

Hop stocks up 16 percent from a year ago

By DAN WHEAT
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YAKIMA, Wash. — Not counting this fall’s harvest, U.S. hop stocks are at 114 million pounds, up 16 percent from a year ago.

This is the third September in a row of increases, generally reflective of supply exceeding demand and pressure on dealers and growers.

Production increased 17.2 million pounds, or 20 percent, in 2017 over 2016, and the new report indicates consumption in the past 12 months essentially keeping pace, said Peter Mahony, vice president of supply chain and purchasing for John I. Haas, Inc., Yakima, a leading hops grower, processor and researcher.

“This is a positive sign, in fact better than expected, when considering the general slowdown in the domestic craft brewing sector,” Mahony said.

While it’s concerning to be



First-year baby Chinook aromatic hops are harvested at Wenas Hop Co., Selah, Wash., Sept. 20. Hop stocks are up 16 percent over last September but the rate of increase may be slowing.

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sitting on 114 million pounds of stock, the rate of increase in stock soon maybe stabilizing, particularly if acreage increases are held in check in 2019, he said.

Of the 114 million pounds, 72 million are held by growers and dealers and 42 million by brewers, according to a USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service report issued Sept. 19.

The dealer and grower stock is virtually all stored in Yakima, Mahony said.

The Sept. 1 hop inventory was 98 million pounds in 2017, 85 million in 2016 and



Jose and Brian Nava, father and son, roll up truck straps as they deliver bales of hop cones to the John I. Haas processing plant, Yakima, Wash., Sept. 20. The facility stores about 25 percent of the U.S. hop crop.

83 million in 2015.

The March 1 inventory, usually higher than September, was 169 million pounds this March, up 21 percent from 140 million on March 1, 2017. It was 128 million pounds in 2016.

Washington’s hop harvest is two-thirds done and will finish about Oct. 5, said Hunter Van de Graaf, Haas

procurement specialist.

In 2017, U.S. hop production totaled a record 104 million pounds, according to NASS. Acres harvested were a record 53,282, up 5 percent from the previous record of 50,857 acres in 2016. Value of production was a record \$618 million, up 24 percent from the record high of \$498 million in 2016.

Apple Commission increases China promotions

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ELLENSBURG, Wash. — The Washington Apple Commission agreed to spend a bit more money in export promotions in China this winter after cutting funding earlier due to anticipated losses from retaliatory tariffs.

The commission spent \$879,950 on apple promotions in China last season but cut that to \$549,300 for this season anticipating sales losses due to 50 percent tariffs in retaliation for U.S. tariffs on Chinese steel, aluminum and other goods. Now it’s adding \$80,000 back in for a new total of \$629,300.

“We cut it severely in May thinking no fruit would be going. Since that time, we know the Chinese crop is down 28 percent (due to a freeze and bad weather) so it appears we could have opportunity in China, maybe 30 to 50 percent of what it was this year,” Rebecca Lyons, the commission’s export marketing director, told commissioners at their Sept. 20 meeting in Ellensburg.

“We want to support that and keep some market presence. We hope this (the tariffs)

is a temporary situation,” she said.

Washington exported 1.2 million boxes of apples to China from the 2017 crop, virtually all ahead of retaliatory tariffs, versus 1.8 million the season before. The total was 1.7 million and 2.8 million, respectively, with Hong Kong added.

Her written report stated Southern Hemisphere fruit quality is not holding up so Chinese importers are “looking to switch to Northern Hemisphere and Washington as soon as possible.”

France will ship Gala mainly to Shanghai but doesn’t have shelf life to go beyond Eastern China, she wrote. The Apple Commission will continue to work Eastern and Southern China, she wrote.

Todd Fryhover, commission president, said this is one of the most challenging times he’s seen given tariffs involving so many countries and the fluidity of trade negotiations.

China produces far more apples than any other country but typically consumes 97 percent of them, exporting just 3 percent. Its exports will probably be down by half this season, Fryhover said.

Europe has a large crop — up 36 percent and more than double the U.S. crop — but Poland, the largest producer, doesn’t have the varieties

China wants, leaving the door open for France, Fryhover said.

China still has no apple export access to India but exports to Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries, he said.

The international market situation is hard to predict, he said.

India’s production is up 15 million boxes, which means a slower Washington start there this season, he said.

“We sold over 8 million boxes there last year, which was remarkable. It’s great to build on, but it will be January before we see any volume back in,” he said. “My prediction is we will be 3 million there this year. Rebecca thinks it will be 6 million if China stays out of India, but that’s a big ‘if.’

“China’s No. 1 market last year was Bangladesh. With China down we could have a pretty good market in Southeast Asia, but the question is, What will Europe and France do?”

Lyons reported China is excited about Washington’s new Cosmic Crisp apple, which will debut in the fall of 2019 but be available in much greater volume in 2020.

Lyons took five Euro cartons of 2017 Cosmic Crisp apples to Asia Fruit Logistica in Hong Kong on Sept. 5, and sampling was “overwhelmingly positive.”

Idaho coulee project will mitigate flooding, pollution

By BRAD CARLSON
Capital Press

The Idaho Water Resource Board on Sept. 21 approved a flood-management grant of \$85,340 to help Twin Falls Canal Co. build a sizable wetland connected to East Perrine Coulee.

The project aims to reduce flood risk to Twin Falls neighborhoods downstream as well as the amount of sediments and pollutants coming off farmland and winding up in the Snake River, said Twin Falls Canal Co. General Manager Brian Olmstead.

East Perrine Coulee, a natural stream that predates irrigation canals, “is mainly a drainage system for several thousand acres of farmland,” he said. “We deliver water to all of these farms, they irrigate with it, and it returns to this low coulee and then on through the City of Twin Falls and into the Snake River Canyon.”

The coulee is a flood risk because it has limited capacity and drains a large area. Olmstead said. And the amount of water entering it probably increased, he said, as fewer and larger farm fields — many irrigated with center-pivot sprinklers and draining in one direction — replaced collections of smaller fields, each with its own cross ditches and drainage areas.

Excess water from the coulee in the past generally flowed onto pasture land below and did not cause much damage. But residential development over the past 20 to



Courtesy Twin Falls Canal Co.

Twin Falls Canal Co. General Manager Brian Olmstead at a delivery lateral.

30 years, he said, increased the percentage of ground at risk of flood damage, as subdivision land tends to absorb less water than cropland.

“This is really a large expansion of a small wetland we started,” Olmstead said.

The initial project, a 3-acre pond installed in the mid-2000s, “helped a lot, but (East Perrine Coulee) still gets overwhelmed during big events,” he said. Major flooding occurred late in the heavy 2016-17 winter.

At completion, the project is expected to have around four times the amount of water storage and drainage capacity, and be equipped to handle around 90 percent of flood events, Olmstead said.

Construction is expected to start by mid-October on the Kimberly Road site, about two miles east of Twin Falls and half a mile north of the Chobani yogurt-manufacturing complex, he said. Chobani, which built its own runoff catchment system, is upstream and will not be impacted.

The project’s costs, Olmstead said, are \$388,000 to buy about 27 acres — farmland the coulee roughly bisects — from the late Don

Norris and his sister Betty Schmidt, and \$204,000 to build additional ponds, maintenance and dirt stockpile areas.

The 15 bullrush-rimmed ponds are essentially wetland cells through which water flows before it enters the large pond on the downstream end, according to a site map. Check structures will divert water from the coulee into each cell.

The wetland is expected to catch sediments and nutrients from agricultural lands, a valuable aspect, Olmstead said.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater program addresses non-agricultural sources. Thus ag’s compliance is voluntary.

“We are building water quality projects all the time to stay proactive and ahead of regulations on discharges to the river,” Olmstead said.

The property is valuable because of its proximity to Twin Falls and the Snake River Canyon, he said.

“This was the last place to build a wetland that anybody could afford to build a wetland on,” Olmstead said.

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Oregon Department of Agriculture, Director's Office, Administrative Rules Chapter #603, Seán Fornelli, Rules Coordinator, (503) 986-4758. ADOPT: OAR 603-020-0002, OAR 603-020-0006, OAR 603-020-0011, OAR 603-020-0016, OAR 603-020-0021, OAR 603-020-0026, OAR 603-020-0031.

RULE SUMMARY: This rule is for the administration of the Bovine Manure Tax Credit Program. The rule includes program definitions, describes applicant eligibility, application process and required application information, sets program fees, includes steps taken to pro-rate the tax credit, and outlines process for denying certification of tax credits as well as suspension, revocation, or forfeiture of tax credit approval.

ODA filed a notice on July 11, 2018 to adopt permanent rules using the rule numbers that had been approved for the temporary rule. Upon filing for the permanent rule, Secretary of State (SOS) informed ODA that the existing rule numbers would not be allowed due to the temporary rule having expired, and suggested new numbers. ODA is filing for a new permanent rule with the numbers suggested by SOS.

The agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals.

Hearing date: October 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Location: 3rd Floor Conference Room, Oregon Department of Agriculture, 635 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR. Last day for public comment is October 24, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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WHEN: October 18, 2018 @12:30pm-4:00pm

WHERE: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE
Salem, OR 97310
For more information, or to arrange special accommodations for meeting attendees, please contact Julie MacSwain at 503-414-3250 or julie.macswain@or.usda.gov.

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