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Hop Inventory Up 10 Percent

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on March 1, 1994, totaled 90.9 million pounds, 10 percent above the amount on hand March 1, 1993. Hop production in 1993, at 76.1 million pounds was, 2 percent greater than 1992.

Brewers stocks accounted for 58.2 million pounds, 64 percent of the total. Brewers' held 4 percent more than a year earlier and 5 percent more than the amount on hand in 1992. Dealers and growers stored 32.7 million pounds this year, compared with 27.2 million pounds a year ago.

Hop: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers,
United States, 1991-94

Stocks	Sep 1			Mar 1		
	1991	1992	1993	1992	1993	1994
	1,000 Pounds					
Stocks Held by: <u>1/</u>						
Growers <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u>						
Dealers	9,000	9,980	12,540	17,860	27,200	32,670
Brewers	45,200	46,270	45,520	55,470	55,800	58,220
Total Stocks	54,200	56,250	58,060	73,330	83,000	90,890

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 dealer' stocks to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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