

HOP STOCKS

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HOP INVENTORY

There were 47.0 million pounds (21.3 thousand metric tons) of hops held by growers, dealers and brewers on September 1, 1982, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 37 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 43.7 million pounds, or 93 percent of the total. This inventory is 36 percent above a year earlier and 39 percent more than on September 1, 1980. Dealers held 2.09 million pounds, compared with 1.95 million pounds on hand last year. Growers held 1.20 million pounds, up substantially from 240 thousand pounds in 1981.

HOP STOCKS - UNITED STATES

STOCKS	MAR 1			SEP 1		
	1980	1981	1982	1980	1981	1982
	THOUSAND POUNDS					
TOTAL STOCKS	62,000	67,020	71,690	32,800	34,430	47,030
STOCKS HELD BY: 1/						
GROWERS	0	250	1,400	0	240	1,200
DEALERS	14,700	16,360	16,000	1,380	1,950	2,090
BREWERS	47,300	50,410	54,290	31,420	32,240	43,740

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

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