



Hop Stocks

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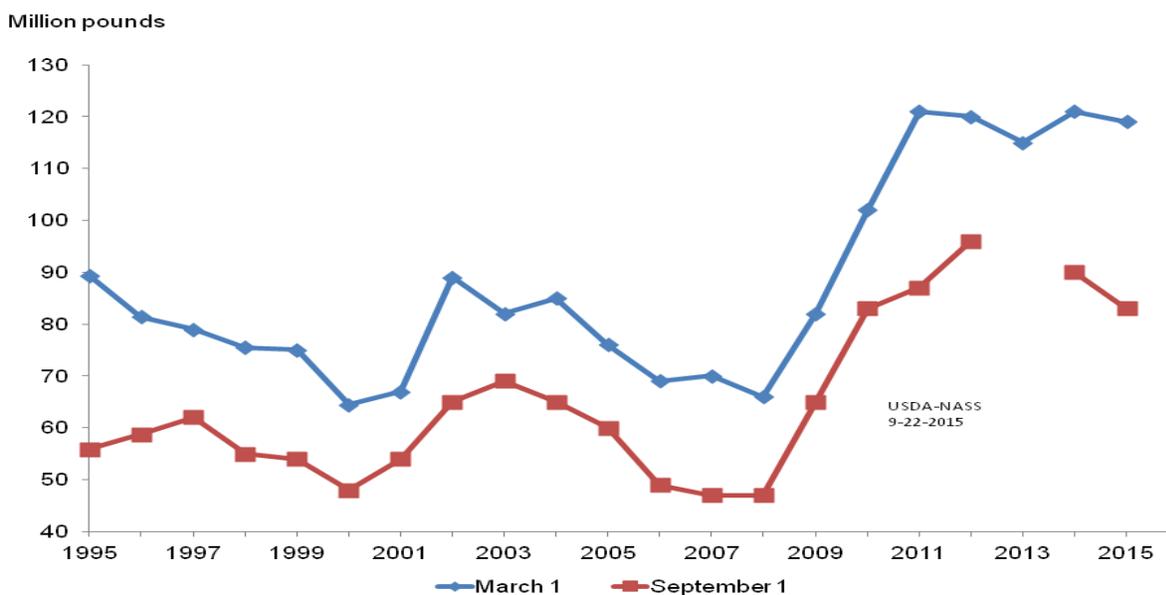
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September 1 Hop Stocks Down 8 Percent from a Year Ago

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2015, totaled 83.0 million pounds, 8 percent less than the September 1, 2014 estimate.

Stocks held by brewers, at 37.0 million pounds, were down 14 percent from last year. Stocks held by dealers and growers on September 1, 2015 totaled 46.0 million pounds, down 2 percent from the stocks on hand September 1, 2014.

Hop Stocks – United States



Hops: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers, United States, 2013-2015

Stocks ¹	September 1			March 1		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
	(1,000 pounds)					
Stocks held by:						
Dealers/growers	(NA)	47,000	46,000	62,000	72,000	76,000
Brewers	(NA)	43,000	37,000	53,000	49,000	43,000
Total stocks	(NA)	90,000	83,000	115,000	121,000	119,000

(NA) Not available.

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

Statistical Methodology

Survey procedures: Grower surveys are conducted in the three estimating States (Washington, Idaho, and Oregon) 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 hops stocks grower, dealer, and brewers surveys are used to establish estimates of hops 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 following initial publication and again in the following March *Hop Stocks* report. Revisions can be made when late reports are received, errors are detected in reporting and calculations, or production estimates are revised. Estimates will also be reviewed following the 5-Year Census of Agriculture. No revisions to these years will be made after that date.

Reliability: Survey indications are subject to sampling variability because all operations storing hops are not included in the sample. Survey results 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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Wednesday, October 28, 2015

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