

stocks of hops



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Hops held on March 1, 1973 by growers, dealers and brewers totaled 54,600,000 pounds, 4 percent above March 1, 1972 holdings of 52,620,000 pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Brewer stocks of 44,570,000 pounds were up 4 percent and account for slightly less than 82 percent of the total holdings. Dealer stocks of 10,020,000 pounds were 4 percent more than last March and account for 18 percent of total holdings. Growers were holding 10,000 pounds on March 1.

Domestic grown dry hops amounted to 25,360,000 pounds or 47 percent of total stocks. Foreign grown dry hops totaled 16,050,000 pounds and account for 29 percent of total holdings. Extract hops, shown in equivalent pounds of dry hops, totaled 13,190,000 pounds and make up the remaining 24 percent of total stocks.

STOCKS OF HOPS - UNITED STATES

| Stocks | September 1 | | March 1 | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| | 1971 | 1972 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 |
| | Thousand pounds | | | | |
| Total Stocks | 30,120 | 28,630 | 51,150 | 52,620 | 54,600 |
| Stocks held by: | | | | | |
| Growers | 0 | 40 | 20 | 80 | 10 |
| Dealers 1/ | 640 | 540 | 5,960 | 9,600 | 10,020 |
| Brewers 1/ | 29,480 | 28,050 | 45,170 | 42,940 | 44,570 |
| Form Held: | | | | | |
| Dry hops-Domestic | 12,190 | 9,530 | 27,910 | 27,160 | 25,360 |
| -Foreign | 9,960 | 10,640 | 15,410 | 14,400 | 16,050 |
| Extract (Equiv. dry hops) | 7,970 | 8,460 | 7,830 | 11,060 | 13,190 |
| Reserves 2/ | 480 | 0 | 1,140 | 0 | 0 |

1/ Includes equivalent pounds of dry hops held in form of extract.

2/ Hops held in reserve under Federal Marketing Order 991, not included above in total stocks.
