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Official Crop Estimate of German Hop Growing Regions

This year's official crop forecast, which was conducted in the last few days, is as follows:

Growing Region	Quantity 2013 in tons	Quantity 2014 in tons	Quantity 2015 in tons	Quantity 2016 in tons	Quantity 2017 in tons	Crop Estimate 2018 in tons
Hallertau	23.078	33.173	23.874	36.954	35.540	34.500
Spalt	500	689	377	730	762	540
Tett nang	1.430	2.022	1.695	2.194	2.270	2.195
Elbe-Saale	2.509	2.568	2.355	2.845	2.939	2.847
Other	38	48	36	43	45	42
Total Germany	27.554	38.500	28.337	42.766	41.556	40.124

The dry and hot weather of the last few weeks which is still continuing, has dampened estimates for this year's crop further.

Regarding raw hop quantities, in the meantime, current estimates are for a below-average crop with yields for early varieties like Hallertau Mittelfrueh, Tett nanger, Spalter, Northern Brewer being partly lower than that. Yields for variety Magnum are also expected to be disappointing. Preliminary analyses indicate below-average alpha acid contents, too. It is still too early, however, for detailed forecasts.

Variety Hallertauer has mostly been harvested already. This weekend, the harvest of further varieties like Hallertau Tradition will follow.

Estimated Crop Quantities of Major Hop Varieties

When comparing the quantities in the chart below, please take in mind that acreage per variety has been subject to fluctuations in recent years.

Growing Region	Variety	Crop 2013	Crop 2014	Crop 2015	Crop 2016	Crop 2017	Crop Estimate 2018
		in tons	in tons	in tons	in tons	in tons	in tons
Hallertau	Hallertauer Mittelfrueh	690	1.027	619	983	730	384
	Hersbrucker	1.113	1.901	1.362	1.914	1.806	1.596
	Spalter Select	639	957	626	999	901	782
	Hall. Tradition	3.354	5.521	3.883	6.234	5.010	4.511
	Perle	3.902	6.103	3.918	6.462	5.184	4.801
	Saphir	360	735	541	877	798	793
	Northern Brewer	208	350	180	305	236	200
	Magnum	4.778	4.029	2.892	3.255	3.187	1.824
	Taurus	1.089	1.254	685	754	548	446
	Nugget	290	374	249	321	328	227
	Herkules	6.376	10.291	8.062	13.019	14.244	16.117
Tettnang	Hallertauer Mittelfrueh	254	290	220	265	224	170
	Tettnanger	845	1.064	870	1.032	977	890
Elbe-Saale	Perle	260	338	341	475	423	368
	Magnum	1.548	1.425	1.341	1.435	1.398	1.182
	Herkules	350	403	318	322	369	368