

# HOP REPORT

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## SAAZ GROWING REGION

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### Precipitation and temperatures (\*):

	1.4. – 30.4.2025	1.4. – 30.4.2024	30-year average (April)
Average temperature	10,6 °C	10,5°C	9,4°C
Precipitation	31,6 mm	27,0 mm	26,7 mm

(\*)We use meteorological data from our meteorological station in Destnice near Saaz.

30-years average (1991–2020) according to Czech Hydrometeorological Institute is being used as long-term average.

Minimum temperature in April	7.4.	-4,1 °C
Maximum temperature in April	16.4.	25,9 °C
Maximum precipitation in April	18.4.	13,6 mm

### Comments:

The **winter season 2024/2025** was characterized by below-average precipitation compared to the long-term average. From October to March, only 96 mm of precipitation fell, compared to 143 mm usual for this period. The average temperature in January was 1°C higher than the long-term average, while in February it was almost 3°C lower than the long-term average. The second half of February was very frosty and there was continuous snow cover in the hop fields, the temperature often dropped below -15°C. However, the winter period can still be assessed as poor in terms of snowfall and above the long-term normal in terms of temperature.



Weather in **March** was relatively warm and very dry, allowing us to start spring work on time. Cutting of Saaz Special and Sládek varieties began around March 20, and some older plantations of Saaz semi-early red bine hops were cut at the very end of March. Precipitation in March was significantly below average.

**April** can be assessed as average in terms of both precipitation and temperature. Due to favourable weather, cutting of all hop varieties was completed by April 25th. This was followed by hanging hop strings and inserting guiding wires for the emerging plants. Night temperatures remained relatively low, around 5°C, preventing rapid growth on pruned plantations and avoiding pressure on the training of vines.





On April 30th, 2025, the Central Institute for Supervising and Testing in Agriculture (ÚKZÚZ) published current hop acreage in the Czech Republic for upcoming season, which totals 4,815.9 hectares. This represents a decrease of 28.9 hectares compared to 2024. The area planted with the Saaz semi-early red bine hops currently stands at 3,954.2 hectares, which is 25.6 hectares less than in the previous year.

Variety	Acreage (ha)
Semi-early red bine hop	3 954,2
Sladek	461,6
Premiant	188,3
Agnus	72,4
Saaz Special	39,8
Saaz Late	31,6
Kazbek	19,9
Other	84
total	4 815,9