



Potato Stocks Report

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All potatoes in storage in **ALASKA** as of December 1, 2012 totaled 108,000 cwt. This was 77 percent of the total 2012 production of potatoes and compares with 102,000 cwt and 76 percent on hand during the same period last year. The 2010 level for December 1 stocks was 117,000 cwt. The five year average stocks on hand for December 1 is 108,200 cwt.

Disappearance since the start of harvest to December 1 was 32,000 cwt. The disappearance from the start of harvest to December 1 in 2011 was also 32,000 cwt. The five year average of disappearance since the start of harvest is 38,200 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 280 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2012, up 11 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 68 percent of the 2012 fall storage States' production, up 2 percent from the previous year. Potato disappearance, at 132 million cwt, was 2 percent above December 1, 2011. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 13.7 million cwt, was unchanged from the same date in 2011. Processors in the 9 major States have used 73.2 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 4 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 13.5 million cwt of the total processing, up 1 percent from last year.

The next Potato Stocks Report will be issued in mid-February.

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Year	December 1 Stocks	Production	December 1 Stocks as a Percent of Production
	----- 1,000 Cwt -----		-- Percent --
2012	108.0	140.0	77%
2011	102.0	134.0	76%
2010	117.0	150.0	78%
2009	103.0	137.0	75%
2008	92.0	135.0	68%