

NEWSLETTER 02/2016 US HOP MARKET

2015 United States Hop Crop & Hop Acreage

On Dec. 17^{th} , 2015, the US Department of Agriculture reported hop production for 2015 increased 11% from 2014, yielding nearly 79 million pounds.

Acreage increased 22% in Oregon, 30% in Idaho, and 11% in Washington. Washington State produced 75.5% of the hop crop in 2015, with Oregon producing 13.5% and Idaho 11%. Cascade was the largest hop variety grown by acreage with 6,790 acres planted, followed by CTZ's with 5,323 acres and Centennial with 4,401 acres.

State/Year	Acres	Production (1,000 lbs)
Idaho		
2015	4,863	8,725
2014	3,743	6,914
Oregon		
2015	1,613	10,668
2014	1,520	8,221
Washington		
2015	32,158	59,453
2014	28,858	55,861
Total		
2015	43,633	78,846
2014	38,011	70,996

The acreage increase is due to craft breweries in the US and around the world seeking US aroma varieties like Cascade, Centennial. This increase in demand is responsible for the acreage increase in 2015, and additional acreage is planned for 2016. In addition to the main hop growing States of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, other States are starting to grow hops in an effort to supply local craft brewers with locally grown hops.

The USDA and Hop Growers of America reported that New York and Michigan are each growing 300 acres of hops with 94 acres being grown in Colorado and 65 acres in California. In addition, there are nine other States growing between 8 to 30 acres. Most of these hop farms are very small, growing only one to two acres. However, combined these 13 States are growing approximately 919 acres of hops bringing the total United States hop acreage to approximately 44,552 acres.

To learn more please do not hesitate to contact us.

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