

This is the Muck Station Report for Thursday Dec 18, 2008.

Canadian Carrot storage holdings for December are being reported but are incomplete:

The Maritimes are reporting 164 thousand 50 pound bags of carrots in storage. This is a 54 thousand bags less compared to this time last year or a drop of 24.7%.

Quebec carrot storage holding numbers are 806 thousand 50 pound bags in storage. There are 50 thousand less bags in storage presently compared to this time last year a 6% drop.

Ontario is not reporting any numbers at this time.

Out west the carrot storage numbers are reported to be 234 thousand 50 pound bags in storage. The vast majority are in Manitoba.

Canadian Onion holdings are:

Maritimes are presently reporting 204 thousand 50 pound bags on hand. This is a 46% decrease compared to this time last year.

Quebec has 1.23 million 50 pound bags in storage.

Ontario is not reporting any storage holding numbers.

The west is reporting approximately 110 thousand bags in storage with the vast majority in Manitoba and a little in BC. Alberta has not reported any holdings

USA onion storage holdings:

New York holdings are 4.1 million bags, a drop of 1.7 million from Nov.

The rest of the East is reporting 1.5 million bags in storage for Dec

Out West the storage numbers are 33.2 million bags in storage. There has been and decrease of 17.1 million bags since Nov holding numbers.

Some notes reported with the storage numbers are:

East: Demand decent to good; crop holding well except for scattered lots shrinking above normal. Size and quality very nice. Producers positive about prospects going forward

West: Generally good to excellent quality on hand and in storages. Some report sluggish demand; others comment that business is exceptionally good, especially to retail.

Movement slowed early November, but picked up considerably later in the month. Export prospects not as clear as had been anticipated; additional winter business expected.

Now notes of interest to growers

There is still no grower pesticide safety course listed as of this data. Once the listings are available we will let you know.

Please remember the 58th annual Muck Vegetable Growers Conference is coming up on March 25 & 26. Please support the show through advertising in the conference booklet contact Ross at the co-op for more details.

If you have any suggestions on something you would like to see on the speaker program call and let us know.

The New York Vegetable show is coming up on Feb 10- 12. More details to follow.

The Station report will be updated once per month usually around the 12th to 15th when storage data arrives.

The Muck Station is presently working on a web page, we hope to have it up and running in the early part of the new year 2009.