

# ONION STOCKS

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At 4,254,000 hundredweight, the January 1, 1970 stocks of sound onions in common storage in the late summer onion States and in cold storage in all areas were 22 percent less than a year earlier and 11 percent less than on January 1, 1968, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

Common storage supplies in the late summer States totaled 4,091,000 hundredweight, 22 percent below a year earlier while cold storage stocks in all areas, at 163,000 hundredweight, were 24 percent less. Supplies on hand in every late summer State this year are smaller than on January 1, 1969. Cold storage holdings were also smaller than a year earlier in each of the four areas.

The 1969 late summer onion crop, estimated at 19,628,000 hundredweight, is 3 percent below the 1968 production but 4 percent more than in 1967. Sales before January 1 for the 1969 late summer crop, at 13,014,000 hundredweight, were 6 percent above a year earlier. Losses from shrinkage, waste, and cullage to January 1 and expected gradeout after January 1 are estimated at 2,290,000 hundredweight, 7 percent below a year earlier.

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 the gradeout to January 1 and expected gradeout of onions on hand January 1 is excluded. No attempt is made to predict losses after January 1 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, annual 1968, 1969 and 1970.

Region	In Common Storage			In Cold Storage			Total		
	1968	1969	1970	1968	1969	1970	1968	1969	1970
	----- 1,000 cwt. -----								
Eastern	1,239	1,003	923	81	57	27	1,320	1,060	950
Central	1,513	1,526	1,058	12	8	2	1,525	1,534	1,060
Western	1,839	2,708	2,110	100	146	132	1,939	2,854	2,242
Southern	---	---	---	9	3	2	9	3	2
TOTAL	4,591	5,237	4,091	202	214	163	4,793	5,451	4,254

ONIONS: January 1 stocks held in common storage by growers and dealers  
in Late Summer, annual 1968, 1969, and 1970

State and Region	Jan. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Jan. 1, 1970	State and Region	Jan. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	Jan. 1, 1970
	- 1,000 cwt. -				- 1,000 cwt. -		
New York	1,239	1,003	923	Idaho and Eastern Oreg.	1,048	1,495	1,100
EASTERN	1,239	1,003	923	Colorado	260	300	270
Ohio	86	95	27	Utah	40	69	40
Indiana	94	120	70	Washington	100	190	150
Michigan	1,000	1,000	730	Western Oregon	334	529	434
Wisconsin	198	200	125	California	57	125	116
Minnesota	135	111	106	WESTERN	1,839	2,708	2,110
CENTRAL	1,513	1,526	1,058	TOTAL	4,591	5,237	4,091

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the  
Late Summer crop, 1960 to date 1/

Crop Year	Pro-duction	Utilization before:		January 1 Stocks			Utilization after	
		January 1		In	In	Total	January 1	
		Sold	Loss	Common Storage	Cold Storage		Sold	Loss
		- 1,000 cwt. -						
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	18,955	12,520	1,668	4,591	202	4,793	4,231	536
1968	20,217	12,308	2,469	5,237	214	5,451	4,782	658
1969	19,628	13,014	2,290	4,091	163	4,254		

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.