September 1 Hop Stocks Up 13 Percent from a Year Ago

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2020 totaled 130 million pounds, up 13 percent from September 1, 2019 stocks inventory of 115 million pounds.

Stocks held at dealer and grower locations on September 1, 2020 totaled 94.0 million pounds. Stocks held by brewers totaled 36.0 million pounds.

**Hop Stocks - United States**

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Hops: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers, United States, 2018-2020

[Includes equivalent pounds of dry hops held in extract or pellet form]
Statistical Methodology

**Survey procedures:** Grower surveys are conducted in the three estimating States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) to collect stocks of hops held by growers. Additionally, contacts are made to collect stocks held by brewers and dealers. Telephone follow-up of mail survey non-respondents is used to ensure adequate coverage.

**Estimating procedures:** Information obtained from the hop stocks grower, dealer, and brewers surveys are used to establish estimates of hop stocks. These estimates are reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates.

**Revision policy:** Hop stocks are subject to revision the following estimating period and again in the following year’s *Hop Stocks* report. Revisions can be made when late reports are received, errors are detected in reporting and calculations, or production estimates are revised. No revisions to these years will be made after that date.

**Reliability:** Hop stocks surveys are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors cannot be measured directly, but are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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