stocks - 13 States: April 1, 2024-2025

[Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop]

|  |   | Crop of 2023  |  | Crop of 2024   |   |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| State  | Production  | Stocks<br>April 1,<br>2024  | April stocks<br>as a percent<br>of<br>production           | Production   | Stocks<br>February 1,<br>2025   | Stocks<br>April 1,<br>2025  | April stocks<br>as a percent<br>of<br>production           |  |  |
|  | (1,000 cwt)   | (1,000 cwt)   | (percent)  | (1,000 cwt)  | (1,000 cwt)   | (1,000 cwt)   | (percent)  |  |  |
| California<br>Colorado<br>Florida<br>Idaho<br>Maine<br>Michigan<br>Minnesota<br>Nebraska<br>North Dakota<br>Oregon | 9,918<br>21,098<br>5,940<br>143,333<br>16,800<br>21,560<br>18,966<br>10,731<br>26,425<br>26,660 | (D)<br>6,800<br>-<br>53,000<br>5,000<br>4,400<br>6,000<br>2,800<br>9,600<br>9,400 | (D)<br>32<br>(X)<br>37<br>30<br>20<br>32<br>26<br>36<br>35 | 8,557<br>21,749<br>4,200<br>135,235<br>18,596<br>19,950<br>16,827<br>9,823<br>24,288<br>26,875 | (D)<br>10,800<br>-<br>72,000<br>10,100<br>8,100<br>9,700<br>4,900<br>13,500<br>14,500 | (D)<br>6,700<br>-<br>47,000<br>6,000<br>4,000<br>6,300<br>2,400<br>8,200<br>9,400 | (D)<br>31<br>(X)<br>35<br>32<br>20<br>37<br>24<br>34<br>35 |  |  |
| Texas<br>Washington<br>Wisconsin<br>Other States <sup>1</sup>  | 6,716<br>103,635<br>28,350<br>-   | (D)<br>30,500<br>8,800<br>2,100   | (D)<br>29<br>31<br>(X)                                     | 6,789<br>101,283<br>26,070<br>-  | (D)<br>46,000<br>13,700<br>3,400  | (D)<br>30,000<br>8,500<br>2,100   | (D)<br>30<br>33<br>(X)                                     |  |  |
| Total  | 440,132   | 138,400   | 31   | 420,242  | 206,700   | 130,600   | 31   |  |  |
| Klamath Basin <sup>2 3</sup>   | (NA)  | (D)   | (X)  | (NA)   | (NA)  | (NA)  | (X)  |  |  |

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes data withheld above.

<sup>2</sup> Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Already included in the total.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2024.

# Accumulated Potato Shrinkage and Loss – 13 States: 2023-2025

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

| Crop         | Current<br>year         | Following year  |                  |                         |               |               |               |  |  |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
| year         | December 1, 2023        | January 1, 2024 | February 1, 2024 | March 1, 2024           | April 1, 2024 | May 1, 2024   | June 1, 2024  |  |  |
|              | (1,000 cwt) (1,000 cwt) |                 | (1,000 cwt)      | (1,000 cwt) (1,000 cwt) |               | (1,000 cwt)   | (1,000 cwt)   |  |  |
| 2023         | 13,312                  | 15,397          | 17,202           | 19,222                  | 21,417        | 23,632        | 25,424        |  |  |
| Crop<br>year | Current<br>year         | Following year  |                  |                         |               |               |               |  |  |
|              | December 1, 2024        | January 1, 2025 | February 1, 2025 | March 1, 2025           | April 1, 2025 | May 1, 2025   | June 1, 2025  |  |  |
|              | (million cwt)           | (million cwt)   | (million cwt)    | (million cwt)           | (million cwt) | (million cwt) | (million cwt) |  |  |
| 2024         | 12,877                  | 15,179          | 17,044           | 18,769                  | 20,916        |               |               |  |  |

#### Quantity of Potatoes Used for Processing - 8 States: 2023-2025

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

|  | Current  | Following year   |  |  |  |                 |                 |                  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| State  | year<br>December 1,<br>2023  | January 1,<br>2024   | February 1,<br>2024  | March 1,<br>2024   | April 1,<br>2024   | May 1,<br>2024  | June 1,<br>2024 | Season           |  |
|  | (1,000 cwt)  | (1,000 cwt)  | (1,000 cwt)  | (1,000 cwt)  | (1,000 cwt)  | (1,000 cwt)     | (1,000 cwt)     | (1,000 cwt)      |  |
| Colorado<br>Idaho  | 825<br>26,080  | 1,055<br>32,320  | 1,315<br>39,060  | 1,535<br>46,705  | 1,795<br>54,055  | 2,000<br>61,050 | 2,240<br>68,360 | 2,626<br>84,052  |  |
| Maine<br>Minnesota   | (D)<br>3,245   | (D)<br>4,150   | (D)<br>5,080   | (D)<br>6,030   | (D)<br>7,095   | (D)<br>8,230    | (D)<br>9,190    | (D)<br>11,766    |  |
| North Dakota<br>Oregon   | (D)<br>15,075  | (D)<br>17,550  | (D)<br>20,160  | (D)<br>22,960  | (D)<br>26,040  | (D)<br>29,290   | (D)<br>32,660   | (D)<br>38,455    |  |
| Malheur County<br>All other counties   | 3,550<br>11,525  | 4,240  | 5,020<br>15,140  | 5,835<br>17,125  | 6,740<br>19,300  | 7,630 21,660    | 8,530<br>24,130 | 9,867<br>28,588  |  |
| Washington<br>Wisconsin  | 24,800<br>4,595  | 28,945<br>(D)  | 34,350<br>6,680  | 40,630<br>(D)  | 45,395<br>(D)  | 50,650<br>(D)   | 55,965<br>(D)   | 64,615<br>12,555 |  |
| Other States <sup>1</sup>  | 5,285  | 12,470   | 8,605  | 17,925   | 20,675   | 23,545          | 26,570          | 18,405           |  |
| United States  | 79,905   | 96,490   | 115,250  | 135,785  | 155,055  | 174,765         | 194,985         | 232,474          |  |
| Dehydrated <sup>2</sup>  | 11,445   | 14,990   | 18,625   | 22,520   | 26,335   | 30,160          | 33,610          | 42,406           |  |
|  | Current<br>year  | Following year   |  |  |  |                 |                 |                  |  |
| State  | December 1,<br>2024  | January 1,<br>2025   | February 1,<br>2025  | March 1,<br>2025   | April 1,<br>2025   | May 1,<br>2025  | June 1,<br>2025 | Season           |  |
|  | (1,000 cwt)  | (1,000 cwt)  | (1,000 cwt)  | (1,000 cwt)  | (1,000 cwt)  | (1,000 cwt)     | (1,000 cwt)     | (1,000 cwt)      |  |
| Colorado<br>Idaho<br>Maine<br>Minnesota<br>North Dakota<br>Oregon<br>Washington<br>Wisconsin<br>Other States <sup>1</sup><br>United States | 505<br>25,685<br>(D)<br>3,160<br>(D)<br>12,795<br>23,380<br>4,540<br>5,345<br>75,410 | 690<br>32,000<br>(D)<br>4,050<br>(D)<br>15,500<br>27,650<br>5,560<br>6,690<br>92,140 | 875<br>39,210<br>(D)<br>4,955<br>(D)<br>17,820<br>32,560<br>(D)<br>14,950<br>110,370 | 1,055<br>46,225<br>(D)<br>5,890<br>(D)<br>19,350<br>38,300<br>(D)<br>17,740<br>128,560 | 1,240<br>53,450<br>(D)<br>6,960<br>(D)<br>22,315<br>42,955<br>(D)<br>20,475<br>147,395 |                 |                 |                  |  |
| Dehydrated <sup>2 3</sup>  | (NA)   | (NA)   | (NA)   | (NA)   | (NA)   | (NA)            | (NA)            | (NA)             |  |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available. <sup>1</sup> Includes data withheld above.

<sup>2</sup> Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington.

<sup>3</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2024.

# **Statistical Methodology**

**Survey Procedures:** The April 1 potato stocks estimate in this report are based primarily on a survey conducted in the first week of April in the potato producing States. The potato stocks survey is a probability survey that includes a sample of approximately 840 growers, processors, and storage facilities that are contacted to obtain the quantity of potatoes stored as of the first of the month, as well as monthly shrinkage and loss information.

Monthly processing data is collected from a census of all known potato processing facilities in eight States (Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin). An effort is made to obtain a report from all facilities. Estimates are made for missing facilities to make the survey complete.

Data was collected by mail, internet, telephone, or personal interview to obtain information on potato stocks, monthly potato processing, and monthly shrink and loss.

**Estimating Procedures:** Information obtained from the potato stocks survey, processing survey, and federal administrative data, is used to establish estimates of stocks, shrinkage and loss, and processing usage. These estimates are reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates.

**Revision Policy:** Stocks, shrink and loss, and processing estimates for the previous estimating period are subject to revision based on late and/or updated information. At the end of the marketing season, all information available, including disposition data, are thoroughly reviewed and any necessary revisions for the entire crop year are published in the *Potatoes Annual Summary* released in September.

**Reliability:** Reliability of the stocks and processing data must be treated separately because the survey designs for the two surveys are very different. The stocks estimates are subject to sampling variability because all operations holding stocks are not included in the sample. This variability, as measured by the relative standard error at the United States level, is approximately 2.7 percent. This means that chances are approximately 95 out of 100 that survey estimates for stocks will be within plus or minus 5.4 percent of the value that could be developed by averaging the estimates produced from all possible samples selected from the same population and surveyed using the same procedures.

Survey indications are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. Processing, as well as stocks, are subject to these types of errors. These errors cannot be measured directly, but they are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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