



Potato Stocks Report

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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of March 1, 2012 totaled 59,000 cwt. This was 44 percent of the total 2011 production of potatoes and compares with 84,000 cwt and 56 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2009 level for the March 1 stocks was 73,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for March 1 is 80,400 cwt.

Potato stocks for February 1, 2012 have been revised down to 67,000 cwt or 50% of the 2011 total production. Disappearance since February 1 was 8,000 cwt, compared with 7,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 11,400 cwt.

Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to March 1 totaled 75,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 66,000 cwt; the five year average is 76,400 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.

The next estimate of potatoes in storage for the **13 Major Potato States** will be released April 16, 2012.

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS – MARCH 1, 2012

Year	Stocks				Production	March 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production
	Mar. 1*	Feb. 1*	Jan. 1*	Dec. 1		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----					-- Percent --
2011	59.0	67.0	89.0	102.0	134.0	44%
2010	84.0	91.0	104.0	117.0	150.0	56%
2009	73.0	82.0	92.0	103.0	137.0	53%
2008	61.0	71.0	82.0	92.0	135.0	45%

*following year

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