

ONION STOCKS  
January 1, 1964

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Stocks of sound onions in storage (common and cold storage) as of January 1, 1964 at 4,502,000 hundredweight, were 17 percent below last year and 8 percent below the 5-year average. Common storage supplies, at 4,237,000 hundredweight, were 16 percent less than a year earlier and cold storage stocks, at 265,000 hundredweight, were 26 percent below last year.

Onions on hand in common and cold storage on January 1 were below last year both in eastern States, down 23 percent, and western States, down 26 percent. Central States holdings were above last year by 4 percent. Common storage holdings this year were below last year in New York, Wisconsin, Idaho and Eastern Oregon, Colorado, Washington, Western Oregon, and California, while increases were noted in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Iowa. Total shipments to January 1 were 3 percent above the same period a year ago. Percentage of production lost to January 1 was above a year earlier. Smaller losses than last year in the western States more than offset ~~the~~ <sup>by</sup> larger losses in the eastern and central States, occurring particularly in New York and Michigan.

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 1958-62, annual 1963 and 1964

| Regions  | In Common Storage              |                |                | In Cold Storage                |                |                | Total                          |                |                |
|----------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|          | 5-yr. Av.<br>Jan. 1<br>1958-62 | Jan. 1<br>1963 | Jan. 1<br>1964 | 5-yr. Av.<br>Jan. 1<br>1958-62 | Jan. 1<br>1963 | Jan. 1<br>1964 | 5-yr. Av.<br>Jan. 1<br>1958-62 | Jan. 1<br>1963 | Jan. 1<br>1964 |
|          |                                | - 1,000 cwt. - |                |                                | - 1,000 cwt. - |                |                                | - 1,000 cwt. - |                |
| Eastern  | 1,175                          | 1,590          | 1,205          | 213                            | 152            | 137            | 1,388                          | 1,742          | 1,342          |
| Central  | 1,681                          | 1,440          | 1,515          | 28                             | 19             | 8              | 1,709                          | 1,459          | 1,523          |
| Western  | 1,659                          | 2,011          | 1,517          | 159                            | 187            | 117            | 1,818                          | 2,198          | 1,634          |
| Southern | ---                            | ---            | ---            | 3                              | 1              | 3              | 3                              | 1              | 3              |
| Total    | 4,516                          | 5,041          | 4,237          | 403                            | 359            | 265            | 4,918                          | 5,400          | 4,502          |

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ONIONS: January 1 stocks held in common storage by growers and dealers in 18 Late Summer States, by States, average 1958-62, annual 1963 and 1964

| State and Region | 5-year average<br>Jan. 1,<br>1958-62 | Jan. 1<br>1963 | Jan. 1<br>1964 | State and Region | 5-year average<br>Jan. 1,<br>1958-62 | Jan. 1<br>1963 | Jan. 1<br>1964 |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                  | - 1,000 cwt. -                       |                |                |                  | - 1,000 cwt. -                       |                |                |
| Massachusetts    | 4                                    | 2              | 2              | Idaho and        |                                      |                |                |
| New York         | 1,171                                | 1,588          | 1,203          | Eastern Oregon   | 661                                  | 777            | 640            |
| <b>EASTERN</b>   | <b>1,175</b>                         | <b>1,590</b>   | <b>1,205</b>   | Colorado         | 422                                  | 428            | 340            |
| Ohio             | 44                                   | 50             | 106            | Utah             | 105                                  | 130            | 130            |
| Indiana          | 114                                  | 83             | 106            | Nevada           | 15                                   | 7              | 10             |
| Illinois         | 36                                   | 21             | 12             | Washington       | 71                                   | 165            | 100            |
| Michigan         | 934                                  | 926            | 930            | Western Oregon   | 341                                  | 429            | 272            |
| Wisconsin        | 333                                  | 279            | 220            | California       | 44                                   | 75             | 25             |
| Minnesota        | 197                                  | 64             | 111            | <b>WESTERN</b>   | <b>1,659</b>                         | <b>2,011</b>   | <b>1,517</b>   |
| Iowa             | 22                                   | 17             | 30             |                  |                                      |                |                |
| Nebraska         | ---                                  | 0              | 0              | <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>4,516</b>                         | <b>5,041</b>   | <b>4,237</b>   |
| Kansas           | 1                                    | 0              | 0              |                  |                                      |                |                |
| <b>CENTRAL</b>   | <b>1,681</b>                         | <b>1,440</b>   | <b>1,515</b>   |                  |                                      |                |                |

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the Late Summer crop, 1954-55 to date <sup>1/</sup>

| 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             | 5,015 | 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      | 19,039              | 11,659                       | 1,999 | 5,041             | 359             | 5,400 | 4,660                       | 721   |
| 1963      | 18,335              | 11,993                       | 2,089 | 4,237             | 265             | 4,502 |                             |       |

- <sup>1/</sup> 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.