

HOP REPORT

May 2025



HOP REPORT No. 2

SAAZ GROWING REGION

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Precipitation and temperatures (*):

	1.5. – 31.5.2025	1.5. – 31.5.2024	30-year average (May)
Average temperature	12,4 °C	15,0°C	14,0°C
Precipitation	40,8 mm	84,8 mm	51,3 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 May	9.5.2025	-1,2 °C
Maximum temperature in May	2.5.2025	29,1 °C
Maximum precipitation in May	28.5.2025	17,0 mm

Comments:

This year's May was significantly colder compared to the long term average as well as last year's May. The average monthly temperature reached only 12.4 °C, which is 1.6 °C lower than the long-term average. The highest temperature was recorded on May 2nd (29.1 °C). Daily temperatures above 20°C in the beginning of the month were quickly replaced by a cold period that lasted until second third of the month. During this period, temperatures did not even exceed 20°C.

Precipitation in May was also below average – only 40.8 mm fell, while more than half of this amount fell during last three days of the month. Storm episodes that brought hail in last days of May actually damaged several hop gardens in Auscha area, in total 25 hectares were affected.

Temperatures in the beginning of May were somewhat higher, which helped the hop plants to grow quickly. However the temperature drop (day and night temperatures) that followed actually caused, that several hop gardens which were cut at the end of April, had to wait to be trained until the plants reached desirable height. Unlike last couple of years, plants didn't reach excessive height, and while first and second training took a bit longer to finish than in previous years, by 28th of May all TOP HOP GROUP hop gardens were trained successfully.

Until the end of May, all our hop gardens were sprayed twice against downy mildew and some areas received a third dose at the end of the month. Due to colder temperatures, neither aphids nor red spider mites were detected at our hop gardens. Thanks to this, we evaluate the health condition of our hop gardens as good.

