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## January Potato Processing in Idaho and Malheur County Down 2.2 Percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 5.86 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes during January, down 2.2 percent from January 2010. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 32.7 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes to February 1, down 7.0 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 28.0 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 4.70 million cwt was produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 91.9 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 1 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 13.5 million cwt of the total processing, down 20 percent from last year.

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

STATE	STORAGE MONTHS	1,000 Cwt									
		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	ENTIRE SEASON
ID & Malheur Co. OR, All Potatoes	2008-09	8,240	15,600	22,280	28,930	25,430	42,150	49,030	55,570	62,940	77,240
	2009-10	9,880	16,550	23,110	29,130	25,170	42,050	49,200	56,380	62,930	79,480
	2010-11	7,580	14,620	21,040	26,840	22,700					
Idaho Potatoes	2008-09	5,070	11,210	17,720	24,010	20,100	35,630	42,250	47,550	54,530	80,160
	2009-10	6,280	12,380	18,240	24,170	20,960	35,570	43,430	49,640	55,700	71,500
	2010-11	4,190	10,150	16,510	22,130	18,000					
Maine 2/	2008-09			1,255	2,130	2,790	3,350	3,815	4,280	5,280	7,120
	2009-10			1,575	2,890	2,840	3,280	3,915	4,550	5,280	7,180
	2010-11			1,915	2,490	3,090					
WA & Other Area, US	2008-09	17,800	25,120	32,240	38,890	42,790	69,820	58,530	62,620	70,820	81,280
	2009-10	13,590	19,215	25,295	31,235	28,540	63,780	59,130	58,780	63,805	75,890
	2010-11	11,170	20,850	27,870	33,570	28,815					
Other States 2/	2008-09			12,000	15,120	18,160	21,060	24,920	28,510	33,600	57,280
	2009-10			10,385	13,500	16,300	18,970	21,800	24,550	27,870	49,240
	2010-11			11,880	14,805	17,235					
Total	2008-09			88,975	94,280	98,155	119,930	133,230	149,280	168,720	236,680
	2009-10			80,915	78,890	90,685	108,090	121,845	131,780	149,270	198,090
	2010-11			82,280	77,475	91,800					
Dehydrated 3/	2008-09			10,675	14,830	18,345	21,820	24,875	28,395	31,870	49,245
	2009-10			10,985	11,885	17,150	19,870	23,155	26,670	30,970	48,915
	2010-11			7,815	10,725	13,810					

1/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. Amounts include quantities used for potato chips.

2/ Other states include Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Monthly amounts include 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 18 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on February 1 totaled 91.0 million cwt, 11.5 million cwt less than on hand February 1, 2010. That is the lowest February 1 stocks level since 1989. Disappearance, at 30.4 million cwt is down from last year's 34.0 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southeast counties totaled 3.00 million cwt, up from last year's 2.90 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 61.0 million cwt, were down from the 75.6 million cwt stored on February 1, 2010.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 176 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2011, down 14 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 53 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below February 1, 2010. Potato disappearance, at 176 million cwt, was 3 percent below February 1, 2010. Sweet-potato stock and loss, at 16.6 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
<i>1,000 Cwt</i>							
IDAHO							
2005	118,288	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,000	43,500	31,000
2006	128,915	90,000	80,000	70,000	59,500	46,500	33,000
2007	130,010	92,000	82,000	71,500	60,500	49,000	35,000
2008	116,475	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,500	45,000	33,000
2009	132,500	98,000	88,500	78,500	67,500	53,000	35,500
2010	114,440	82,500	73,500	64,000			
13 States 1/							
2005	875,118	255,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900
2006	889,527	258,500	225,800	192,200	159,500	120,900	79,050
2007	887,753	265,500	232,300	199,300	163,400	125,500	83,980
2008	869,886	242,700	213,200	185,900	152,700	115,800	78,100
2009	883,962	265,800	234,300	203,500	169,700	128,700	89,610
2010	351,413	234,700	204,500	175,700			

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states.

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

STATE	CROP OF 2009			CROP OF 2010		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2010	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2011	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>Percent</i>
California	3,950	1,300	33	2,260	1,200	53
Colorado	22,080	12,200	55	21,528	11,400	53
Idaho	132,500	78,500	59	114,440	64,000	56
Maine	15,263	9,300	61	15,892	9,300	59
Michigan	15,680	5,500	34	15,560	5,900	38
Minnesota	20,700	9,900	48	17,010	8,100	49
Montana	3,298	3,700	97	3,071	3,400	91
Nebraska	8,798	4,100	47	7,719	3,800	41
New York	4,950	1,400	28	5,370	1,700	33
North Dakota	19,125	9,000	47	22,000	10,500	47
Oregon	21,480	12,900	60	20,058	12,700	63
Washington	87,230	42,000	48	81,710	35,800	41
Wisconsin	28,980	14,400	50	24,761	10,700	44
13 STATES	883,962	265,500	53	351,413	175,700	50
Klamath Basin 2/		2,800			2,500	

1/ Stocks include processing holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 23.7 million cwt.

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