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# VEGETABLES—FRESH MARKET

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## ONION STOCKS January 1, 1958

Stocks of sound onions in storage on January 1, 1958 were about 8 percent less than those on hand a year earlier, the Crop Reporting Board announced today. Total holdings this year of 4,256,000 hundredweight in both common and cold storages were 14 percent below average. Supplies in common storage at 3,848,000 hundredweight were down 10 percent from last year, while cold storage holdings of 408,000 hundredweight were up 20 percent.

Onion holdings in Eastern States on January 1, 1958 were about 16 percent less than those of last year. In Central States 8 percent fewer onions were on hand than a year earlier. Supplies in Western States were slightly below last year. Onion losses to January 1 are reported to be light in New York and Western Oregon. However, heavy losses are reported for Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Idaho-Eastern Oregon, Colorado and Washington. These losses, coupled with active movement to market, have resulted in near record disappearance to January 1.

The stocks estimates 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, shrinkage, decay and sprouting is excluded. No attempt is made to predict additional losses that will occur after January 1.

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 1950-56, annual 1957 and 1958.

REGION	In Common Storage			In Cold Storage			Total		
	7-Yr. Av.:			7-Yr. Av.:			7-Yr. Av.:		
	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1
	1950-56	1957	1958	1950-56	1957	1958	1950-56	1957	1958
	-1,000 cwt.-								
Eastern	773	1,160	922	380	240	252	1,153	1,400	1,174
Central	1,712	1,652	1,516	136	27	36	1,848	1,679	1,552
Western	1,764	1,474	1,410	162	70	113	1,925	1,544	1,523
Southern	---	---	---	7	4	7	7	4	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,249</b>	<b>4,286</b>	<b>3,848</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>4,933</b>	<b>4,627</b>	<b>4,256</b>

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ONIONS: January 1 stocks held in common storage by growers and dealers in 19 Late Summer States, by States, average 1950-56, annual 1957 and 1958.

STATE AND REGION	7-Year average	Jan. 1 1957	Jan. 1 1958	STATE AND REGION	7-Year average	Jan. 1 1957	Jan. 1 1958
	-1,000 cwt.-				-1,000 cwt.-		
Massachusetts	10	8	6	Idaho and Eastern Oregon	819	450	519
New York	763	1,152	916	Colorado	428	395	395
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>773</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>922</u>	Arizona	---	---	---
Ohio	48	30	35	Utah	98	90	90
Indiana	101	65	84	Nevada	37	16	16
Illinois	60	43	63	Washington	36	35	35
Michigan	910	922	800	Western Oregon	239	375	375
Wisconsin	254	281	334	California	106	113	113
Minnesota	309	270	163	<u>WESTERN</u>	<u>1,764</u>	<u>1,474</u>	<u>1,474</u>
Iowa	30	26	37				
Nebraska	---	4	---				
Kansas	---	11	---				
<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>1,712</u>	<u>1,652</u>	<u>1,516</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>4,249</u>	<u>4,286</u>	<u>3,986</u>

ONIONS: Production of the Late Summer Crop and stocks in storage on January 1, in all States, by crop years, 1949-50 through 1957-58

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION			JANUARY 1 STOCKS		
	Total	Not Harvested	Harvested	In common storage	In cold storage	Total
	2/			1,000 cwt.-		
1949-50	15,549	--	15,549	3,682	1,146	4,828
1950-51	17,694	481	17,213	5,177	662	5,839
1951-52	15,945	--	15,945	3,573	694	4,267
1952-53	14,853	--	14,853	3,187	618	3,805
1953-54	18,411	50	18,361	5,737	589	6,326
1954-55	17,015	--	17,015	4,482	516	4,998
1955-56	16,042	--	16,042	3,905	565	4,470
1956-57	17,428	--	17,428	4,286	341	4,627
1957-58	16,941	174	16,767	3,848	408	4,256

1/ From U.S.D.A. Cold Storage Reports.

2/ Not harvested because of low prices or other economic factors.