

Hop Stocks



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HOP INVENTORY

There were 80.5 million pounds of hops held by growers, dealers and brewers on March 1, 1989, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. This is 3 percent below a year ago. Hops production in 1988 increased 9 percent from 1987 to 54.7 million pounds.

Brewers' stocks accounted for 56.6 million pounds, or 70 percent of the total. This inventory is 15 percent below a year earlier and 22 percent less than on March 1, 1987. Dealers held 21.8 million pounds, compared with 13.6 million pounds on hand last year. Growers held 2.08 million pounds, up 7 percent from 1.95 million pounds in 1988.

HOP STOCKS - UNITED STATES

STOCKS	SEP 1			MAR 1		
	1986	1987	1988	1987	1988	1989
THOUSAND POUNDS						
TOTAL STOCKS	70,950	70,630	60,000	88,500	82,570	80,500
STOCKS HELD BY:	1/:					
GROWERS 2/	1,390	1,620	1,750	1,670	1,950	2,080
DEALERS	8,930	6,580	9,160	13,970	13,640	21,790
BREWERS	60,630	62,430	49,090	72,860	66,980	56,630

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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