

POTATO DISAPPEARANCE RATE UP FOR JANUARY

Stocks of Pennsylvania potatoes in the hands of growers, local dealers, and chippers were estimated to be two million hundredweight on Feb-

ruary 1, 1967, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This was 13 percent below February 1 stocks a year ago and 15 percent below the 1960-64 average. Stocks held by chippers and processors in excess of normal sup-

plies for current operations were included in the estimate. Total stocks held on February 1 amounted to 35 percent of fall production compared with 34 percent on February 1, 1966, and the 5-year average of 35.2 percent. Fall pro-

duction in 1966 totaled 58 million hundredweight, 15 percent less than a year earlier. Lancaster Farming, Saturday, February 18, 1967—17

U.S. POTATO STOCKS NEAR YEAR AGO

Storage stocks of potatoes

held by growers and local dealers in fall producing areas of the country totaled 98.3 million cwt. on February 1, 1967. This was 1 percent less than the 99.6 million cwt. on hand February 1, 1966. These stocks consist of fall potatoes held for all uses on February 1.

Stocks in the eight eastern fall states totaled 36.2 million cwt. on February 1, 1967 compared with 30.5 million a year earlier and the largest since 1963. Maine holdings were 27.7 million, 23 percent above last year and the largest since 1963.

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