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## JANUARY 1 STORAGE STOCKS OF ONIONS MUCH BELOW LAST YEAR AND AVERAGE

Stocks of storage onions in the hands of growers and dealers on January 1, 1944, are estimated at 2,817,000 sacks of 100 pounds each - the smallest since January 1, 1932, when only 1,916,000 sacks of the 1931 crop were held. Stocks last January 1 amounted to 4,166,000 sacks and the 10-year (1933-42) average January 1 stocks were 3,643,000 sacks. Estimates include quantities held in or near the area of production by dehydrators and Government agencies.

In the eastern States, principally New York, stocks this year were just about one-half those of a year earlier, and in the central States they were only 45 percent as large as a year ago. In the western States, where a relatively large proportion of stocks is in the hands of dehydrators and Government agencies, holdings were 5 percent greater this January than last.

The disappearance of onions to January 1 from the 1943 crop (production in 1943 less stocks on hand January 1) amounted to 75 percent of total production compared with 70 percent of the 1942 crop disposed of prior to January 1, 1943, and the 5-year (1937-41) average disappearance of 70 percent prior to January 1. Marketings to January 1 this year apparently were only 2 percent less than a year earlier (7,864,000 sacks compared with 8,042,000 sacks last year) despite the fact that production in 1943 was 17 percent less than in 1942. Very light shrinkage and loss is reported, amounting to 9 percent of the total disappearance prior to January 1. This item accounted for 16 percent of total disappearance prior to January 1 last year and for 17 percent on an average during the 5-year 1937-1941. As a percentage of total disappearance prior to January 1, carlot shipments by rail and boat were 52 percent for the 1943 crop compared with 49 percent a year earlier. Motor truck shipments accounted for 39 percent of total disappearance prior to January 1 for the 1943 crop and 35 percent for the 1942 crop.

ONION STOCKS - JANUARY 1, 1944, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	10-year average		January 1, 1943		January 1, 1944	
	Production 1932-41	Stocks Jan. 1 1933-42	1942 Production	Stocks	1943 Production	Stocks
	1,000 sacks <u>1/</u>		1,000 sacks <u>1/</u>		1,000 sacks <u>1/</u>	
Massachusetts .....	<u>2/</u> 634	104	338	27	258	13
New York .....	<u>2/</u> 2,897	856	3,526	1,128	2,268	564
Pennsylvania .....	58	5	61	3	60	-
Ohio .....	402	143	264	108	155	60
Indiana .....	684	221	504	199	247	25
Illinois .....	309	103	341	97	264	78
Michigan .....	1,818	756	1,848	736	840	286
Wisconsin .....	202	55	<u>2/</u> 340	153	285	120
Minnesota .....	584	87	920	198	526	89
Iowa .....	134	19	169	17	90	6
Colorado .....	<u>2/</u> 1,102	527	1,998	519	2,464	373
Utah .....	271	56	264	55	300	60
Nevada .....	34	16	50	2	60	12
California .....	<u>2/</u> 708	123	1,238	198	1,505	465
Idaho .....	<u>2/</u> 794	156	850	300	858	330
Oregon .....	645	338	731	381	1,026	320
Washington .....	310	78	294	45	252	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,586</b>	<b>3,643</b>	<b>13,736</b>	<b>4,166</b>	<b>11,458</b>	<b>2,817</b>

1/ Sacks containing 100 pounds. 2/ Includes some quantities not harvested on account of market conditions - Wisconsin 30,000 sacks in 1942.

PRODUCTION, JANUARY 1 STOCKS, AND DISAPPEARANCE TO JANUARY 1 IN 17 LATE STATES, CROPS OF 1932 TO 1943

CROP YEAR	Production 1,000 sacks <u>1/</u>	JAN. 1 STOCKS		DISAPPEARANCE TO JANUARY 1						
		1,000 sacks <u>1/</u>	As % of Production	Total	Carlots, by rail and boat	By motor- truck & local sales	Shrink- age waste etc.	Pct. of disappearance by		
								Carlots, rail & boat	Motor truck & local sales	Shrink- age, waste, etc.
				Thousand Sacks <u>1/</u>				Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
1932	11,624	4,136	35.6	7,488	3,353	2,676	1,459	45	36	19
1933	9,606	3,144	32.7	6,462	3,528	2,464	470	55	38	7
1934	10,057	3,048	30.3	7,009	3,817	2,592	600	54	37	9
1935	10,529	3,689	35.0	6,840	3,542	2,054	1,244	52	30	18
1936	11,925	3,739	31.4	8,186	3,440	3,739	1,007	42	46	12
1937	10,928	3,249	29.7	7,679	4,144	2,549	986	54	33	13
1938	11,756	3,583	30.5	8,173	3,294	3,323	1,556	40	41	19
1939	14,295	4,296	30.1	9,999	3,242	4,913	1,844	32	49	19
1940	12,839	4,135	32.2	8,704	2,671	4,497	1,536	31	51	18
1941	12,316	3,417	27.7	8,899	3,681	4,025	1,193	41	45	14
1942	13,736	4,166	30.3	9,570	4,684	3,358	1,528	49	35	16
1943	11,458	2,817	24.6	8,641	4,487	3,377	777	52	39	9

1/ Sacks containing 100 pounds.