

onion stocks



January 1, 1976

ALBERT R. MANN
LIBRARY
ITHACA, N. Y. 14850

Released:
January 19, 1976
3:00 P.M. ET

ONION STOCKS DECLINE 19 PERCENT

ONIONS: Stocks of sound onions in common storage in the twelve summer onion States and in cold storage in all areas of the U.S. on January 1 are estimated at 4.2 million cwt., 19 percent below 1975. (Cold storage holdings comprised 88,000 cwt. of the total and are 10 percent above last year). Nine of the twelve States reported declines in common storage holdings ranging from 9 to 86 percent below last year. Nationally, shrink and loss to January 1 has been above average this year due largely to the breakdown of immature onions in storage.

Estimated production of 1975 summer storage type onions, including California, at 23.4 million cwt. was 1 percent below 1975. Sales from the 1975 crop prior to January 1, 1976, were 16.3 million cwt., slightly less than in 1974. Losses prior to January from shrinkage, waste, and cullage amounted to 2.7 million cwt. compared to 2.3 million cwt. the previous year.

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 1974, 1975 AND 1976

STATE AND REGION	JANUARY 1, 1974	JANUARY 1, 1975	JANUARY 1, 1976
		1,000 CWT.	
CALIF	92	88	61
COLO	252	290	302
IDAHO & E OREG	1,615	1,295	1,180
IND	72	59	8
MICH	760	800	589
MINN	136	132	85
N Y	1,012	1,418	979
OHIO	80	66	75
OREG WEST	333	446	498
UTAH	91	130	103
WASH	110	155	120
WIS	192	200	100
TOTAL	4,745	5,079	4,100

ONIONS: UTILIZATION AND STOCKS OF THE
SUMMER CROP, 1966 TO DATE 1/

YEAR	PRODUCTION	UTILIZATION BEFORE JANUARY 1	UTILIZATION AFTER JANUARY 1
		SOLD : LOSS	SOLD : LOSS
		IN COMMON : IN COLD : STORAGE : STORAGE : TOTAL	
		1,000 CWT.	
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	20,994	14,184 1,984 4,745 81 4,826	4,487 339
1974	23,785	16,361 2,265 5,079 80 5,159	4,497 662
1975	23,430	16,349 2,719 4,100 88 4,188	

- 1/ UTILIZATION MAY NOT BALANCE WITH THE SUMMER PRODUCTION OR STOCKS BEACUSE:
(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.