

Hop Stocks



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HOP INVENTORY

There were 88.5 million pounds (40.1 thousand metric tons) of hops held by growers, dealers and brewers on March 1, 1987, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. This is 2 percent below a year ago. Hops production in 1986 decreased 2 percent from 1985 to 49.0 million pounds (22.2 thousand metric tons).

Brewers' stocks accounted for 72.9 million pounds, or 82 percent of the total. This inventory is 1 percent above a year earlier and slightly less than on March 1, 1985. Dealers held 14.0 million pounds, compared with 15.7 million pounds on hand last year. Growers held 1.67 million pounds, down 15 percent from the 1.96 million pounds in 1986.

HOP STOCKS - UNITED STATES

STOCKS	SEP 1			MAR 1		
	1984	1985	1986	1985	1986	1987
THOUSAND POUNDS						
TOTAL STOCKS	68,096	70,460	70,950	89,805	89,920	88,500
STOCKS HELD BY: 1/:						
GROWERS 2/	1,360	1,400	1,390	1,660	1,960	1,670
DEALERS	6,256	10,930	8,930	15,196	15,720	13,970
BREWERS	60,480	58,130	60,630	72,949	72,240	72,860

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

2/ INCLUDES GROWERS' STOCKS HELD IN EXTRACT FORM.

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