

# Hop Stocks



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## HOP INVENTORY

There were 82.9 million pounds (37.6 thousand metric tons) of hops held by growers, dealers and brewers on March 1, 1986, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 8 percent below a year ago. Hops production in 1985 decreased 11 percent from 1984 to 49.7 million pounds (22.6 thousand metric tons).

Brewers' stocks accounted for 65.2 million pounds, or 79 percent of the total. This inventory is 11 percent below a year earlier and 18 percent less than on March 1, 1984. Dealers held 15.7 million pounds, compared with 15.2 million pounds on hand last year. Growers held 1.96 million pounds, up 18 percent from the 1.66 million pounds in 1985.

## HOP STOCKS - UNITED STATES

STOCKS	SEP 1		MAR 1			
	1983	1984	1985	1984	1985	1986
	THOUSAND POUNDS					
TOTAL STOCKS	61,080	68,096	65,500	100,330	89,805	82,920
STOCKS HELD BY: 1/						
GROWERS 2/	1,380	1,360	1,400	1,360	1,660	1,960
DEALERS	3,000	6,256	10,930	19,530	15,196	15,720
BREWERS	56,700	60,480	53,170	79,440	72,949	65,240

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

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