

Hop Stocks



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Hop Inventory Up

There were 54.2 million pounds of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 1991. This amount is 4 percent more than a year ago. Hop production, in 1990, decreased 4 percent from 1989 to 56.9 million pounds.

Brewers' stocks accounted for 45.2 million pounds, or 83 percent of the total. This inventory is 3 percent less than a year earlier but 5 percent more than September 1, 1989. Dealers and growers held 9.00 million pounds, compared with 5.08 million pounds on hand last year.

Hop: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers,
United States, 1989-91

Stocks	Mar 1			Sep 1		
	1989	1990	1991	1989	1990	1991
	Thousand Pounds					
Total Stocks	80,500	76,640	75,320	51,700	51,890	54,200
Stocks Held by: <u>1/</u>						
Growers <u>2/</u>	2,080	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
Dealers	21,790	18,790	18,370	8,500	5,080	9,000
Brewers	56,630	57,850	56,950	43,200	46,810	45,200

1/ Includes equivalent pounds of dry hop held in form of extract or pellets.

2/ Includes growers' stocks held in extract form.

3/ Included in dealers' stocks to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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