



Hop Stocks

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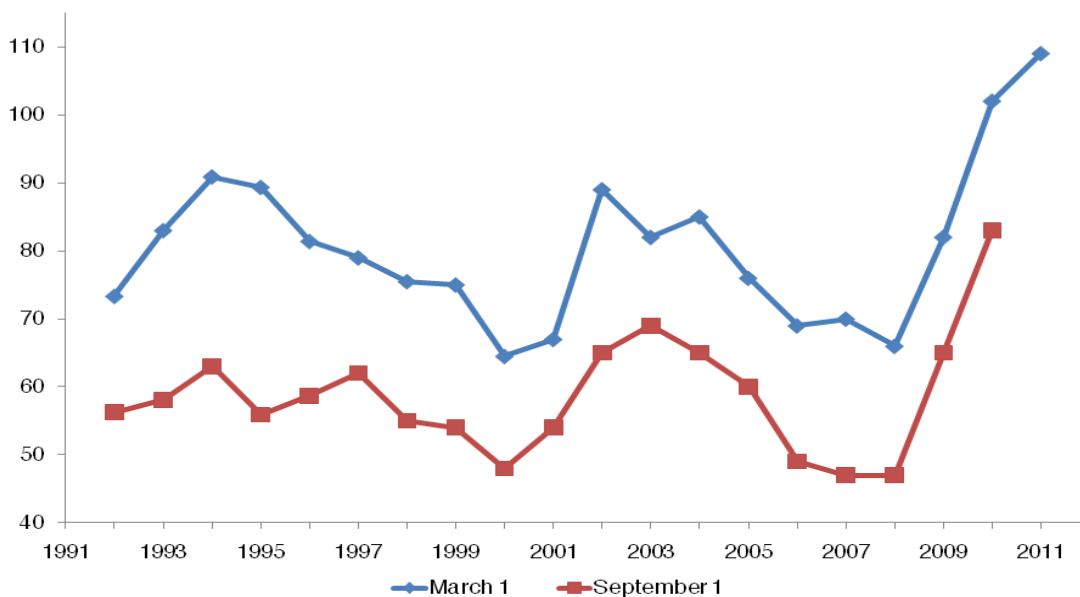
March 1 Hop Stocks Up 7 Percent From Last Year

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on March 1, 2011, totaled 109 million pounds, 7 percent more than March 1, 2010. This a record high for March 1 hop stocks, surpassing the previous record of 102 million pounds on March 1, 2010.

Stocks held by brewers, at 54.0 million pounds, were up 15 percent from a year ago. Stocks held by growers and dealers on March 1, 2011, totaled 55.0 million pounds, unchanged from last year.

**Hop Stocks
United States, 1992-2011**

Million pounds



Hop Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers – United States: 2008-2011

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

Stocks	September 1			March 1		
	2008	2009	2010	2009	2010	2011
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Stocks held by:						
Dealers/Growers	18,000	25,000	38,000	42,000	55,000	55,000
Brewers	29,000	40,000	45,000	40,000	47,000	54,000
Total stocks	47,000	65,000	83,000	82,000	102,000	109,000

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: All hop stocks estimates are subject to revision the following year based on a thorough review of all available data.

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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