



Hop Stocks

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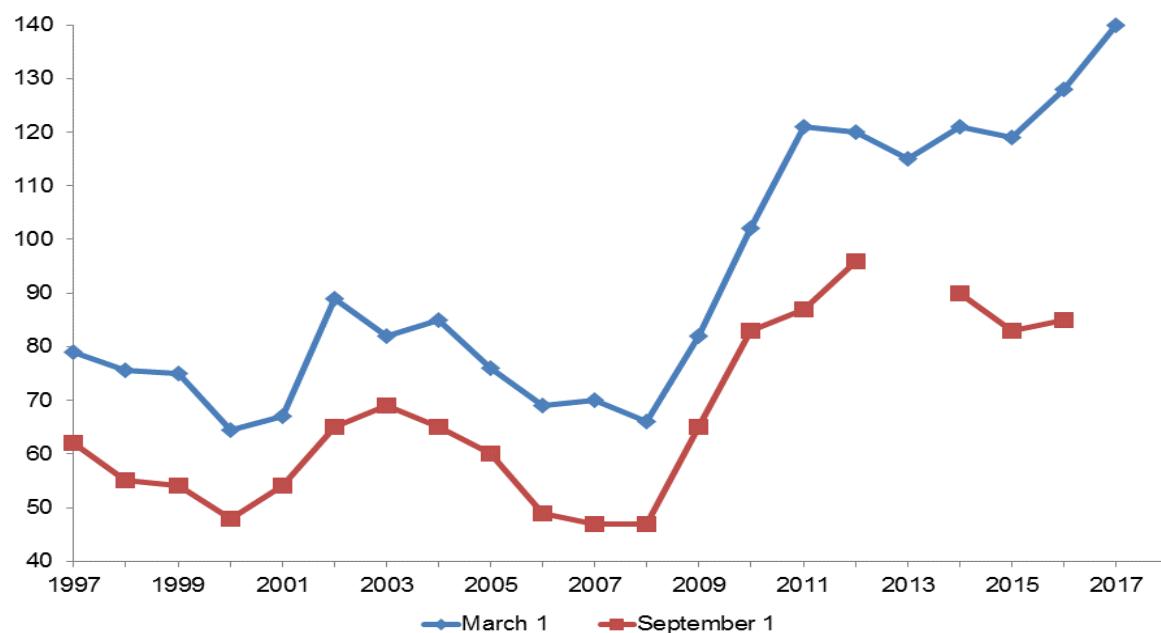
March 1 Hop Stocks up 9 percent from a Year Ago

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on March 1, 2017, totaled 140 million pounds, 9 percent more than the March 1, 2016 stocks inventory number of 128 million pounds.

Stocks held at dealer and grower locations on March 1, 2017 totaled 105 million pounds. Stocks held by brewers was 35.0 million pounds.

Hop Stocks – United States

Million pounds



Hop Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers – United States: 2014-2017

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

Stocks	September 1			March 1		
	2014	2015	2016	2015	2016	2017
Stocks held by:	(1,000 pounds)					
Dealers/Growers	47,000	46,000	49,000	76,000	88,000	105,000
Brewers	43,000	37,000	36,000	43,000	40,000	35,000
Total stocks	90,000	83,000	85,000	119,000	128,000	140,000

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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