



Potato Stocks Report



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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of May 1, 2012 totaled 39,000 cwt. This was 29 percent of the total 2011 production of potatoes and compares with 63,000 cwt and 42 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2009 level for the May 1 stocks was 53,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for May 1 is 58,000 cwt.

Disappearance since April 1 was 10,000 cwt, compared with 12,000 cwt last year, and the five year average of 12,600 cwt. Disappearance of potatoes from the start of the harvest to May 1 totaled 95,000 cwt; comparable disappearance for a year earlier was 87,000 cwt; the five year average is 98,800 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.

The next national Potato Stocks release will be issued on June 13, 2012.

Of interest to growers may be the new Cooperative Extension Service publication entitled "Bacterial Ring Rot in Alaska Potato Crops". Copies of the publication can be obtained at www.uaf.edu/ces/pubs/catalog/detail/index.xml?id=490 or by calling your local extension agent.

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS – MAY 1, 2012

Year	Stocks					Production	May 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production
	May 1*	Apr. 1*	Mar. 1*	Feb. 1*	Jan. 1*		
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----						-- Percent --
2011	39.0	49.0	59.0	67.0	89.0	134.0	29%
2010	63.0	75.0	84.0	91.0	104.0	150.0	42%
2009	53.0	64.0	73.0	82.0	92.0	137.0	39%
2008	41.0	52.0	61.0	71.0	82.0	135.0	30%

*following year