

This is the Muck Station Report for Wednesday Feb 13, 2008.

The 57th annual Muck Vegetable Growers Conference is coming up on March 26 & 27. The speaker program is available from the Muck Station

Canadian Carrot storage holdings for Feb are now in:

The Maritimes are reporting 93 thousand 50 pound bags of carrots in storage. This is a 50 thousand bags decrease from Jan holding numbers. There is an 36% increase in carrot storage holding numbers this year compared to this time last year.

Quebec has reported 1.79 million bags in storage, data is classed as Revised no numbers were available for Jan

Ontario is reporting 1.48 million bags in storage. This is a 720 thousand drop in bags form Jan. There is 22 % increase compared to last year at this time.

Out west the carrot storage numbers were not reported

Canadian Onion holdings are:

Maritimes are presently reporting 286 thousand 50 pound bags on hand. This is an 55% increase compared to this time last year. For the month of Jan 90 thousand bags moved.

Quebec has still not reported any numbers

Ontario has reported for Feb 1.8 million 50 pound bags of onions in storage which is a drop of 430 thousand bags. 1.6 million are in the Bradford area which is an 42 % increase compared to this time last year . Ontario's holdings are 44% higher compared to Feb of 2007.

The west is not reporting any data

USA onion storage holdings:

New York holdings are 2.3 million bags, a drop of 900 thousand from Jan. New York has approximately half a million more bag presently compared to this time last year.

The rest of the East is reporting 795 thousand bags in storage for Feb 1st

Out West the storage numbers are 20 million bags in storage. There has been a drop of 7.5 million bags from Jan to Feb.

USA storage numbers are down by 11 million bags compared to Feb 2007

Some notes reported with the storage numbers are:

East : General quality and size good to excellent a few scattered lots fair. Viewpoint on demand mixed from sluggish to steady and even active Market at weak levels and flat

West: Quality is exceptionally good for most operators this season poor lots in very few instances Size has run normal to above. Prices fairly steady but extremely low and pressured through most sales channels. Even though movement has been substantial the supply situation remains burdensome Export to Canada active other locations moderate at best.

Now notes of interest to growers

There are now grower pesticide safety course listed. Call or stop by for details several days are listed for the test option of the course for the Bradford area. We also have manuals available for pick up.

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The Station report will be updated once per month usually around the 10th to 12th when storage data arrives.