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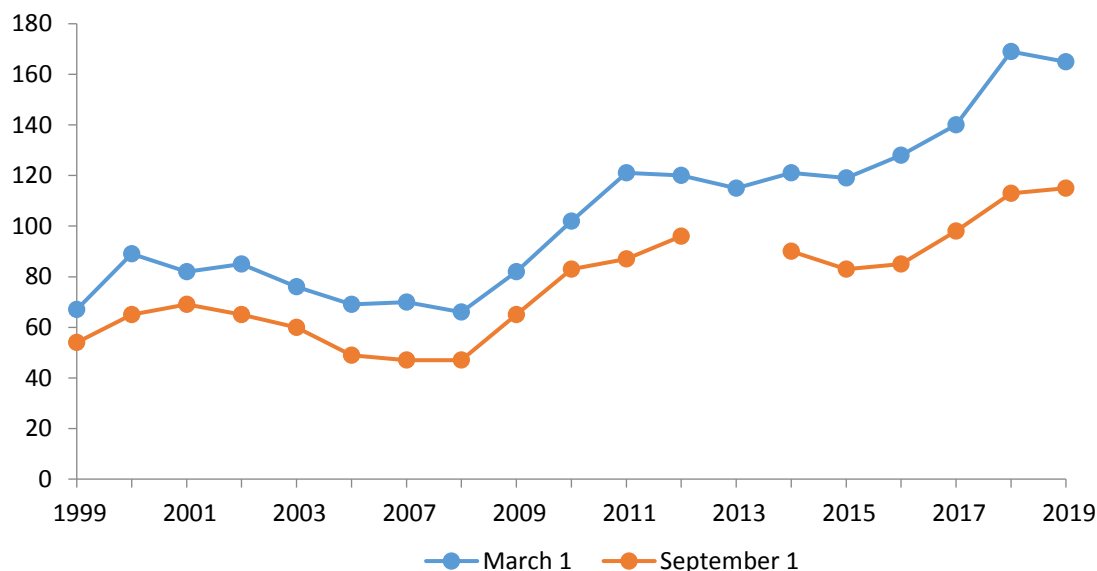
## September 1 Hop Stocks Up 2 Percent from a Year Ago

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2019 totaled 115 million pounds, up 2 percent from the September 1, 2018 stocks inventory of 113 million pounds.

Stocks held at dealer and grower locations on September 1, 2019 totaled 78.0 million pounds. Stocks held by brewers totaled 37.0 million pounds.

### Hop Stocks - United States

Million pounds



### Hops: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers, United States, 2017-2019

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

Stocks	September 1			March 1		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Stocks held by:						
Dealers/growers .....	64,000	74,000	78,000	105,000	132,000	130,000
Brewers .....	34,000	39,000	37,000	35,000	37,000	35,000
Total stocks .....	98,000	113,000	115,000	140,000	169,000	165,000

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey procedures:** Grower surveys are conducted in the three estimating States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) 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 hop stocks grower, dealer, and brewers surveys are used to establish estimates of hop 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 and again in the following year's *Hop Stocks* report. Revisions can be made when late reports are received, errors are detected in reporting and calculations, or production estimates are revised. No revisions to these years will be made after that date.

**Reliability:** Hop stocks surveys 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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# USDA Data Users' Meeting



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