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## February Potato Processing in Idaho and Malheur County Down 4.9 Percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 5.54 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes during February, down 4.9 percent from February 2010. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 39.2 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes to March 1, down 6.7 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 34.3 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 4.97 million cwt were produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 110 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 1.6 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 16.5 million cwt of the total processing, down 17 percent from last year.

### Potatoes Used for Processing, Selected States, 2008-2010 Crops

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	2008-2010 Crops									
		TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUNE 1	ENDING SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
ID & Malheur Co., OR	2008-09	8,210	15,600	22,380	26,980	35,430	42,150	49,030	55,570	62,040	77,340
	2009-10	9,800	16,950	23,110	29,180	35,170	42,050	49,280	56,700	62,930	79,400
	2010-11	7,590	14,020	21,040	26,840	32,700	39,240				
Idaho Potatoes	2008-09	5,070	11,310	17,720	24,010	30,180	36,630	42,250	47,950	54,530	68,160
	2009-10	6,390	12,380	18,900	24,170	29,900	36,570	43,430	49,640	55,700	71,500
	2010-11	4,400	10,450	16,510	22,140	28,000	34,270				
Maine 1/	2008-09			1,555	4,130	2,065	3,395	2,815	4,565	5,265	7,120
	2009-10			1,575	2,050	2,680	3,265	2,915	4,550	5,260	7,160
	2010-11			1,915	2,460	3,000	3,725				
WA & Other Area, OR	2008-09	17,800	25,430	32,560	38,090	42,705	49,865	56,350	62,635	70,625	81,280
	2009-10	13,590	19,015	25,295	31,215	36,590	43,780	50,130	56,700	64,865	75,690
	2010-11	14,170	20,850	27,670	33,570	38,815	46,780				
Other States 2/	2008-09			12,480	15,120	18,165	21,030	24,025	26,515	29,590	37,285
	2009-10			10,865	13,565	16,305	18,995	21,660	24,155	27,375	34,240
	2010-11			17,660	14,635	17,300	20,190				
Total	2008-09			68,975	84,280	89,155	116,400	133,220	149,285	168,420	201,005
	2009-10			60,945	76,050	80,685	108,090	124,845	141,705	160,370	196,400
	2010-11			62,285	77,475	81,845	109,855				
Dehydrated 3/	2008-09			10,675	14,490	18,535	21,665	24,875	28,795	31,870	39,515
	2009-10			10,985	14,035	17,150	19,895	23,155	26,630	30,045	36,915
	2010-11			7,815	10,795	13,610	16,485				

1/ Includes Maine green potatoes only. Amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips.

2/ Other states include Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Monthly amounts exclude quantities used for potato chips in Wisconsin.

3/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

## Idaho Potato Stocks Down 19 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 54.5 million cwt, 13.0 million cwt less than on last March 1, 2010. This is the lowest March 1 stocks level since 1989. Disappointingly, at 59.9 million cwt is down from last year's 65.9 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 2.19 million cwt, down from last year's 2.70 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 52.4 million cwt, were down from the 64.8 million cwt stored on March 1, 2010.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 143 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2011, down 15 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 41 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below March 1, 2010. Potato disappearance, at 208 million cwt, was 8 percent below March 1, 2010. Season to date shrink and loss, at 18.6 million cwt, was down 12 percent from the same date in 2010.

**Fall Potatoes Production & Stocks, Crop Years 2005-2010, Idaho & 13 Fall States Total 1/**

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
1,000 Cwt								
IDAHO								
2005	118,288	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,000	43,500	31,000	18,500
2006	128,915	90,000	80,000	70,000	55,500	46,500	33,000	21,000
2007	130,010	92,000	82,000	71,500	60,500	48,000	35,000	22,000
2008	116,475	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,500	45,000	32,500	21,000
2009	132,500	98,000	88,500	78,500	67,500	53,000	38,500	25,500
2010	111,110	82,500	72,500	61,000	51,500			
13 States 1/								
2005	575,118	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,500	41,500
2006	589,527	258,000	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050	44,400
2007	597,753	265,500	232,300	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,560	50,120
2008	569,866	243,700	213,200	183,900	152,700	115,800	78,100	45,300
2009	583,962	265,800	234,300	203,500	169,700	128,700	89,610	55,120
2010	451,413	284,700	261,500	175,700	143,400			

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states.

**Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on March 1, 2010 and March 1, 2011 1/**

STATE	CROP OF 2009			CROP OF 2010		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2010	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2011	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,500	1,100	28	2,280	900	39
Colorado	22,080	10,500	48	21,528	9,500	45
Idaho	132,400	67,400	51	114,440	54,500	48
Maine	15,263	7,800	51	15,892	7,900	50
Michigan	15,600	3,500	22	15,600	4,100	26
Minnesota	20,700	8,300	40	17,016	7,300	43
Montana	3,298	3,100	91	3,673	3,300	90
Nebraska	6,756	3,300	38	7,719	3,000	38
New York	4,950	900	18	5,120	900	16
North Dakota	19,125	7,000	37	22,000	8,100	37
Oregon	21,460	10,700	50	20,058	10,100	50
Washington	87,230	34,900	40	81,740	25,700	31
Wisconsin	26,080	11,100	38	24,298	8,100	33
13 STATES	383,662	189,700	44	351,413	143,400	41
Klamath Basin 2/		2,200			1,800	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 21.7 million cwt.

2/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR.