

# onion stocks

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Estimated at 3,540,000 hundredweight, January 1, 1973 stocks of sound onions in common storage in the summer onion States and in cold storage in all areas were 29 percent less than a year earlier and 37 percent less than on January 1, 1971, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

Supplies in common storage totaled 3,465,000 cwt., 28 percent below a year earlier, and cold storage stocks of 75,000 cwt. were 56 percent less. Decreases in common storage in New York, Ohio, Idaho and Oregon, Minnesota, Colorado, Washington, West Oregon and California more than offset slight increases in Indiana, Wisconsin and Utah. Michigan remained unchanged.

The 1972 production of summer onions, estimated at 19,554,000 cwt., is 9 percent less than 1971 and 1970. Sales from 1972 production prior to January 1, 1973 were 13,554,000 cwt., compared with 14,218,000 cwt. for the corresponding period the previous year. Losses from shrinkage, waste and cullage are estimated at 2,463,000 cwt. compared with 2,234,000 cwt. for the 1971 crop.

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 the Summer States, and January 1 stocks in cold storage in all States, by regions, annual 1971, 1972 and 1973

Region	In common storage			In cold storage			Total		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	1,000 cwt.								
Eastern	1,639	1,293	439	31	27	21	1,670	1,320	460
Central	1,431	1,127	1,071	1	5	2	1,432	1,132	1,073
Western	2,400	2,395	1,955	148	136	51	2,548	2,531	2,006
Southern					2	1		2	1
TOTAL	5,470	4,815	3,465	180	170	75	5,650	4,985	3,540

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State and region	Jan. 1, 1971	Jan. 1, 1972	Jan. 1, 1973	State and region	Jan. 1, 1971	Jan. 1, 1972	Jan. 1, 1973
		1,000 cwt.					
New York	1,639	1,293	439	Idaho and			
EASTERN	1,639	1,293	439	East. Oreg.	1,230	1,330	1,058
Ohio	116	95	43	Colorado	310	297	261
Indiana	90	94	95	Utah	113	89	111
Michigan	939	650	650	Washington	150	120	90
Wisconsin	212	166	175	West. Oreg.	458	457	355
Minnesota	74	122	108	California	139	102	80
CENTRAL	1,431	1,127	1,071	WESTERN	2,400	2,395	1,955
				TOTAL	5,470	4,815	3,465

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the Summer crop, 1963 to date 1/

Year	Production	Utilization before January 1	January 1 stocks	Utilization after January 1
		Sold : Loss	In common : In cold : storage : storage : Total	Sold : Loss
			1,000 cwt.	
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	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	4,815 170 4,985	4,580 388
1972	19,554	13,554 2,463	3,465 75 3,540	

- 1/ Utilization does not balance with the summer production or stocks because:
- (1) cold storage holdings include all onions regardless of the seasonal group,
  - (2) cold storage onions stored outside of summer producing areas, and
  - (3) cross-State movement of onions in some years.