

# ONION STOCKS



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## ONION STOCKS UP 4 PERCENT

Stocks of onions in common storage in eleven summer onion producing States and in cold storage in all areas of the U.S. on January 1, 1979 are estimated at 5.91 million cwt., 4 percent above January 1, 1978 and 13 percent above two years ago. Cold storage holdings at 67.0 thousand cwt. are 6 percent larger than a year ago. Seven of the eleven States reported increases in common storage holdings.

Sales from the 1978 onion crop prior to January 1, 1979 were 17.5 million cwt., 6 percent more than in 1977. Losses prior to January 1 from shrinkage, waste, and cullage amounted to 3.52 million cwt., virtually the same as a year ago. Higher losses in California, Colorado, Minnesota, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin were offset by smaller losses in Idaho and eastern Oregon, Michigan, New York, Ohio and western Oregon.

NOTE: Stocks estimated in this report relate to quantities of sound onions held by growers and dealers. Excluded from these stocks are quantities of onions lost before January 1 through decay, sprouting and dumping. It also excludes gradeout to January 1 and any onions on hand January 1 which do not meet grade standards. Sound onion stocks on January 1 include onions which may be lost after that date from decay and sprouting and marketable onions which may be dumped after January 1 because of economic reasons.

ONIONS: STOCKS HELD IN COMMON STORAGE BY GROWERS  
AND DEALERS, SUMMER AREA

STATE	JAN 1, 1977	JAN 1, 1978	JAN 1, 1979
	1,000 CWT		
CALIF	192	172	315
COLO	533	410	590
IDAHO & E OREG	1,590	1,625	1,450
MICH	700	715	1,050
MINN	85	55	108
N Y	1,114	1,343	1,343*
OHIO	53	98	112
OREG, WEST	388	490	352
UTAH	123	147	182
WASH	200	457	178
WIS	148	108	167
TOTAL	5,126	5,620	5,847*

SUMMER STORAGE ONIONS: UTILIZATION AND STOCKS <sup>1/</sup>

YEAR	PRODUCTION	UTILIZATION BEFORE JAN 1		JAN 1 STOCKS			UTILIZATION AFTER JAN 1	
		SOLD	LOSS	IN COMMON STORAGE	IN COLD STORAGE <sup>2/</sup>	TOTAL	SOLD	LOSS
		1,000 CWT						
1969	19,870	13,381	1,955	4,351	185	4,536	4,250	284
1970	21,569	13,320	2,599	5,470	180	5,650	4,691	959
1971	21,430	14,218	2,239	4,810	170	4,980	4,585	388
1972	20,008	13,790	2,184	3,961	77	4,038	3,761	273
1973	21,024	14,202	1,987	4,754	81	4,835	4,495	340
1974	23,863	16,404	2,270	5,109	80	5,189	4,525	664
1975	23,466	16,390	2,558	4,430	88	4,518	4,132	386
1976	24,472	15,761	3,487	5,126	98	5,224	4,777	447
1977	25,803	16,609	3,511	5,620	63	5,683	4,866	817
1978	27,230	17,526*	3,520*	5,847*	67	5,914*		

<sup>1/</sup> UTILIZATION MAY NOT BALANCE WITH THE SUMMER STORAGE ONIONS PRODUCTION OR STOCKS BECAUSE:

- (A) COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS INCLUDE ALL ONIONS REGARDLESS OF THE SEASONAL GROUP.
- (B) COLD STORAGE ONIONS STORED OUTSIDE OF SUMMER PRODUCING AREAS.
- (C) CROSS-STATE MOVEMENT OF ONIONS IN SOME YEARS.

<sup>2/</sup> PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REFRIGERATED WAREHOUSES STORING COMMODITIES FOR 30 DAYS OR MORE.

\* CORRECTED DATA.