



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

REPORTING PERIOD: December 1998

Activity	December		12 Months Ending December 31	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
MANUFACTURE OF BEER				
Production				
		(Barrels of 31 gallons)		
	13,832,496	13,975,481	198,116,575	198,943,439
Removals:				
Taxable (\$7.00/\$18.00 per barrel):				
In bottles and cans	11,379,653	11,573,398	160,005,224	159,058,738
In barrels and kegs	1,342,478	1,321,125	17,378,502	18,033,662
TOTAL	12,722,131	12,894,523	177,383,726	177,092,400
Tax-free:				
For export	423,266	447,101	5,629,861	6,479,917
For vessels and aircraft	0	0	329	126
Consumed on brewery premises	2,854	5,452	47,840	25,782
For production of cereal beverage	12	848	20,781	74,686
TOTAL	426,132	453,401	5,698,811	6,580,511
Removals, TOTAL	13,148,263	13,347,924	183,082,537	183,672,911
Stocks end-of-month	11,914,408	11,711,068		
MATERIALS USED AT BREWERIES				
		(Pounds)		
Malt and malt products	330,541,913	337,985,827	4,694,695,789	4,906,569,143
Corn and corn products	58,244,267	64,282,692	703,349,872	819,283,561
Rice and rice products	80,101,930	82,048,482	1,075,970,755	1,061,651,204
Barley and barley products	2,442,001	1,323,008	17,031,651	11,547,119
Wheat and wheat products	704,043	506,316	6,822,495	6,680,438
Sorghum grain and sorghum products	1	2,981	468	4,828
Grain products, TOTAL	472,034,155	486,149,306	6,497,871,030	6,805,736,293
Soy bean and soy bean products	0	0	0	100
Sugar and sirups	28,443,472	31,563,779	464,505,003	510,116,943
Hops (dry)	2,021,319	2,434,192	25,722,337	31,570,175
Hops (used as extracts) 1/	420,295	375,435	6,752,323	10,477,781
Other 2/	21,843,828	18,980,323	335,926,409	282,709,496
TOTAL used	524,763,069	539,503,035	7,330,777,102	7,640,610,788

1/ 420,295 Pounds of hops is equivalent to 167,931 pounds of extracts.

2/ Includes various adjuncts which contribute to the production.

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Taxable Removal By States - December 1998

STATE	BOTTLES AND CANS	BARRELS AND KEGS	TOTAL
(Barrels of 31 gallons)			
Alabama	0	189	189
Alaska	1,523	2,946	4,469
Arizona	438	1,845	2,283
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	1,358,356	167,337	1,525,693
Colorado	1,147,123	149,328	1,296,451
Connecticut	191	454	645
Delaware	79	75	154
District of Columbia	0	0	0
Florida	629,371	82,834	712,205
Hawaii	211	1,145	1,356
Idaho	177	389	566
Illinois	3,002	1,269	4,271
Indiana	16,233	489	16,722
Iowa	2,065	91	2,156
Kansas	196	30	226
Kentucky	50	257	307
Louisiana	1,612	1,189	2,801
Maine	3,151	1,519	4,670
Maryland	1,917	1,244	3,161
Massachusetts	4,036	4,562	8,598
Michigan	1,212	1,627	2,839
Minnesota	14,654	4,085	18,739
Montana	300	1,043	1,343
Nebraska	0	82	82
Nevada	98	685	783
New Mexico	169	229	398
New York	602,665	87,339	690,004
North Carolina	585,277	43,634	628,911
North Dakota	1	11	12
Ohio	1,018,506	121,082	1,139,588
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	94,046	26,039	120,085
Pennsylvania	297,170	57,255	354,425
Rhode Island	0	98	98
South Carolina	498	307	805
South Dakota	32	42	74
Texas	1,275,261	69,862	1,345,123
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	4,295	2,718	7,013
Virginia	826,224	128,126	954,350
Washington	143,126	23,260	166,386
West Virginia	0	281	281
Wisconsin	606,935	113,388	720,323
Wyoming	312	275	587
Others 1/	2,739,141	243,818	2,982,959
Total	11,379,653	1,342,478	12,722,131

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