

onion stocks



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Estimated at 5,656,000 hundredweight, January 1, 1971 stocks of sound onions in common storage in the late summer onion States and in cold storage in all areas were 24 percent more than a year earlier and 4 percent more than on January 1, 1969, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

Supplies in common storage totaled 5,507,000 cwt., 25 percent above a year earlier, but cold storage stocks of 149,000 cwt. were 19 percent less. Increased common storage stocks over a year earlier in New York, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Utah, Washington, and California more than offset declines in Indiana, Minnesota, Idaho-Eastern Oregon, Colorado and Western Oregon.

The 1970 production of late summer onions, estimated at 21,458,000 cwt., is 8 percent more than 1969 production and 6 percent larger than 1968. Sales from the 1970 production prior to January 1, 1971 were 13,188,000 cwt., compared with 13,401,000 cwt. for the corresponding period the previous year and 12,308,000 from the 1968 crop. Losses from shrinkage, waste and cullage are estimated at 2,727,000 cwt. compared with 1,953,000 cwt. for the 1969 crop and 2,469,000 cwt. for the 1968 crop.

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 1969, 1970 and 1971

Region	In Common Storage			In Cold Storage			Total		
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971
	1,000 cwt.								
Eastern	1,003	993	1,799	57	27	31	1,060	1,020	1,830
Central	1,526	1,097	1,435	8	2	1	1,534	1,099	1,436
Western	2,708	2,302	2,273	146	155	117	2,854	2,457	2,390
Southern				3	1		3	1	
TOTAL	5,237	4,392	5,507	214	185	149	5,451	4,577	5,656

ONIONS: January 1 stocks held in common storage by growers and dealers, Late Summer area, annual 1969, 1970 and 1971

State and Region	Jan. 1 1969	Jan. 1 1970	Jan. 1 1971	State and Region	Jan. 1 1969	Jan. 1 1970	Jan. 1 1971
	1,000 cwt.				1,000 cwt.		
New York	1,003	993	1,799	Idaho and Eastern Oreg	1,495	1,285	1,230
EASTERN	1,003	993	1,799	Colorado	300	260	250
Ohio	95	30	110	Utah	69	58	113
Indiana	120	130	84	Washington	190	145	150
Michigan	1,000	730	1,000	Western Oreg.	529	453	379
Wisconsin	200	100	170	California	125	101	151
Minnesota	111	107	71	WESTERN	2,708	2,302	2,273
CENTRAL	1,526	1,097	1,435	TOTAL	5,237	4,392	5,507

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the Late Summer crop, 1961 to date 1/

Crop Year	Pro-duction	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.						
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	19,928	13,401	1,953	4,392	185	4,577	4,280	294
1970	21,458	13,188	2,727	5,507	149	5,656		

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.