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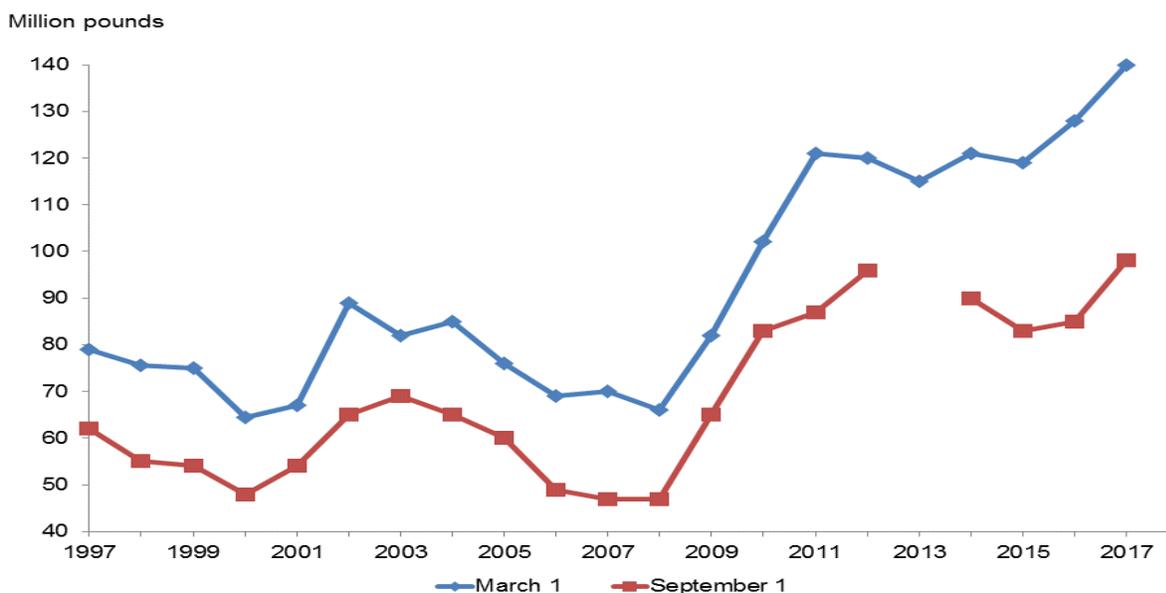
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September 1 Hop Stocks Up 15 Percent from a Year Ago

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2017, totaled 98.0 million pounds, 15 percent more than the September 1, 2016 stocks inventory number of 85.0 million pounds.

Stocks held at dealer and grower locations on September 1, 2017 totaled 64.0 million pounds. Stocks held by brewers was 34.0 million pounds.

Hop Stocks – United States



Hops: Stocks Held by Growers, Dealers, and Brewers, United States, 2015-2017

Stocks ¹	September 1			March 1		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
	(1,000 pounds)					
Stocks held by:						
Dealers/growers	46,000	49,000	64,000	76,000	88,000	105,000
Brewers	37,000	36,000	34,000	43,000	40,000	35,000
Total stocks	83,000	85,000	98,000	119,000	128,000	140,000

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 (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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USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting Tuesday, October 24, 2017

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USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will hold an open forum for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. NASS is organizing the 2017 Data Users' Meeting in cooperation with five other USDA agencies Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. Agency representatives will provide updates on recent and pending changes in statistical and information programs important to agriculture, answer questions, and welcome comments and input from data users.

For registration details or additional information about the Data Users' Meeting, see the meeting page on the NASS website (https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Meeting/index.php) or contact Zisa Lubarov-Walton (NASS) at 202-720-8141 or at zisa.lubarov-walton@nass.usda.gov.

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