



Want to be a Hops Farmer?

Average Prices Paid to U.S. Farmer:

1880—1910: From \$.03 -- \$1.13 per pound

1930—1950: From \$.10 -- \$.69 per pound

1965—1975: From \$.46 -- \$.83 per pound

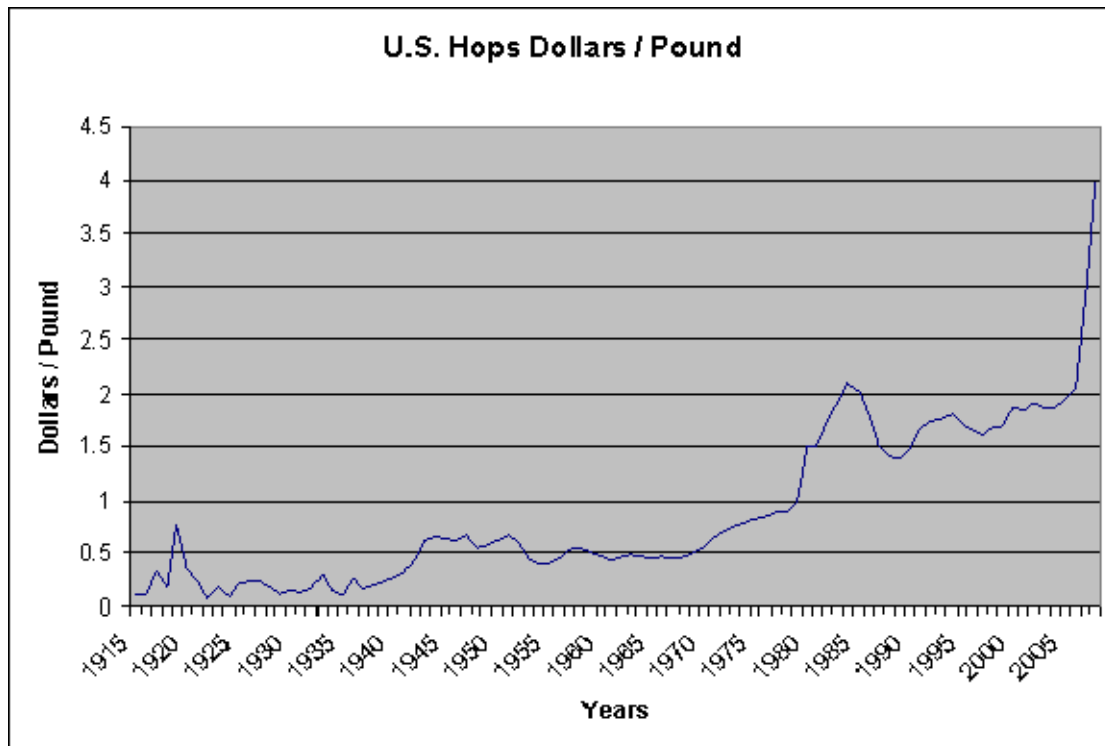
1975—1985: From \$.83 -- \$2.10 per pound

1990—2000: From \$1.48--\$1.87 per pound

2006: \$2.05 per pound

2007: \$2.99 per pound

2008: \$3.97 per pound (with spot market pricing up to \$28 per pound).



*Statistics from 1965 onward from USDA. Slow growth in prices paid to farmers has led to dramatic consolidation of farming operations. Large-scale farms in Washington's Yakima Valley now dominate the US industry, with a focus on high volume for economies of scale. Varieties with ever-increasing alpha acid percentages for the industrial extract market, and high yields per acre, have been preferred over low-yielding, low alpha acid aroma varieties.