

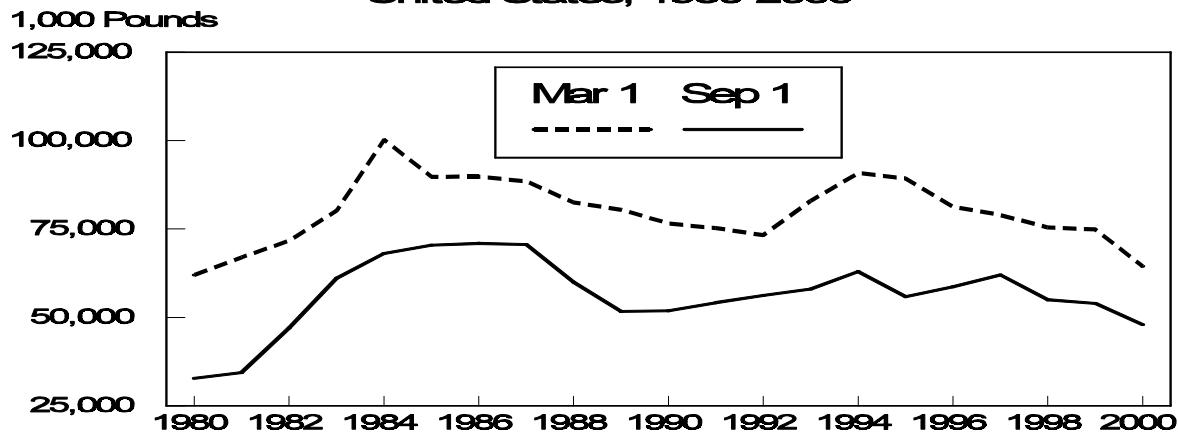
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September 1 Hop Stocks Lowest Level Since 1982

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2000, totaled 48.0 million pounds, 11 percent below September 1, 1999 and 13 percent below two years ago. This represents the lowest September 1 inventory since 1982 when stocks were 47.0 million pounds.

Stocks held by brewers, at 37.5 million pounds, were 5 percent less than last year and 9 percent less than September 1, 1998. Stocks held by growers and dealers on September 1, 2000, were 10.5 million pounds, down 28 percent from the stocks on hand for September 1, 1999, and 25 percent less than the September 1, 1998 level.

**Hop Stocks, March 1 and September 1
United States, 1980-2000**



**Hops: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers,
United States, 1998-00**

Stocks ¹	Mar 1			Sep 1		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Stocks Held by:						
Dealers/Growers	25,000	25,000	21,000	14,000	14,500	10,500
Brewers	50,500	50,000	43,500	41,000	39,500	37,500
Total Stocks	75,500	75,000	64,500	55,000	54,000	48,000

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

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