

HOP REPORT

August 2026



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SAAZ GROWING REGION

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Precipitation and temperatures (*):

	1.8. – 31.8.2026	1.8. – 31.8.2025	30-year average (August)
Average temperature	19,8°C	18,0°C	18,4°C
Precipitation	67,4 mm	38,6 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	24.8.2026	6,7 °C
Maximum temperature	4.8.2026	39,6 °C
Maximum precipitation	21.8.2026	19,4 mm

Comments:

Considering the temperatures, this year's August was above average. Mean daily temperature exceeded the long term average by 1,4°C, and last August by 1,8°C. Total precipitation reached 67,4 mm this month, a figure which represents nearly the long term average, however their distribution throughout the month was not ideal for plant growth and development. Most of the rainfall came in last third of the month, so the effect on this year's harvest was negligible. First half of August was very dry, one could say totally without any precipitation, as well as hot. We recorded eight tropical days and on August 4th temperature reached nearly 40°C once again.

In Saaz hop growing region, first farms started their harvest already on August 15th. Within the 9 farms of TOP HOP GROUP, harvest started 22nd of August. We expect yields of harvest 2026 to be approximately 30% lower than the long term average. Our current estimates indicate that total volume of harvested Saaz Fine Aroma Hops will reach only 3,500 MT. Laboratory analyses done so far indicate that average level of alpha acids in Saaz Fine Aroma Hops might not even reach 2%.

This year, health status of hop plants was actually quite good, despite the hot and dry weather. There were no significant issues with pests and diseases. Unfortunately though, it is quite apparent that periods of extreme heat and drought affected the plants, and therefore yields and qualitative parameters, in a very negative way across all the European hop growing regions. Harvest of Saaz Fine Aroma Hops finished by September 9th, since then harvest of hybrid varieties such as Saaz Special and Sladek is taking place.

intake of raw hops into Horesedly refrigerated warehouse

