

HOP REPORT

August 2025



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SAAZ GROWING REGION

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Precipitation and temperatures (*):

	1.8. – 31.8.2025	1.8. – 31.8.2024	30-year average (August)
Average temperature	18,0°C	20,7°C	18,4°C
Precipitation	38,6 mm	112,8 mm	71,9 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 August	24.8.2025	3,9 °C
Maximum temperature in August	15.8.2025	36,1 °C
Maximum precipitation in August	1.8.2025	17,2 mm

Comments:

From the temperature point of view, this August was slightly below average. Throughout the whole month, mean daily temperature was 0,4°C below the long term average and 2,7°C lower than last August. Such temperatures indicated that we could expect quite good yields, however in spite of the favourable temperatures, the whole month was unfortunately rather dry. Total amount of precipitation reached just 38,6 mm, which represents only around half of the long term average values. On top of that, majority of the rainfall came already on August 1st and the rest of the month did not bring any further rains of greater intensity. Hop plants were also negatively affected by tropical temperatures throughout the second ten-day period of the month, when we even recorded three consecutive days with temperatures above 35°C.

In Saaz hop growing region, first farms started their harvest already on August 16th. Within the 9 farms of TOP HOP GROUP, harvest started between 21st and 23rd of August. As of today, 3rd of September, it seems that yields this year will be slightly below average. This is why we are expecting the total volume of harvested Saaz Fine Aroma Hops to be approximately 5.000 MT, with alpha levels of this variety reaching the long term average value of approximately 3,2%. However it is crucial to point out that only a limited amount of laboratory analyses is available right now.

Last protective spraying against downy mildew was carried out in the middle of August using copper based agents. The current health status of hop plants can be assessed as good, however some locations reported the occurrence of hop aphids. Due to the ongoing harvest, there is nothing that can be done to tackle this issue right now.

The harvest of Saaz Fine Aroma Hops will be finished around September 8th at most of the locations. Right after that, we will continue to harvest the varieties Saaz Special and Sladek.

drying hops inside a traditional chamber kiln

