

ONION STOCKS
January 1, 1968

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At 4,512,000 hundredweight, the January 1, 1968 total stocks of sound onions in common and cold storage were 5 percent more than a year earlier but 9 percent less than the 1962-66 average, the Crop Reporting Board announced today.

Common storage supplies totaled 4,322,000 hundredweight, 6 percent above a year earlier. On the other hand, cold storage stocks, at 190,000 hundredweight, were 8 percent less. Increases in New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Colorado more than offset smaller stocks in the other States. Cold storage holdings were larger than a year earlier in the East but smaller in the West.

The late summer onion crop is estimated at 18,617,000 hundredweight, 3 percent above the 1966 production but 1 percent less than average. Sales before January 1 for the 1967 crop, at 12,118,000 hundredweight, were 1 percent above a year earlier. Losses to January 1 were slightly below a year earlier. Generally, losses in the eastern and western States were below a year earlier and about offset larger losses from shrinkage, waste, and cullage in the central States.

The stocks estimated in this report relate to quantities of sound onions held by growers and dealers. In estimating stocks, the quantity of onions lost before January 1 through dumping, decay and sprouting, and expected grade-out of the total crop is excluded. No attempt is made to predict additional losses as a result of dumping, decay and sprouting.

ONIONS: 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 1962-66, annual 1967 and 1968

Region	In Common Storage			In Cold Storage			Total		
	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1, 1962-66	Jan. 1, 1967	Jan. 1 1968	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1, 1962-66	Jan. 1 1967	Jan. 1 1968	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1, 1962-66	Jan. 1 1967	Jan. 1 1968
	- 1,000 cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
Eastern	1,290	878	1,119	126	72	81	1,416	950	1,200
Central	1,583	1,238	1,495	12	2	6	1,595	1,240	1,501
Western	1,779	1,963	1,708	147	130	95	1,926	2,093	1,803
Southern	---	---	---	2	2	8	2	2	8
TOTAL	4,652	4,079	4,322	287	206	190	4,939	4,285	4,512

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State and Region	5-year average Jan. 1, 1962-66	Jan. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	State and Region	5-year average Jan. 1, 1962-66	Jan. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968
	- 1,000 cwt. -				- 1,000 cwt. -		
New York	1,289	878	1,119	Idaho and Eastern Ore.	805	1,120	1,000
EASTERN	1,290	878	1,119	Colorado	316	200	220
Ohio	84	110	86	Utah	79	48	40
Indiana	96	100	88	Washington	131	105	90
Michigan	995	790	1,000	Western Oregon	384	430	301
Wisconsin	252	135	193	California	56	60	57
Minnesota	130	87	110	WESTERN	1,779	1,963	1,708
Iowa	27	16	18	TOTAL	4,652	4,079	4,322
CENTRAL	1,583	1,238	1,495				

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the Late Summer crop, 1958 to date ^{1/}

Crop Year	Production of value	Utilization before January 1		January 1 Stocks			Utilization after January 1	
		Sold	Loss	In Common Storage	In Cold Storage	Total	Sold	Loss
				- 1,000 cwt. -				
1958	16,409	10,345	1,746	3,852	512	4,364	4,040	278
1959	18,502	10,620	2,579	4,891	424	5,315	4,553	750
1960	18,975	11,419	2,273	4,883	409	5,292	4,580	703
1961	17,217	10,911	1,941	4,125	262	4,387	4,087	278
1962	18,990	11,626	2,356	4,668	359	5,027	4,633	375
1963	18,829	12,044	2,157	4,369	274	4,643	4,392	236
1964	17,827	10,928	2,064	4,553	291	4,844	4,524	311
1965	20,798	11,767	3,254	5,544	250	5,794	5,203	574
1966	18,149	11,971	1,897	4,079	206	4,285	3,931	350
1967	18,617	12,118	1,880	4,322	190	4,512		

^{1/} Utilization does not balance with late summer production or stocks because:

- (1) cold storage holdings include all onions regardless of the seasonal group,
- (2) cold storage onions stored outside of late summer producing areas, and
- (3) cross-State movement of onions in some years.