

ONION STOCKS  
January 1, 1963

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Stocks of sound onions in storage (common and cold storage) on January 1, 1963 were 18 percent more than a year ago and 8 percent above the 5-year, 1957-61, average. Supplies in common storage, at 4,999,000 hundredweight, were 17 percent larger than last year and cold storage stocks, at 356 hundredweight, were 36 percent more than a year ago.

Total onions on hand in the Eastern States on January 1 were 31 percent more than last year and supplies in the Western States were 47 percent larger than a year ago. In the Central States, 18 percent less onions were on hand January 1 than a year earlier. Stocks in common storage on this January 1 were larger than a year ago in the important States or areas of New York, Idaho and Eastern Oregon, Colorado, Washington, Western Oregon and California, but smaller in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Shipments to January 1 were heavier than for the same period a year ago in New York, Michigan, Colorado, and California, but smaller in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Idaho and Eastern Oregon. Percentage of production lost to January 1 was lower than last year in New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Colorado, and Washington while Minnesota, Idaho and Eastern Oregon and Western Oregon had heavier losses.

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 grading, dumping, decay and sprouting is excluded. No attempt is made to predict additional losses that will occur after January 1.

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 1957-61, annual 1962 and 1963

Region	In Common Storage			In Cold Storage			Total		
	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1 1957-61	Jan. 1 1962	Jan. 1 1963	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1 1957-61	Jan. 1 1962	Jan. 1 1963	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1 1957-61	Jan. 1 1962	Jan. 1 1963
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
Eastern	1,168	1,197	1,590	234	136	152	1,402	1,333	1,742
Central	1,674	1,689	1,369	31	10	20	1,705	1,699	1,389
Western	1,676	1,398	2,040	150	115	183	1,826	1,513	2,223
Southern	---	---	---	3	1	1	3	1	1
TOTAL	4,518	4,284	4,999	418	262	356	4,936	4,546	5,355

ONIONS: January 1 stocks held in common storage by growers and dealers in 19 Late Summer States, by States, average 1957-61, annual 1962 and 1963

STATE AND REGION	5-year average Jan. 1 1957-61	Jan. 1 1962	Jan. 1 1963	STATE AND REGION	5-year average Jan. 1 1957-61	Jan. 1 1962	Jan. 1 1963
	- 1,000 cwt. -				- 1,000 cwt. -		
Massachusetts	5	1	2	Idaho and Eastern Oregon	638	565	680
New York	1,163	1,196	1,588	Colorado	446	272	497
<b>EASTERN</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>1,590</b>	Utah	108	78	174
Ohio	37	60	53	Nevada	15	18	10
Indiana	108	95	66	Washington	53	125	175
Illinois	40	25	45	Western Oregon	355	315	429
Michigan	914	1,020	850	California	62	25	75
Wisconsin	332	286	274	<b>WESTERN</b>	<b>1,676</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>2,040</b>
Minnesota	214	187	64	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>4,284</b>	<b>4,999</b>
Iowa	24	16	17				
Nebraska	1	0	0				
Kansas	3	0	0				
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>1,689</b>	<b>1,369</b>				

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the Late Summer crop, 1954-55 to date \*

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. -						
1954	17,015	9,744	2,255	4,535	516	5,051	4,402	614
1955	16,018	9,501	2,162	3,898	565	4,463	3,913	442
1956	17,308	10,339	2,374	4,294	341	4,635	3,971	624
1957	16,835	10,255	2,158	4,051	406	4,457	4,025	397
1958	16,409	10,345	1,746	3,852	512	4,364	4,040	278
1959	18,555	10,642	2,243	5,260	424	5,684	4,573	1,097
1960	19,072	11,458	2,082	5,132	409	5,541	4,609	923
1961	17,320	10,967	1,829	4,284	262	4,546	4,116	408
1962	19,354	11,883	2,132	4,999	356	5,355		

\* 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.