

991.08 Handle

"Handle" means to prepare raw hops for market, acquire raw hops from a producer, or sell hops to an end user or foreign purchaser; *provided, however*, the transfer of raw hops to another producer for deficiencies, pursuant to 7 cfr section 991.56(a), shall not be considered handling.

1. "Raw hops" means hops in loose, packaged or baled form that have not been prepared for market.
2. "Prepare raw hops for market" means to pelletize raw hops or to extract alpha acids from raw hops.
3. "Acquire raw hops" means to purchase raw hops from a producer, or to accept raw hops from a producer on a consignment contract.
4. "End user" means a brewer or other person who utilizes hops.
5. "Foreign purchaser" means any person who purchases hops directly from a producer, and who does not maintain business offices or licenses in the United States of America.