

ONION STOCKS

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ONION STOCKS DOWN 29 PERCENT

Stocks of onions in common storage in eleven summer onion producing States and in cold storage in all areas of the U.S. on January 1, 1981 are estimated at 5.53 million cwt, 29 percent below January 1, 1980. Cold storage holdings at 78.0 thousand cwt are 21 percent below a year ago. Nine of the eleven States reported common storage holdings below last year.

Sales from the 1980 onion crop were 17.6 million cwt prior to January 1, 1981, 3 percent less than the comparable period in 1979. Losses prior to January 1 from shrinkage, waste, and cullage amounted to 3.21 million cwt compared with 3.70 million cwt the previous year.

NOTE: Stocks estimates in this report relate to quantities of sound onions held by growers and dealers. Excluded from these stocks are quantities of onions lost before January 1 through decay, sprouting and dumping. It also excludes gradeout to January 1 and any onions on hand January 1 which do not meet grade standards. Sound onion stocks on January 1 include onions which may be lost after that date from decay and sprouting and marketable onions which may be dumped after January 1 because of economic reasons.

ONIONS: STOCKS HELD IN COMMON STORAGE BY GROWERS
AND DEALERS, SUMMER AREA

STATE	JAN 1, 1979	JAN 1, 1980	JAN 1, 1981
	1,000 CWT		
CALIF	265	339	196
COLO	675	800	910
IDAHO & E OREG	1,530	1,790	1,260
MICH	1,050	1,023	560
MINN	108	81	115
N Y	1,770	1,770	1,330
OHIO	111	100	66
OREG, WEST	315	680	395
UTAH	245	257	195
WASH	178	610	229
WIS	209	200	191
TOTAL	6,456	7,650	5,447

STORAGE ONIONS: UTILIZATION AND STOCKS ^{1/}

YEAR	PRODUCTION	UTILIZATION BEFORE JAN 1		JAN 1 STOCKS			UTILIZATION AFTER JAN 1	
		SOLD	LOSS	IN COMMON STORAGE	IN COLD STORAGE ^{2/}	TOTAL	SOLD	LOSS
		1,000 CWT						
1971	21,430	14,218	2,239	4,810	170	4,980	4,585	388
1972	20,008	13,790	2,184	3,961	77	4,038	3,761	273
1973	21,024	14,202	1,987	4,754	81	4,835	4,495	340
1974	23,863	16,404	2,270	5,109	80	5,189	4,525	664
1975	23,466	16,390	2,558	4,430	88	4,518	4,132	386
1976	24,472	15,761	3,487	5,126	98	5,224	4,777	447
1977	25,803	16,609	3,511	5,620	63	5,683	4,866	817
1978	27,189	17,271	3,398	6,456	66	6,522	6,004	516
1979	29,513	18,062	3,703	7,650	99	7,749	6,917	831
1980	26,399	17,590	3,208	5,447	78	5,525		

^{1/} UTILIZATION MAY NOT BALANCE WITH THE STORAGE ONIONS PRODUCTION OR STOCKS BECAUSE:

(A) COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS INCLUDE ALL ONIONS REGARDLESS OF THE SEASONAL GROUP.

(B) COLD STORAGE ONIONS STORED OUTSIDE OF SUMMER PRODUCING AREAS.

(C) CROSS-STATE MOVEMENT OF ONIONS IN SOME YEARS.

^{2/} PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REFRIGERATED WAREHOUSES STORING COMMODITIES FOR 30 DAYS OR MORE.