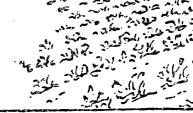


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## ONION STOCKS IN STORAGE -- JANUARY 1, 1955

Stocks of onions held in common storage in the United States on January 1, 1955 are estimated at 8,942,000 sacks (50 pounds), according to the Crop Reporting Board. These holdings are 20 percent smaller than the 11,213,000 sacks in common storage a year ago but are 20 percent larger than the 1946-53 average January 1 stocks of 7,460,000 sacks. Cold storage holdings of onions on January 1, reported to be an equivalent 1,032,000 sacks, were 12 percent less than last year and 32 percent below the 1946-53 average. Combined common and cold storage holdings on January 1, 1955 of 9,974,000 sacks were 20 percent below those on hand a year ago and 11 percent above the average combined stocks on January 1.

The Crop Reporting Board has used the same definition of onion stocks as in the past in preparing this report. Common storage stocks relate to quantities of sound onions held by growers and dealers on January 1. The estimated quantity of onions lost before January 1 through grading, dumping, shrinkage and decay is deducted in estimating stocks on hand January 1, but no attempt is made to estimate additional shrinkage and loss that will occur after January 1.

The percentage of 1954 crop onions lost prior to January 1 from grading, dumping, shrinkage, and decay was greater than last year and average. Heaviest rate of loss has occurred in Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Idaho, Eastern Oregon (Malheur Co.), and Washington but increases in losses in these States were partially offset by reduced losses compared with last year in Minnesota, Colorado and Western Oregon (Williamette Valley). Because of the poor keeping quality of onions on hand January 1 in some areas, it is expected that the percentage lost after January 1 from shrinkage and decay will be greater than usual.

January 1 stocks held in common storage by growers and dealers in Late Summer States, and January 1 stocks in cold storage in all States, by regions, average 1946-53, annual 1954 and 1955 : In Common Storage : In Cold Storage 1/ .Jan. 1 Jan. 1 Jan. 1 Jan. 1 Jan. 1 Jan. 1 :8-Yr. Av.: 38-Yr. Av.: ; Jan. 1 1954 : 1955 : 1946-53 : 1954 : 1955 <u>: 1946-53</u> - 1,000 Sacks 2/ : 3,870: 2,002 Eastern 684: 854 837: 1,148 : 3,033: 1,745: 3,503 : 3,645: 81: Central 286 30: 3,217 : 3,615: 3,361: 3,446 263: Western 3,095 : 4,565: 3,836: 351, 308: Southern 179:1,032: 11,213: 8,942: 1,51 (Cver) Agriculture - Washington, D. C.

ONIONS: January 1 stocks held in common storage by growers and dealers in 18 Late Summer States, by States, average 1946-53, annual 1954 and 1955

| STATE AND : REGION :   | 8-Year :<br>average :<br>Jan. 1 :<br>1946-53 :                                  | Jan. 1: Jan. 1<br>1954: 1955           | REGION S  | 8-Year: average: Jan. 1: 1946-53:   | Jan. 1: Jan. 1 1954: 1955   |
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| Massachusetts: New York EASTERN Dhio Indiana Illinois Michigan Wisconsin Minnesota Iowa Kansas CENTRAL | 23<br>1,125<br>1,148<br>112<br>242<br>186<br>1,599<br>491<br>534<br>51<br>3,217 | 116 : 22<br>2,150 : 1,730<br>470 ; 480 | :: Colorado :: Utah :: Nevado :: California :: Idaho :: Oregon :: Malheur Co. :: Other :: Washington :: Arizona :: WESTERN :: TOTAL | 1,124<br>200<br>65<br>170<br>675<br>797<br>332<br>465<br>62<br>2<br>3,095 | 850: 665 190: 100 130: 50 320: 166 1,476: 1,020 1,489: 1,665 1,074: 920 415: 745 110: 170 |

ONIONS: Production of the Late Summer Crop and stocks in storage on January 1, by crop years, 1945-46 through 1954-55

<sup>1/</sup> From U.S.D.A. Cold Storage Reports. 1955 data revised based on reports received after January 15.

<sup>2/</sup> Sacks containing 50 pounds.
3/ Not harvested because of low prices or other economic factors.