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ONION STOCKS  
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At 3,953,000 hundredweight, the January 1, 1967 total stocks of sound onions in common and cold storage were 34 percent less than a year earlier and 22 percent less than the 1961-65 average, the Crop Reporting Board announced today. The stocks are the lowest since January 1, 1953.

Common storage supplies totaled 3,740,000 hundredweight, 35 percent below a year ago and cold storage stocks, at 213,000 hundredweight, show a 15 percent decline. Common storage stocks were below January 1 a year ago in all States and cold storage stocks decreased from last year in each region.

The late summer onion crop is estimated at 18,360,000 hundredweight, 12 percent less than the 1965 production but about the same as average. Sales to January 1, 1967 for the 1966 crop, a record large at 12,347,000 hundredweight, were 4 percent above the corresponding period of a year earlier, and exceed the previously high from the 1963 crop by 2 percent. Because of the good demand, the loss of onions by shrinkage, decay and dumping to January 1 was 2,087,000 hundredweight, 30 percent less than the record high of a year earlier. Percentage losses in the eastern States were about the same as a year earlier but the percentages were lower in the central and western States. Some of the losses this year in the eastern part of the United States were because of small sizes.

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 total 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 1961-65, annual 1966 and 1967

Region	In Common Storage			In Cold Storage			Total		
	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1, 1961-65	Jan. 1 1966	Jan. 1 1967	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1, 1961-65	Jan. 1 1966	Jan. 1 1967	5-yr. Av. Jan. 1, 1961-65	Jan. 1 1966	Jan. 1 1967
	- 1,000 cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
Eastern	1,347	1,888	872	152	84	79	1,499	1,972	951
Central	1,670	1,699	1,246	16	14	2	1,686	1,713	1,248
Western	1,741	2,176	1,622	149	149	130	1,890	2,325	1,752
Southern	---	---	---	2	3	2	2	3	5
Total	4,757	5,763	3,740	319	250	213	5,076	6,013	3,953

ONIONS: January 1 stocks held in common storage by growers and dealers in 18 Late Summer States, by States, average 1961-65, annual 1966 and 1967

State and Region	5-year average Jan. 1, 1961-65	Jan. 1, 1966	Jan. 1, 1967	State and Region	5-year average Jan. 1, 1961-65	Jan. 1, 1966	Jan. 1, 1967
- 1,000 cwt. -							
Massachusetts	1	1	1	Idaho and Eastern Oreg.	755	1,060	930
New York	1,345	1,387	871	Colorado	346	270	135
<b>EASTERN</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>872</b>	Utah	97	98	45
Ohio	70	110	100	Nevada	13	4	2
Indiana	109	119	100	Washington	131	165	105
Illinois	22	11	2	Western Oregon	357	423	370
Michigan	1,019	1,050	800	California	41	156	35
Wisconsin	275	245	135	<b>WESTERN</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>1,622</b>
Minnesota	150	120	93				
Iowa	25	43	16	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,757</b>	<b>5,763</b>	<b>3,740</b>
Nebraska	---	---	---				
Kansas	---	1	---				
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>1,246</b>				

ONIONS: Utilization and stocks of the Late Summer crop, 1957 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. -								
1957	16,835	10,255	2,158	4,051	106	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	10,267	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	12,036	1,287	4,548	274	4,822	4,398	409
1964	17,864	10,980	1,820	4,782	291	5,073	4,509	555
1965	20,900	11,923	2,982	5,763	250	6,013	5,228	767
1966	18,360	12,347	2,037	3,740	213	3,253		

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.