

# Hop Stocks



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## HOP INVENTORY

There were 100 million pounds (45.5 thousand metric tons) of hops held by growers, dealers and brewers on March 1, 1984, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 25 percent above a year ago. Hops production in 1983 decreased 13 percent from 1982 to 68.1 million pounds (30.9 thousand metric tons).

Brewers' stocks accounted for 79.4 million pounds, or 79 percent of the total. This inventory is 28 percent above a year earlier and 46 percent more than on March 1, 1982. Dealers held 19.5 million pounds, compared with 16.7 million pounds on hand last year. Growers held 1.36 million pounds, down 15 percent from 1.60 million pounds in 1983.

### HOP STOCKS - UNITED STATES

STOCKS	SEP 1			MAR 1		
	1981	1982	1983	1982	1983	1984
	THOUSAND POUNDS					
TOTAL STOCKS	34,430	47,030	61,080	71,690	80,320	100,330
STOCKS HELD BY: 1/						
GROWERS	240	1,200	1,380	1,400	1,600	1,360
DEALERS	1,950	2,090	3,000	16,000	16,670	19,530
BREWERS	32,240	43,740	56,700	54,290	62,050	79,440

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

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