

HOP STOCKS



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HOP INVENTORY

There were 34.4 million pounds (15.6 thousand metric tons) of hops held by growers, dealers and brewers on September 1, 1981, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 5 percent above a year ago which was the lowest September 1 stocks since 1973. Hops production in 1980 increased 38 percent from 1979 to 75.6 million pounds (34.3 thousand metric tons).

Brewers' stocks accounted for 32.2 million pounds, or 94 percent of the total. This inventory is 3 percent above a year earlier but 9 percent less than on September 1, 1979. Dealers held 1.95 million pounds, compared with 1.38 million pounds on hand last year.

HOP STOCKS - UNITED STATES

STOCKS	MAR 1 <u>2/</u>			SEP 1		
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
THOUSAND POUNDS						
TOTAL STOCKS	66,460	62,000	67,020	38,290	32,800	34,430
STOCKS HELD BY: <u>1/</u>						
GROWERS	380	0	250	0	0	240
DEALERS	12,120	14,700	16,360	3,020	1,380	1,950
BREWERS	53,960	47,300	50,410	35,270	31,420	32,240

THE FORM IN WHICH HOPS ARE HELD IS BEING DISCONTINUED
TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

1/ INCLUDES EQUIVALENT POUNDS OF DRY HOPS HELD IN FORM OF EXTRACT OR PELLETS.
2/ MARCH 1981 DATA IS BEING PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS REPORT SINCE IT WAS NOT AVAILABLE ON THE USUAL RELEASE DATE IN MARCH 1981.

