



Hop Stocks

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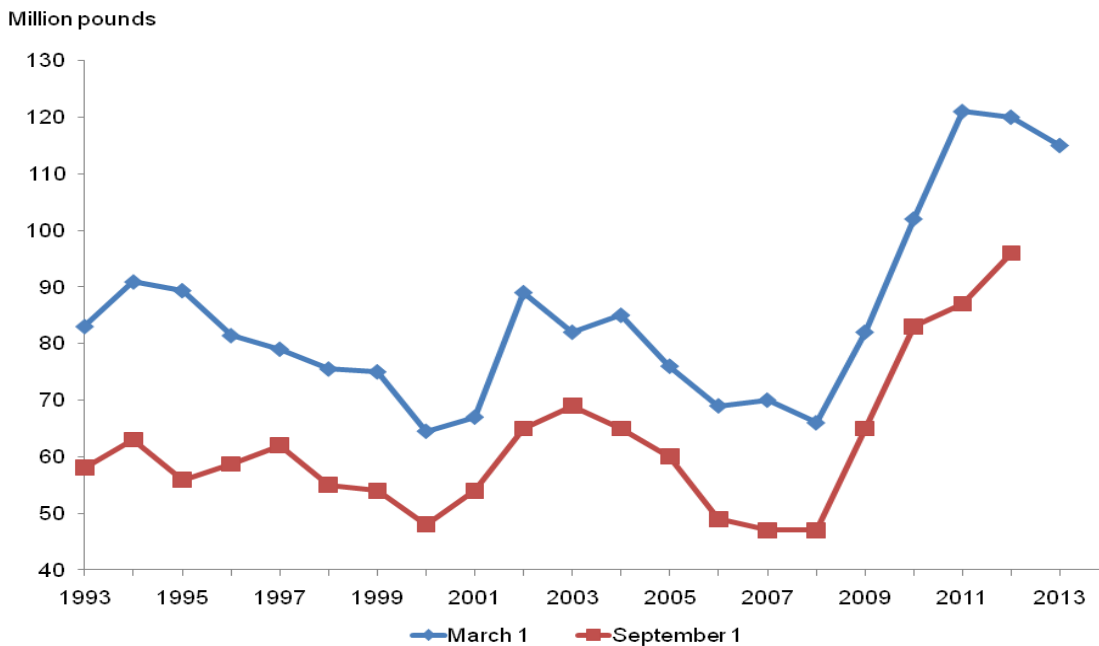
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March 1 Hop Stocks Down 4 Percent from Last Year

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on March 1, 2013 totaled 115 million pounds, 4 percent less than March 1, 2012. Stocks held by brewers, at 53.0 million pounds, were unchanged from last year. Stocks held by growers and dealers on March 1, 2013 totaled 62.0 million pounds, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Hop Stocks – United States



Hop Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers – United States: 2010-2013

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

Stocks	September 1			March 1		
	2010	2011	2012	2011	2012	2013
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Stocks held by:						
Dealers/Growers	38,000	42,000	44,000	66,000	67,000	62,000
Brewers	45,000	45,000	52,000	55,000	53,000	53,000
Total stocks	83,000	87,000	96,000	121,000	120,000	115,000

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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