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### Processing of 2011 Potato Crop up 23 percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 56.7 million cwt of 2011 crop raw potatoes to April 1, an increase of 23 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 50.2 million cwt of the total processed, up 25 percent from last year. The remaining 6.44 million cwt were produced in other states. Processing in Idaho and Malheur County during February and March totaled 14.9 million cwt, an increase of 10 percent from the same period last year.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 142 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 11 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 28.1 million cwt of the total processing, up 45 percent from last year.

Potatoes Used for Processing, Selected States, 2009 - 2011 Crops 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	09 OCT 1	10 NOV 1	09 DEC 1	10 JAN 1	09 FEB 1	10 MAR 1	09 APR 1	10 MAY 1	09 TOTAL	2011 SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
ID & Malheur Co., OR	2009-10	9,369	16,539	24,219	25,139	23,179	42,099	49,299	26,299	62,539	10,439
	2010-11	7,569	11,629	21,019	26,819	32,769	39,239	45,189	32,839	59,619	70,059
	2011-12	11,049	20,179	28,069	31,809	41,869	49,169	56,089			
Idaho Potatoes	2009-10	8,369	17,389	19,909	24,179	29,969	40,549	44,449	49,649	55,489	71,709
	2010-11	4,499	10,439	16,589	23,349	28,089	44,749	49,349	45,939	57,019	67,709
	2011-12	8,879	13,049	24,029	29,449	39,239	49,419	59,249			
Maine 2/	2009-10			1,375	2,069	2,689	3,265	3,615	4,359	5,269	7,169
	2010-11			1,869	2,399	3,069	3,629	4,329	4,969	5,643	7,499
	2011-12			1,869	2,365	3,079	3,665	4,329			
WA & Other Areas, OR	2009-10	13,599	19,615	25,265	31,215	36,519	43,789	59,119	56,799	61,805	75,699
	2010-11	11,179	20,839	27,039	33,579	38,815	46,705	51,669	69,145	67,655	77,919
	2011-12	16,199	24,219	31,745	38,169	44,465	51,629	58,595			
Other States 3/	2009-10			10,805	13,565	16,905	18,995	21,669	24,315	27,375	34,749
	2010-11			11,829	14,785	17,425	20,379	23,215	25,775	28,699	35,139
	2011-12			11,715	14,189	16,815	19,305	22,569			
Total	2009-10			60,845	76,009	90,485	100,089	124,645	141,795	160,379	196,499
	2010-11			62,369	71,565	81,919	100,999	117,735	141,759	161,449	191,919
	2011-12			72,819	89,299	108,219	124,099	141,769			
Dehydrated 4/	2009-10			10,805	14,039	17,129	19,885	21,139	26,699	29,049	36,139
	2010-11			7,569	10,795	13,645	16,485	19,415	22,749	25,855	32,799
	2011-12			12,375	16,815	20,875	24,119	28,065			

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME and WA.

2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

3/ OR, WA, NV, ND, and UT.

4/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour, included in above totals; includes CO, ID, NV, OR, and WA.

### Idaho Potato Stocks up 7 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 44.0 million cwt, 3.0 million cwt more than on hand April 1, 2011. Disappearance, at 83.1 million cwt is up 15 percent from last year's 72.0 million cwt.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 116 million cwt of potatoes in storage, April 1, 2012, up 4 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 30 percent of the 2011 fall storage States' production, one percentage point below April 1, 2011. Potato disappearance, at 76.1 million cwt, was 7 percent above April 1, 2011. Season to date shrink and loss, at 22.8 million cwt, was up 12 percent from the same date in 2011.

**Fall Potatoes Production & Stocks, Crop Years 2006 - 2011, Idaho & 13 Fall States Total 1/**

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	DISAPPEARANCE	TOTAL STOCKS					
			FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	MAR 1	MAY 1	APR 1	JUN 1	
1,000 Cwt								
<b>IDAHO</b>								
2006	176,915	93,000	80,000	70,000	56,500	46,100	34,000	21,000
2007	130,010	97,000	87,000	71,500	60,500	49,000	35,000	24,000
2008	126,470	83,000	72,500	66,000	56,200	43,000	32,300	21,000
2009	132,500	98,000	85,500	76,500	67,500	52,000	38,500	25,500
2010	112,970	81,000	72,000	62,500	52,000	41,000	28,500	17,500
2011 2/	179,260	88,000		67,500		44,000		
<b>13 States 1/</b>								
2006	380,027	216,900	221,800	192,200	158,200	120,000	79,000	44,400
2007	397,726	263,300	282,800	198,600	169,400	123,200	83,990	50,420
2008	286,866	213,700	212,200	182,900	152,700	115,000	78,100	45,200
2009	383,862	265,000	234,300	202,500	168,700	128,700	89,610	53,120
2010	357,161	249,700	208,800	180,900	148,500	111,000	73,000	41,370
2011 2/	370,916	259,000		186,500		115,500		

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states.

2/ January 1, March 1, and May 1 stocks estimates discontinued for 2011 crop.

**Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on April 1, 2011 and April 1, 2012 1/**

STATE	cwt or %			cwt or %		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS	APRIL 1	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS	APRIL 1
	1,000 Cwt	APR 1, 2011	STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	1,000 Cwt	APR 1, 2012	STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
California	2,878	600	21	4,178	870	21
Colorado	21,928	4,200	19	21,291	3,900	18
Idaho	112,970	41,000	36	127,070	44,000	35
Maine	13,892	5,900	42	14,510	4,800	33
Michigan	15,500	2,800	18	15,180	1,800	12
Minnesota	17,080	5,000	29	16,685	5,000	30
Montana	3,898	2,800	72	3,090	2,100	68
Nebraska	7,710	2,100	27	7,800	2,100	27
New York	5,120	600	12	4,050	500	12
North Dakota	22,000	5,800	27	18,845	5,800	31
Oregon	30,078	7,200	24	34,345	8,000	23
Washington	88,840	25,700	29	98,400	26,000	26
Wisconsin	24,208	2,200	9	23,000	2,000	9
<b>13 STATES</b>	<b>359,191</b>	<b>111,000</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>409,916</b>	<b>115,500</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Klamath Basin 2/</b>		<b>1,000</b>			<b>1,800</b>	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed crops for all seasons in 2011 totaled 21.8 million cwt.

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