

onion stocks



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Estimated at 4,878,000 hundredweight, January 1, 1972 stocks of sound onions in common storage in the late summer onion States and in cold storage in all areas were 13 percent less than a year earlier but 7 percent more than on January 1, 1970, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

Supplies in common storage totaled 4,711,000 cwt., 13 percent below a year earlier, and cold storage stocks of 167,000 cwt. were 7 percent less. Decreases from a year earlier in fewer common storage stocks in New York, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Colorado, Utah, Washington and California more than offset increases in Indiana, Minnesota, Idaho and Oregon.

The 1971 production of late summer onions, estimated at 21,568,000 cwt., is slightly less than 1970 production but 8 percent more than 1969. Sales from the 1971 production prior to January 1, 1972 were 14,115,000 cwt., compared with 13,350,000 cwt. for the corresponding period the previous year and 13,401,000 from the 1969 crop. Losses from shrinkage, waste and cullage are estimated at 2,231,000 cwt. compared with 2,623,000 cwt. for the 1970 crop and 1,953,000 cwt. for the 1969 crop.

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 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 Late Summer States, and January 1 stocks in cold storage in all States, by regions, annual 1970, 1971 and 1972

Region	In common storage			In cold storage			Total		
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972
	1,000 cwt.								
Eastern	993	1,639	1,293	27	31	27	1,020	1,670	1,320
Central	1,097	1,401	1,159	2	1	5	1,099	1,402	1,164
Western	2,302	2,400	2,259	155	148	134	2,457	2,548	2,393
Southern				1		1	1		1
TOTAL	4,392	5,440	4,711	185	180	167	4,577	5,620	4,878

ONIONS: January 1 stocks held in common storage by growers and dealers, Late Summer area, annual 1970, 1971 and 1972

State and Region	Jan. 1, 1970	Jan. 1, 1971	Jan. 1, 1972	State and Region	Jan. 1, 1970	Jan. 1, 1971	Jan. 1, 1972
	1,000 cwt.				1,000 cwt.		
New York	993	1,639	1,293	Idaho and:			
EASTERN	993	1,639	1,293	East. Oreg:	1,285	1,230	1,236
Ohio	30	116	100	Colorado :	260	310	265
Indiana	130	90	94	Utah :	58	113	74
Michigan	730	909	670	Wash. :	145	150	120
Wisconsin	100	212	180	West. Oreg:	453	458	466
Minnesota	107	74	115	Calif. :	101	139	98
CENTRAL	1,097	1,401	1,159	WESTERN :	2,302	2,400	2,259
				TOTAL :	4,392	5,440	4,711

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the Late Summer crop, 1962 to date 1/

Crop Year	Pro-duction	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.				
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	18,955	12,520	1,668	4,591	202	4,793	4,231	536
1968	20,217	12,308	2,469	5,237	214	5,451	4,782	658
1969	19,928	13,401	1,953	4,392	185	4,577	4,280	294
1970	21,593	13,350	2,623	5,440	180	5,620	4,761	859
1971	21,568	14,115	2,231	4,711	167	4,878		

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.