

onion stocks



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January 1, 1974 stocks of sound onions in common storage in the summer onion States and in cold storage in all areas is estimated at 4,503,000 cwt. This is 12 percent more than a year earlier but 10 percent less than on January 1, 1972.

Supplies in common storage totaled 4,423,000 cwt., 12 percent more than a year earlier, while cold storage stocks of 80,000 cwt. were 4 percent more. Decreases in common storage holdings in Indiana, Wisconsin, Colorado, Western Oregon and Utah were more than offset by increases in New York, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, California, Idaho and Eastern Oregon, and Washington.

The 1973 production of summer storage type onions, estimated at 20,721,000 cwt., remains unchanged at 4 percent more than 1972 but 3 percent less than in 1971. Sales from the 1973 production prior to January 1, 1974 were 14,079,000 cwt., compared with 13,790,000 cwt., for the corresponding period the previous year. Losses to January 1 from shrinkage, waste, and cullage are estimated at 2,161,000 cwt., compared with 2,184,000 cwt. for the 1972 crop.

Stocks estimated in this report relate to quantities of sound onions held by grower and dealers. In estimating stocks, the quantity of onions lost before January 1 through dumping, decay, and sprouting, and the gradeout to January 1 as well as the 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,
Summer area, annual 1972, 1973, and 1974

State	Jan. 1, 1972	Jan. 1, 1973	Jan. 1, 1974	State	Jan. 1, 1972	Jan. 1, 1973	Jan. 1, 1974
	1,000 cwt.				1,000 cwt.		
California	102	70	75	Ohio	95	46	80
Colorado	297	295	222	Oregon, Western	457	375	292
Idaho & East Oregon	1,330	1,275	1,465	Utah	89	111	66
Indiana	94	95	72	Washington	115	85	100
Michigan	650	700	780	Wisconsin	166	175	160
Minnesota	122	127	141				
New York	1,293	607	970	TOTAL	4,810	3,961	4,423

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the
Summer crop, 1964 to date 1/

Year	Production	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.						
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	20,220	12,321	2,395	5,301	214	5,515	4,762	742
1969	19,870	13,381	1,955	4,351	185	4,536	4,250	284
1970	21,569	13,320	2,599	5,470	180	5,650	4,691	959
1971	21,430	14,218	2,234	4,810	170	4,980	4,585	388
1972	20,008	13,790	2,184	3,961	77	4,038	3,761	273
1973	20,721	14,079	2,161	4,423	80	4,503		

1/ Utilization does not balance with the summer production or stocks because:

- (a) cold storage holdings include all onions regardless of the seasonal group.
- (b) cold storage holdings stored outside of summer production areas.
- (c) cross-State movement of onions in some years.