

# Hop Stocks



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## Hop Inventory Up

There were 83.0 million pounds of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on March 1, 1993. This level is 13 percent more than the amount on hand a year ago. The primary reason for the increase is a 7 percent boost in Hop production in 1992, to 74.3 million pounds.

Brewers' stocks accounted for 55.8 million pounds, 67 percent of the total. Brewers' held 1 percent more than last March 1, but 2 percent less than in 1991. Dealers and growers held 27.2 million pounds, compared with 18.4 million pounds a year ago.

Hop: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers,  
United States, 1990-93

Stocks	Sep 1			Mar 1		
	1990	1991	1992	1991	1992	1993
	1,000 Pounds					
Total Stocks	51,890	54,200	56,250	75,320	73,330	83,000
Stocks Held by: <sup>1/</sup>						
Growers <sup>2/ 3/</sup>						
Dealers	5,080	9,000	9,980	18,370	17,860	27,200
Brewers	46,810	45,200	46,270	56,950	55,470	55,800

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

<sup>2/</sup> Includes growers' stocks held in extract form.

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

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