

ONION STOCKS
January 1, 1965

January 15, 1965

Stocks of sound onions in storage (common and cold storage) as of January 1, 1965 at 4,911,000 hundredweight, were 2 percent above last year but 4 percent below the 5-year average. Common storage supplies, at 4,614,000 hundredweight, were 1 percent more than a year earlier. Cold storage stocks, at 297,000 hundredweight, were 8 percent above last year. In the western States, onions in common and cold storage on January 1 were 16 percent above last year. This sharp increase was partially offset by declines from last year in both the eastern States, down 7 percent and the central States, down 5 percent.

Common storage holdings this year were above last year in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Colorado, Nevada, Washington, Western Oregon, and California. Decreases were noted in New York, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Idaho and Eastern Oregon and Utah. Total sales to January 1 of the late summer onion crop were down 8 percent from last year. Percentage loss to January 1 was about the same as a year earlier.

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 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 1959-63, annual 1964 and 1965

Regions	In Common Storage			In Cold Storage			Total		
	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1 1959-63	Jan. 1 1964	Jan. 1 1965	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1 1959-63	Jan. 1 1964	Jan. 1 1965	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1 1959-63	Jan. 1 1964	Jan. 1 1965
	- 1,000 cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
Eastern	1,307	1,295	1,208	193	137	120	1,500	1,432	1,328
Central	1,669	1,644	1,564	25	12	6	1,694	1,656	1,570
Western	1,737	1,609	1,842	174	123	169	1,911	1,732	2,011
Southern	---	---	---	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total	4,714	4,548	4,614	393	274	297	5,107	4,822	4,911

ONIONS: January 1 stocks held in common storage by growers and dealers in 18 Late Summer States, by States, average 1959-63, annual 1964 and 1965

State and Region	5-year average Jan. 1, 1959-63	Jan. 1, 1964	Jan. 1, 1965	State and Region	5-year average Jan. 1, 1959-63	Jan. 1, 1964	Jan. 1, 1965
	- 1,000 cwt. -				- 1,000 cwt. -		
Massachusetts	3	2	1	Idaho and Eastern Oreg.	698	807	780
New York	1,304	1,293	1,207	Colorado	417	300	305
EASTERN	1,307	1,295	1,208	Utah	114	90	54
Ohio	46	108	73	Nevada	15	8	10
Indiana	114	106	88	Washington	98	110	160
Illinois	26	13	19	Western Oregon	344	271	476
Michigan	959	1,030	950	California	50	23	57
Wisconsin	326	230	247	WESTERN	1,737	1,609	1,842
Minnesota	177	127	148				
Iowa	21	30	39	TOTAL	4,714	4,548	4,614
Nebraska	---	---	---				
Kansas	---	---	---				
CENTRAL	1,669	1,644	1,564				

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the Late Summer crop, 1955 to date ^{1/}

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. -						
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	18,882	12,086	1,990	4,548	274	4,822	4,398	409
1964	17,725	11,067	1,918	4,614	297	4,911		

- ^{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.