

ONION STOCKS  
JANUARY 1, 1969

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At 5,385,000 hundredweight, the January 1, 1969 total stocks of sound onions in common and cold storage were 12 percent more than a year earlier and 26 percent more than on January 1, 1967.

Common storage supplies totaled 5,180,000 hundredweight, 12 percent above a year earlier and cold storage stocks, at 205,000 hundredweight, were 1 percent more. Larger stocks than a year earlier in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Idaho, Oregon, Colorado, Utah, Washington and California offset declines in New York, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Cold storage holdings were larger than a year earlier in the West but smaller in the East.

The late summer onion crop is estimated at 20,601,000 hundredweight, 8 percent above the 1967 production and 14 percent more than in 1966. Sales before January 1 for the 1968 crop, at 12,567,000 hundredweight, were slightly below a year earlier. Losses from shrinkage, waste, and cullage to January 1 were much above a year earlier but smaller losses than last year were reported in the central States.

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 expected grade-out of the total crop is excluded. No attempt is made to predict additional losses 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 1967, 1968, and 1969

Region	In Common Storage			In Cold Storage			Total		
	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969
	- 1,000 cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
Eastern	878	1,239	933	72	81	57	950	1,320	990
Central	1,238	1,531	1,586	2	12	1	1,240	1,543	1,587
Western	1,963	1,839	2,661	130	100	144	2,093	1,939	2,805
Southern	---	---	---	2	9	3	2	9	3
TOTAL	4,079	4,609	5,180	206	202	205	4,285	4,811	5,385

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State and Region	Jan. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969	State and Region	Jan. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1968	Jan. 1, 1969
	- 1,000 cwt. -				- 1,000 cwt. -		
New York	878	1,239	933	Idaho and Eastern Oreg.	1,120	1,048	1,396
EASTERN	878	1,239	933	Colorado	200	260	280
Ohio	110	86	95	Utah	48	40	88
Indiana	100	94	107	Washington	105	100	210
Michigan	790	1,000	1,080	Western Oregon	430	334	532
Wisconsin	135	198	175	California	60	57	155
Minnesota	87	135	105	WESTERN	1,963	1,839	2,661
Iowa	16	18	24	TOTAL	4,079	4,609	5,180
CENTRAL	1,238	1,531	1,586				

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the Late Summer crop, 1959 to date 1/

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. -						
1959	18,502	10,620	2,579	4,891	424	5,315	4,553	750
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	19,027	12,570	1,672	4,609	202	4,811	4,247	538
1968	20,601	12,567	2,688	5,180	205	5,385		

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.