



**BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND FIREARMS
MONTHLY STATISTICAL RELEASE - BEER**

REPORTING PERIOD: December 1997

Activity	December		12 Months Ending December 30	
	1997	1996	1997	1996
MANUFACTURE OF BEER				
Production		(Barrels of 31 gallons)		
	13,975,481	13,548,493	198,943,439	199,947,845
Removals:				
Taxable (\$7.00/\$18.00 per barrel):				
In bottles and cans	11,573,398	11,086,416	159,058,738	159,975,200
In barrels and kegs	1,321,125	1,306,719	18,033,662	18,790,571
TOTAL	12,894,523	12,393,135	177,092,400	178,765,771
Tax-free:				
For export	447,101	573,354	6,479,917	7,708,045
For vessels and aircraft	0	0	126	0
Consumed on brewery premises	5,452	3,203	25,782	27,532
For production of cereal beverage	848	10,637	74,686	59,518
TOTAL	453,401	587,194	6,580,511	7,795,095
Removals, TOTAL	13,347,924	12,980,329	183,672,911	186,560,866
Stocks end-of-month	11,711,068	12,037,046		
MATERIALS USED AT BREWERIES				
		(Pounds)		
Malt and malt products	337,985,827	336,482,081	4,906,569,143	4,844,679,888
Corn and corn products	64,282,692	49,289,200	819,283,561	835,008,288
Rice and rice products	82,048,482	80,715,364	1,061,651,204	1,129,189,038
Barley and barley products	1,323,008	782,774	11,547,119	12,805,793
Wheat and wheat products	506,316	411,176	6,680,438	4,808,480
Sorghum grain and sorghum products	2,981	0	4,828	0
Grain products, TOTAL	486,149,306	467,680,595	6,805,736,293	6,826,491,487
Soy bean and soy bean products	0	0	100	0
Sugar and sirups	31,563,779	31,760,485	510,116,943	482,396,037
Hops (dry)	2,434,192	2,449,931	31,570,175	37,997,546
Hops (used as extracts) 1/	375,435	958,213	10,477,781	12,261,162
Other 2/	18,980,323	7,392,023	282,709,496	267,753,809
TOTAL used	539,503,035	510,241,247	7,640,610,788	7,626,900,041

1/ 375,435 Pounds of hops equivalent to 149,083 pounds of extract.

2/ Includes various adjuncts which contribute to the production.

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Taxable Removal By States - December 1997

STATE	BOTTLES AND CANS	BARRELS AND KEGS	TOTAL
(Barrels of 31 gallons)			
Alabama	105	223	328
Alaska	1,451	2,968	4,419
Arizona	39	836	875
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	1,473,680	168,742	1,642,422
Colorado	1,291,186	138,594	1,429,780
Connecticut	364	467	831
Delaware	76	39	115
District of Columbia	0	0	0
Florida	655,838	84,527	740,365
Hawaii	442	1,307	1,749
Idaho	291	491	782
Illinois	2,894	1,302	4,196
Indiana	28,901	670	29,571
Iowa	667	187	854
Kansas	371	219	590
Kentucky	70	494	564
Louisiana	1,800	1,253	3,053
Maine	2,901	1,649	4,550
Maryland	2,929	1,973	4,902
Massachusetts	2,040	4,898	6,938
Michigan	1,463	1,871	3,334
Minnesota	23,105	4,492	27,597
Montana	136	696	832
Nebraska	0	78	78
Nevada	0	499	499
New Mexico	267	287	554
New York	601,082	99,706	700,788
North Carolina	602,177	45,548	647,725
North Dakota	5	15	20
Ohio	910,830	108,104	1,018,934
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	114,786	27,934	142,720
Pennsylvania	348,732	60,436	409,168
Rhode Island	0	165	165
South Carolina	320	304	624
South Dakota	22	47	69
Texas	1,142,551	66,415	1,208,966
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	3,352	2,456	5,808
Virginia	801,362	119,290	920,652
Washington	159,328	22,333	181,661
West Virginia	0	0	0
Wisconsin	640,486	105,021	745,507
Wyoming	62	92	154
Others 1/	2,757,287	244,497	3,001,784
Total	11,573,398	1,321,125	12,894,523

1/ Includes Georgia, Missouri, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Tennessee.