

HOP REPORT

July 2026



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SAAZ GROWING REGION

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Precipitation and temperatures (*):

	1.7. – 31.7.2026	1.7. – 31.7.2025	30-year average (July)
Average temperature	19,8°C	18,8°C	19,2°C
Precipitation	53,0 mm	58,4 mm	76,3 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	25.07.2026	7,4 °C
Maximum temperature	30.07.2026	38,7 °C
Maximum precipitation	01.07.2026	22,6 mm

Comments:

This year's July was really warm and dry. Mean daily temperature was 1°C higher than last year, and 0,6°C higher than the long term average. Similar pattern followed with rain, when this month's precipitation reached only 69% of the long term average. First third of the month was somewhat cooler, which helped the hop plants a bit, however rest of the month was really hot, with temperatures reaching nearly 40°C.

Precipitation was below average, however very variable depending on the actual location. Across the TOP HOP Group farms, the difference was stark. Some farms reported around 15 mm of rainfall, others up to 80 mm.

Due to strong winds during a summer storm, 2,2 ha of hop garden fell down to the ground at Třeskonice, a location which belongs to one of our farms TUFA.

As a result of the extreme heat, most of the plants have grown somewhat weaker than usual. The plant habitus is spiky with short side shoots. Blooming of hop cones is abundant, however due to extremely hot weather the cones are negatively affected. Temperatures did not drop even during nights, and hot winds accelerated soil and plant evaporation, both of which have had negative impact on the plants.

Despite the challenging weather, health status of our hops is good and we have not registered significant occurrence of red spider mite. Thanks to preventive spraying, we have had no problems with downy mildew so far.

Hop harvest at TOP HOP Group farms will begin on August 22nd. Currently we are estimating a 20% decrease in Saaz hops harvest results. First pre-harvest laboratory analyses are indicating that when it comes to alpha acids and other bitter compounds, this year's crop will be below average.



