

HOP STOCKS

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HOP INVENTORY

There were 73.3 million pounds (33.3 thousand metric tons) of hops held by growers, dealers and brewers on March 1, 1983, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 2 percent above a year ago. Hops production in 1982 decreased 1 percent from 1981 to 78.6 million pounds (35.6 thousand metric tons).

Brewers' stocks accounted for 55.1 million pounds, or 75 percent of the total. This inventory is 2 percent above a year earlier and 10 percent more than on March 1, 1981. Dealers held 16.7 million pounds, compared with 16.0 million pounds on hand last year. Growers held 1.60 million pounds, up 14 percent from 1.40 million pounds in 1982.

HOP STOCKS - UNITED STATES

STOCKS	SEP 1		MAR 1			
	1980	1981	1982	1981	1982	1983
THOUSAND POUNDS						
TOTAL STOCKS	32,800	34,430	47,030	67,020	71,690	73,320
STOCKS HELD BY: 1/						
GROWERS	0	240	1,200	250	1,400	1,600
DEALERS	1,380	1,950	2,090	16,360	16,000	16,670
BREWERS	31,420	32,240	43,740	50,410	54,290	55,050

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

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