



Potato Stocks Report



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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of January 1, 2012 totaled 89,000 cwt. This was 66 percent of the total 2011 production of potatoes and compares with 104,000 cwt and 69 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2009 level for the January 1 stocks was 92,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for January 1 is 103,000 cwt.

Disappearance since December 1 was 13,000 cwt, compared with 13,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 11,400 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to January 1 totaled 45,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 46,000 cwt; the five year average is 53,800 cwt. The disappearance since October 1 reflects sales, shrinkage and waste, as well as losses caused after harvest.

Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purpose and uses, including seed potatoes that are not yet moved, and shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report.

Potato Stocks estimates for the 13 MAJOR POTATO STATES are now being published four times a year, as of December 1, February 1, April 1 and June 1. The next national release will be published on February 15, 2012.

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS – JANUARY 1, 2012

Year	Stocks			Production	January 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production
	Jan. 1*	Dec. 1	Oct. 1		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----				
2011	89.0	102.0	125.0	134.0	66%
2010	104.0	117.0	140.0	150.0	69%
2009	92.0	103.0	125.0	137.0	67%
2008	82.0	92.0	123.0	135.0	61%

*following year

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