

Potato Stocks

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Potato Stocks Up 19 Percent from June 2023

Potatoes held in storage on June 1, 2024 totaled 66.8 million cwt, up 19 percent from June 1, 2023. Potatoes in storage accounted for 15 percent of the 2023 production, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier. The indicated season to date disappearance, at 374 million cwt, was up 8 percent from the same period last year. Season to date shrink and loss, at 25.8 million cwt, was up 23 percent from the same time last year. Processors in the 8 States used 195 million cwt of potatoes for the season, up 4 percent from June 2023.

Potato Production and Stocks - 13 States: June 1, 2023-2024

[Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop]

	Crop of 2022				Crop of 2023					
State	Production	Stocks June 1, 2023	June stocks as a percent of production	Production	Stocks April 1, 2024	Stocks June 1, 2024	June stocks as a percent of production			
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)			
California	8,465 21,425 5,024 120,745 18,425 20,958 19,147 9,652 21,750 26,400	200 2,600 (D) 23,000 1,800 900 4,500 400 3,500 3,300	2 12 (D) 19 10 4 24 4 16 13	10,534 21,098 6,270 144,980 17,884 21,533 18,240 10,950 26,250 27,450	(D) 7,100 - 57,000 5,100 4,100 6,300 2,100 8,700 10,000	(D) 3,800 - 32,000 1,800 900 3,400 (D) 3,800 4,100	(D) 18 (X) 22 10 4 19 (D) 14			
Texas	8,453 95,410 26,200	(D) 13,000 2,600 100	(D) 14 10 (X)	6,510 99,688 29,363	(D) 30,500 8,700 1,300	(D) 14,000 2,500 500	(D) 14 9 (X)			
Total Klamath Basin ² .	402,054 (NA)	55,900 350	14 (NA)	440,750 (NA)	140,900 (D)	66,800 (D)	15 (NA)			

⁻ Represents zero.

⁽D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

⁽NA) Not available.

⁽X) Not applicable.

1 Includes data withheld above.

² Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Already included in the total.

Potato Production and Stocks - 13 States: 2014-2023

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

Crop year	Production	December 1	February 1	April 1	June 1	
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	
2014	399,118 403,062 412,688 406,800 414,359 423,189 419,781 412,639 402,054 440,750	267,500 267,900 275,800 277,900 279,300 268,300 269,400 267,100 257,600 283,700	206,600 205,900 213,000 210,600 212,800 202,400 204,800 199,700 191,900 215,100	139,200 137,200 142,600 138,800 144,700 126,600 124,700 127,700 121,300 140,900	63,535 60,080 67,570 63,740 70,370 57,900 56,300 56,600 55,900 66,800	

¹ Beginning in 2019, production represents all potatoes.

Quantity of Potatoes Used for Processing – 8 States: 2022-2024

[Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Chaha	Current year	Following year						
State	December 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	February 1, 2023	March 1, 2023	April 1, 2023	May 1, 2023	June 1, 2023	Season
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Colorado Idaho Maine Minnesota North Dakota Oregon Malheur County All other counties Washington Wisconsin Other States 1	740 22,085 (D) 2,745 (D) 15,630 3,715 11,915 24,715 4,595	(D) 28,735 (D) 3,795 (D) 18,630 4,410 14,220 29,330 5,580 7,519	1,275 35,255 (D) 4,985 (D) 21,335 5,200 16,135 34,025 6,665	1,465 42,015 (D) 5,915 (D) 24,515 5,900 18,615 39,065 (D)	1,695 48,795 (D) 7,070 (D) 28,000 6,750 21,250 43,970 (D)	1,875 55,030 (D) 8,200 (D) 31,145 7,580 23,565 48,915 (D)	2,075 62,110 (D) 8,925 (D) 34,490 8,465 26,025 54,200 (D) 25,578	2,643 77,015 (D) 10,598 (D) 39,185 9,618 29,567 60,081 (D)
United States	75,378	93,589	111,615	130,344	149,733	167,900	187,378	219,699
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Dehydrated ²	11,095	14,560	17,680	20,765	24,220	27,510	31,130	37,663
Obsta	Current year	Following year						
State	December 1, 2023	January 1, 2024	February 1, 2024	March 1, 2024	April 1, 2024	May 1, 2024	June 1, 2024	Season
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Colorado Idaho	825 26,080 (D) 3,245 (D) 15,075 3,550 11,525 24,800 4,595	1,055 32,320 (D) 4,150 (D) 17,550 4,240 13,310 28,945 (D)	1,315 39,060 (D) 5,080 (D) 20,160 5,020 15,140 34,350 6,680 8,270	1,535 46,705 (D) 6,030 (D) 22,960 5,835 17,125 40,630 (D)	1,795 54,055 (D) 7,095 (D) 26,040 6,740 19,300 45,395 (D) 20,340	2,000 61,050 (D) 8,230 (D) 29,290 7,630 21,660 50,650 (D)	2,240 68,360 (D) 9,190 (D) 32,660 8,530 24,130 55,965 (D)	
United States Dehydrated ²	79,571	96,156	114,915	135,450	154,720	174,390	194,585	

⁽D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes data withheld above.

² Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington.

Accumulated Potato Shrinkage and Loss - 13 States: 2022-2024

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop year	Current year	Following year								
	December 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	February 1, 2023	March 1, 2023	April 1, 2023	May 1, 2023	June 1, 2023			
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)			
2022	11,679	13,473	14,858	16,738	18,296	19,616	20,913			
Crop	Current year	Following year								
year	December 1, 2023	January 1, 2024	February 1, 2024	March 1, 2024	April 1, 2024	May 1, 2024	June 1, 2024			
	(million cwt)	(million cwt)	(million cwt)	(million cwt)	(million cwt)	(million cwt)	(million cwt)			
2023	13,088	15,505	17,285	19,630	21,905	24,077	25,806			

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: The June 1 potato stocks estimate in this report are based primarily on a survey conducted in the first week of June in the potato producing States. The potato stocks survey is a probability survey that includes a sample of approximately 840 growers, processors, and storage facilities that are contacted to obtain the quantity of potatoes stored as of the first of the month, as well as monthly shrinkage and loss information.

Monthly processing data is collected from a census of all known potato processing facilities in eight States (Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin). An effort is made to obtain a report from all facilities. Estimates are made for missing facilities to make the survey complete.

Data was collected by mail, internet, telephone, or personal interview to obtain information on potato stocks, monthly potato processing, and monthly shrink and loss.

Estimating Procedures: Information obtained from the potato stocks survey, processing survey, and federal administrative data, is used to establish estimates of stocks, shrinkage and loss, and processing usage. These estimates are reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates.

Revision Policy: Stocks, shrink and loss, and processing estimates for the previous estimating period are subject to revision based on late and/or updated information. At the end of the marketing season, all information available, including disposition data, are thoroughly reviewed and any necessary revisions for the entire crop year are published in the *Potatoes Annual Summary* released in September.

Reliability: Reliability of the stocks and processing data must be treated separately because the survey designs for the two surveys are very different. The stocks estimates are subject to sampling variability because all operations holding stocks are not included in the sample. This variability, as measured by the relative standard error at the United States level, is approximately 1.9 percent. This means that chances are approximately 95 out of 100 that survey estimates for stocks will be within plus or minus 3.8 percent of the value that could be developed by averaging the estimates produced from all possible samples selected from the same population and surveyed using the same procedures.

Survey indications are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. Processing, as well as stocks, are subject to these types of errors. These errors cannot be measured directly, but they are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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