

onion stocks



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HIGHER ONION STOCKS FOLLOW NEAR RECORD PRODUCTION

ONIONS: Stocks of sound onions in common storage in the twelve summer onion States and in cold storage in all areas of the U.S. on January 1 are estimated at 5.1 million cwt., 7 percent above 1974 and 27 percent more than the same date two years ago. Cold storage holdings comprised 81,000 cwt. of the total and were unchanged from last year. The increase in common storage is largely attributed to a 44 percent increase in New York stocks and 27 percent larger holdings in Western Oregon. Additional stocks in these States more than offset 23 percent lower inventories in Idaho and Eastern Oregon.

Estimated production of 1974 summer storage type onions at 24.2 million cwt. was 15 percent higher than 1973 and 21 percent more than 1972. This production was the largest total since the record 25.6 million cwt. of 1959. Sales from the 1974 crop prior to January 1, 1975 were 16.9 million cwt., 19 percent more than in the corresponding period in 1973. Losses prior to January from shrinkage, waste, and cullage amounted to 2.2 million cwt. compared to 2.0 million cwt. the previous year.

Stocks estimated in this report relate to quantities of sound onions held by grower and dealers. In estimating stocks, the quantity of onions lost before January 1 through dumping, decay, and sprouting, and the gradeout to January 1 as well as the 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, SUMMER AREA, ANNUAL 1973, 1974 AND 1975

STATE AND REGION	JANUARY 1, 1973	JANUARY 1, 1974	JANUARY 1, 1975
		1,000 CWT.	
CALIF	70	92	82
COLO	295	252	290
IDAHO & E OREG	1,275	1,615	1,250
IND	95	72	52
MICH	700	760	800
MINN	127	136	121
N Y	607	1,012	1,455
OHIO	46	80	70
UTAH	111	91	160
WASH	85	110	175
WESTERN OREG	375	333	424
WIS	175	192	184
TOTAL	3,961	4,745	5,063

ONIONS: UTILIZATION AND STOCKS OF THE
SUMMER CROP, 1965 TO DATE 1/

YEAR	PRODUCTION	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.				
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	19,027	12,570	1,672	4,609	202	4,811	4,247	538
1968	20,220	12,321	2,395	5,301	214	5,515	4,762	742
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	2,234	4,810	170	4,980	4,585	388
1972	20,008	13,790	2,184	3,961	77	4,038	3,761	273
1973	20,994	14,184	1,984	4,745	81	4,826	4,487	339
1974	24,232	16,868	2,220	5,063	81	5,144		

- 1/ UTILIZATION MAY NOT BALANCE WITH THE SUMMER 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.