



# WASHINGTON POTATOES

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## PROCESSING POTATOES

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 62.9 million cwt. of raw potatoes to June 1, 2009, 7.8 million cwt. less than the 70.7 million cwt. processed during the same period last year, and 8.3 million cwt. less than the 71.2 million cwt. processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to June 1, 2009 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 63.2 percent of the 2008 production. Processing in the nine processing states totaled 168.7 million cwt. of raw potatoes to June 1, 2009, 7 percent less than the same period last year. Dehydrating usage, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 31.9 million cwt. of raw potatoes.

### POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING, SELECTED STATES, 2007 & 2008 1/

STATE	STORAGE 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	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<b>1,000 Cwt</b>											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2007-08	10,860	18,650	26,230	33,250	40,310	48,660	55,460	63,000	70,700	88,030
	2008-09	8,210	15,580	22,360	28,980	35,430	42,150	49,030	55,570	62,940	
Maine 2/	2007-08			1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440	3,990	4,670	5,240	7,550
	2008-09			1,635	2,240	2,890	3,505	4,000	4,795	5,540	
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2007-08	15,060	22,305	30,595	36,940	42,350	50,165	57,160	67,690	72,380	82,770
	2008-09	17,820	25,425	32,570	37,750	42,490	49,795	56,350	62,620	70,625	
Other States 3/ 4/	2007-08			15,040	17,535	20,755	23,900	26,650	29,710	32,600	39,430
	2008-09			12,535	15,190	18,250	21,150	24,140	26,635	29,595	
TOTAL 4/	2007-08			73,565	89,895	106,230	126,165	143,260	165,070	180,920	217,780
	2008-09			69,100	84,160	99,060	116,600	133,520	149,620	168,700	
Dehydrated 4/ 5/	2007-08			12,815	16,785	21,040	25,350	29,500	33,650	37,975	46,660
	2008-09			10,745	14,570	18,405	21,535	24,945	28,265	31,940	

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced.

2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. Amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips.

3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. Monthly amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips in WI.

4/ May 1, 2009 revised.

5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, OR, WA, and WI.

## POTATO STOCKS

Potatoes stored in Washington on June 1, 2009 were estimated at 8.3 million cwt., 2.7 million cwt. less than the 11.0 million cwt. in storage on June 1, 2008, and 0.8 million cwt. more than the 7.5 million cwt. in storage on June 1, 2007. Disappearance of the State's crop to date was 84.7 million cwt. compared with 89.8 million cwt. a year ago.

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## Potato Stocks Down 11 Percent From June 2008

The 13 major potato States held 44.8 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2009, down 11 percent from a year ago but 1 percent above June 1, 2007. Potatoes in storage accounted for 12 percent of the 2008 fall storage States' production, slightly below June 1, 2008. Potato disappearance, at 323 million cwt, was 7 percent below June 1, 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 23.8 million cwt, was down 6 percent from the same date in 2008 and 7 percent below 2007. Processors in the 9 major States have used 169 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 7 percent from both the same period last year and 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounted for 31.9 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year and 22 percent below the same period in 2007.

### FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS, 2003-2008, WASHINGTON & MAJOR STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
1,000 Cwt.								
WASHINGTON								
2003	93,150	51,000	44,000	38,000	29,500	21,500	15,000	7,000
2004	93,810	50,000	43,000	36,500	29,000	22,000	15,500	8,000
2005	95,480	52,500	46,500	40,500	32,500	25,000	17,500	9,400
2006	89,900	49,000	42,500	36,500	28,500	21,000	14,000	7,500
2007	100,800	57,000	50,200	43,800	35,400	27,500	19,000	11,000
2008	93,000	49,500	43,800	38,600	31,400	23,700	16,500	8,300
13 STATES 1/								
2003	403,566	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	404,017	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	375,118	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,527	258,900	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,460
2007	397,753	265,500	232,300	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,960	50,420
2008	367,715	243,300	212,800	183,500	151,400	114,450	76,000	44,770

1/ Ohio and Pennsylvania were included until 2005. See table below for listing of 13 states.

### PRODUCTION and TOTAL STOCKS of FALL POTATOES HELD by GROWERS, PROCESSORS and LOCAL DEALERS on JUNE 1, 2008 & JUNE 1, 2009 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2007			CROP OF 2008		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JUNE 1, 2008 2/	JUNE 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JUNE 1, 2009 2/	JUNE 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt.		Percent	1,000 Cwt.		Percent
California	3,792	300	8	3,939	400	10
Colorado	20,981	2,500	12	21,338	3,400	16
Idaho	130,010	23,000	18	114,805	18,500	16
Maine	16,668	2,500	15	14,769	2,200	15
Michigan	14,700			14,875	100	1
Minnesota 3/	21,560	2,400	11	20,400	3,400	17
Montana	3,696			3,465	40	1
Nebraska	8,217			8,342		
New York	5,216			5,696		
North Dakota 3/	23,660	2,800	12	22,680	2,000	9
Oregon	20,293	4,200	21	18,676	3,800	20
Washington	100,800	11,000	11	93,000	8,300	9
Wisconsin	28,160	1,000	4	25,730	2,000	8
Other States		720			630	
13 States Total 3/	397,753	50,420	13	367,715	44,770	12
Klamath Basin 4/ 5/						

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2008 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

3/ May 1, 2009 stocks revised.

4/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath County, OR. Included in the 13 State total.

5/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.