



Hop Stocks

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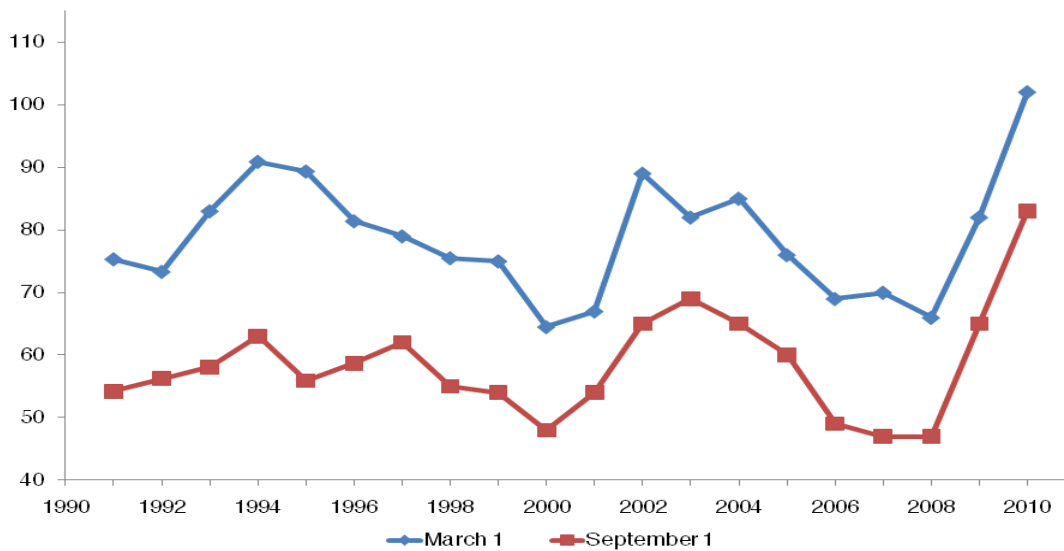
September 1 Hop Stocks Up 28 Percent From Last Year

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2010 totaled 83.0 million pounds, down 19 percent from March but 28 percent more than September 1, 2009 stocks. This is the highest September 1 inventory on record.

Stocks held by brewers, at 45.0 million pounds, were up 13 percent from a year ago. Stocks held by dealers and growers on September 1, 2010 were 38.0 million pounds, up 52 percent from the stocks on hand last year.

**Hop Stocks
United States, 1991-2010**

Million pounds



Hops: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers, United States, 2008-2010

Stocks ¹	March 1			September 1		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Stocks held by:						
Dealers/growers	30,000	42,000	55,000	18,000	25,000	38,000
Brewers	36,000	40,000	47,000	29,000	40,000	45,000
Total stocks	66,000	82,000	102,000	47,000	65,000	83,000

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 to collect stocks of hops held by growers. Additionally, contacts are made to collect stocks held by brewers and dealers.

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 results are 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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