

ONION STOCKS  
January 1, 1966

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Stocks of sound onions in common and cold storage on January 1, 1966, at 5,753,000 hundredweight, were 13 percent more than a year earlier and 11 percent more than the 1960-64 average, the Crop Reporting Board announced today. Supplies in common storage, totaling 5,503,000 hundredweight, were 15 percent more than on January 1 last year but cold storage stocks at 250,000 hundredweight were 14 percent less than a year earlier.

Total onion stocks on January 1, 1966 in the eastern region were 48 percent higher than a year earlier and in the central region were 6 percent higher, but stocks in the western States showed a 3 percent decline.

Common storage holdings were above January 1 last year in New York, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Kansas, Iowa, Idaho-Eastern Oregon, Utah, Washington, and California, while in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, Nevada and western Oregon, common storage holdings were less than a year earlier. Cold storage holdings were smaller than on January 1, 1965 in both the eastern and western regions where most of the cold storage stocks are held.

The volume of the 1965 late summer onion crop sold to January 1 was 7 percent above the same period a year earlier. The loss of onions by shrinkage, decay and dumping to January 1, and expected grade out of the 1965 crop was at a record high, almost double that for a year earlier. Losses were heavy in all important producing States except California.

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 expected grade out of the 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, average 1960-64, annual 1965 and 1966

Regions	In Common Storage			In Cold Storage			Total		
	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1, 1960-64	Jan. 1 1965	Jan. 1 1966	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1, 1960-64	Jan. 1 1965	Jan. 1 1966	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1, 1960-64	Jan. 1 1965	Jan. 1 1966
	- 1,000 cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
Eastern	1,392	1,208	1,888	171	120	84	1,563	1,328	1,972
Central	1,704	1,621	1,706	22	6	14	1,726	1,627	1,720
Western	1,757	1,953	1,909	150	163	149	1,907	2,116	2,058
Southern	---	---	---	2	2	3	2	2	3
Total	4,853	4,782	5,503	346	291	250	5,199	5,073	5,753

ONIONS: January 1 stocks held in common storage by growers and dealers in 18 Late Summer States, by States, average 1960-64, annual 1965 and 1966

State and Region	5-year average Jan. 1, 1960-64	Jan. 1, 1965	Jan. 1, 1966	State and Region	5-year average Jan. 1, 1960-64	Jan. 1, 1965	Jan. 1, 1966
- 1,000 cwt. -				- 1,000 cwt. -			
Massachusetts	2	1	1	Idaho and Eastern Oreg.	723	860	870
New York	1,390	1,207	1,887	Colorado	391	330	226
<b>EASTERN</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>1,888</b>	Utah	116	52	55
Ohio	60	73	107	Nevada	16	10	4
Indiana	107	88	119	Washington	112	160	163
Illinois	23	19	11	Western Oregon	348	496	435
Michigan	1,028	1,000	1,050	California	50	45	156
Wisconsin	296	257	246	<b>WESTERN</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>1,953</b>	<b>1,909</b>
Minnesota	168	148	129	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,853</b>	<b>4,782</b>	<b>5,503</b>
Iowa	22	36	43				
Nebraska	---	---	---				
Kansas	---	---	1				
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>1,704</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>1,706</b>				

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the Late Summer crop, 1956 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. -								
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	18,882	12,086	1,989	4,548	274	4,822	4,398	409
1964	17,864	10,980	1,820	4,782	291	5,073	4,509	555
1965	20,772	11,788	3,400	5,503	250	5,753		

<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.