

Hop Stocks



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Hop Inventory Up 3 Percent

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 1993, totaled 58.1 million pounds, 3 percent above the amount on hand September 1, 1992. Hop production for 1992, at 74.3 million pounds, climbed 7 percent above a year earlier.

Brewers' stocks accounted for 45.5 million pounds, 78 percent of the total. Brewers' held 2 percent less than they did a year earlier but 1 percent more than the amount on hand in 1991. Dealers and growers stored 12.5 million pounds this year, compared with 9.98 million pounds a year ago.

Hop: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers.
United States, 1991-93

Stocks	Mar 1			Sep 1		
	1991	1992	1993	1991	1992	1993
	1,000 Pounds					
Total Stocks	75,320	73,330	83,000	54,200	56,250	58,060
Stocks Held by: ^{1/}						
Growers ^{2/ 3/}						
Dealers	18,370	17,860	27,200	9,000	9,980	12,540
Brewers	56,950	55,470	55,800	45,200	46,270	45,520

^{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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