



# Potato Stocks Report

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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of February 1, 2013 totaled 88,000 cwt. This was 63 percent of the total 2012 production of potatoes and compares with 67,000 cwt and 50 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2010 level for February 1 stocks was 91,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for February 1 is 82,800 cwt.

Disappearance since the start of harvest to February 1 was 52,000 cwt. The disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1 in 2011 was 67,000 cwt. The five year average of disappearance since the start of harvest is 63,600 cwt. The disappearance since harvest 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.

The **13 major potato States** held 214 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2013, up 14 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 52 percent of the 2012 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 199 million cwt, was 2 percent above February 1, 2012. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 18.9 million cwt, was up slightly from the same date in 2012. Processors in the 9 major States have used 107 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 2 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 20.8 million cwt of the total processing, virtually unchanged from last year.

The next Potato Stock Report will be issued in mid-April.

## ALASKA POTATO STOCKS – FEBRUARY 1, 2013

Crop Year	February 1 Stocks*	December 1 Stocks	Production	February 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----			-- Percent --
2012	88.0	108.0	140.0	63%
2011	67.0	102.0	134.0	50%
2010	91.0	117.0	150.0	61%
2009	82.0	103.0	137.0	60%
2008	71.0	92.0	135.0	53%

\*following year