

HOP STOCKS

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HOP INVENTORY

There were 52.1 million pounds (23.6 thousand metric tons) of hops held by growers, dealers and brewers on September 1, 1983, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 11 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 47.7 million pounds, or 92 percent of the total. This inventory is 9 percent above a year earlier and 48 percent more than on September 1, 1981. Dealers held 3.00 million pounds, compared with 2.09 million pounds on hand last year. Growers held 1.38 million pounds, up 15 percent from 1982.

HOP STOCKS - UNITED STATES

STOCKS	MAR 1			SEP 1		
	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983
THOUSAND POUNDS						
TOTAL STOCKS	67,020	71,690	73,320	34,430	47,030	52,080
STOCKS HELD BY: 1/						
GROWERS 2/	250	1,400	1,600	240	1,200	1,380
DEALERS	16,360	16,000	16,670	1,950	2,090	3,000
BREWERS	50,410	54,290	55,050	32,240	43,740	47,700

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

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