

# Hop Stocks



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## HOP INVENTORY

There were 89.8 million pounds (40.7 thousand metric tons) of hops held by growers, dealers and brewers on March 1, 1985, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 10 percent below a year ago. Hops production in 1984 decreased 18 percent from 1983 to 56.2 million pounds (25.5 thousand metric tons).

Brewers' stocks accounted for 72.9 million pounds, or 81 percent of the total. This inventory is 8 percent below a year earlier but 18 percent more than on March 1, 1983. Dealers held 15.2 million pounds, compared with 19.5 million pounds on hand last year. Growers held 1.66 million pounds, up 22 percent from the 1.36 million pounds in 1984.

### HOP STOCKS - UNITED STATES

STOCKS	SEP 1			MAR 1		
	1982	1983	1984	1983	1984	1985
	THOUSAND POUNDS					
TOTAL STOCKS	47,030	61,080	68,096	80,320	100,330	89,805
STOCKS HELD BY: 1/						
GROWERS	1,200	1,380	1,360	1,600	1,360	1,660
DEALERS	2,090	3,000	6,256	16,670	19,530	15,196
BREWERS	43,740	56,700	60,480	62,050	79,440	72,949

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

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