

HOP STOCKS



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HOP INVENTORY

There were 71.7 million pounds (32.5 thousand metric tons) of hops held by growers, dealers and brewers on March 1, 1982, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 7 percent above a year ago. Hops production in 1981 increased 5 percent from 1980 to 79.1 million pounds (35.9 thousand metric tons), setting a new record for production.

Brewers' stocks accounted for 54.3 million pounds, or 76 percent of the total. This inventory is 8 percent above a year earlier and 15 percent more than on March 1, 1980. Dealers held 16.0 million pounds, compared with 16.4 million pounds on hand last year. Growers held 1.40 million pounds, up substantially from 250 thousand pounds in 1981.

HOP STOCKS - UNITED STATES

STOCKS	SEP 1			MAR 1		
	1979	1980	1981	1980	1981	1982
	THOUSAND POUNDS					
TOTAL STOCKS	38,290	32,800	34,430	62,000	67,020	71,690
STOCKS HELD BY: 1/						
GROWERS	0	0	240	0	250	1,400
DEALERS	3,020	1,380	1,950	14,700	16,360	16,000
BREWERS	35,270	31,420	32,240	47,300	50,410	54,290

1/ INCLUDES EQUIVALENT POUNDS OF DRY HOPS HELD IN FORM OF EXTRACT OR PELLETS.

