



Hop Stocks

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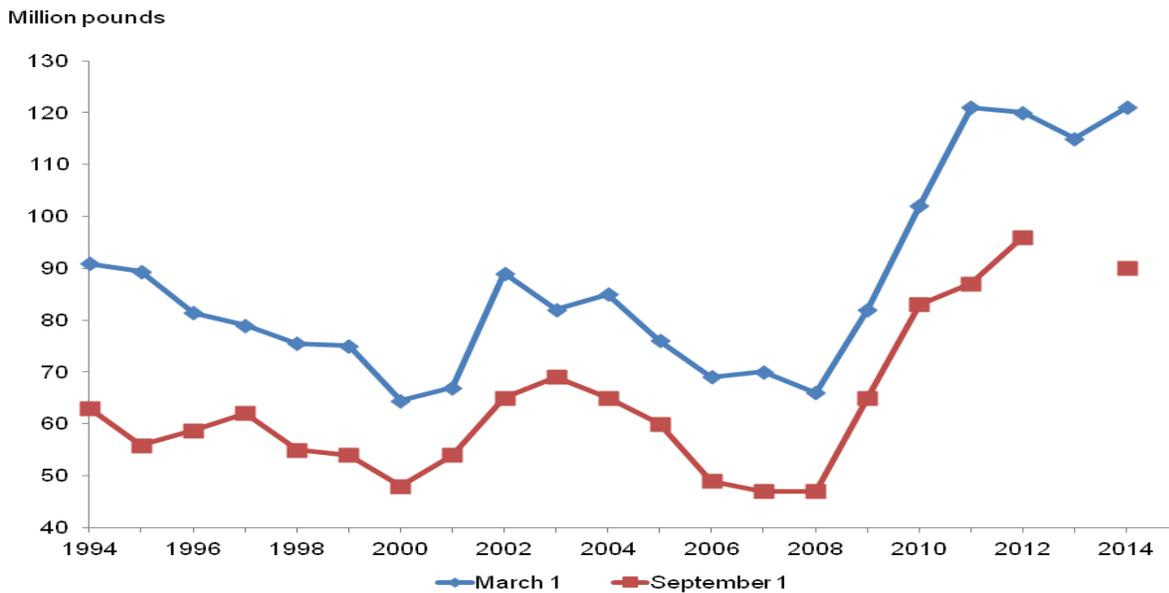
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September 1 Hop Stocks Down 6 Percent from Two Years Ago

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2014, totaled 90 million pounds, 6 percent less than the September 1, 2012 estimate. No report was issued in September 2013 due to budget cuts.

Stocks held by brewers, at 43.0 million pounds, were down 17 percent from two years ago. Stocks held by dealers and growers on September 1, 2014 totaled 47.0 million pounds, up 7 percent from the stocks on hand in 2012.

Hop Stocks – United States



Hops: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers, United States, 2012-2014

Stocks ¹	March 1			September 1		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
	(1,000 pounds)					
Stocks held by:						
Dealers/growers	67,000	62,000	72,000	44,000	(NA)	47,000
Brewers	53,000	53,000	49,000	52,000	(NA)	43,000
Total stocks	120,000	115,000	121,000	96,000	(NA)	90,000

(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.

Information Contacts

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Monday, October 20, 2014

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For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Rose Armstrong (NASS) at (202) 720-3896 or at rose.armstrong@nass.usda.gov.

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