

Hop Stocks



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Hop Inventory Down 3 Percent

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on March 1, 1995, totaled 88.3 million pounds, 3 percent below the amount on hand March 1, 1994. Hop production in 1994, at 74.6 million pounds, was 2 percent less than 1993 production.

Brewers' stocks accounted for 57.9 million pounds, 66 percent of the total. Brewers' stocks were down slightly from a year earlier but 4 percent more than the amount on hand in 1993. Dealers and growers stored 30.4 million pounds this year, compared with 32.7 million pounds a year ago.

Hop: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers,
United States, 1992-95

Stocks	Sep 1			Mar 1		
	1992	1993	1994	1993	1994	1995
	1,000 Pounds					
Stocks Held by: ^{1/}						
Growers ^{2/} ^{3/}						
Dealers	9,980	12,540	15,930	27,200	32,670	30,400
Brewers	46,270	45,520	47,070	55,800	58,220	57,940
Total Stocks	56,250	58,060	63,000	83,000	90,890	88,340

^{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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