



HVG HOP NEWS

August 2019



Weather Conditions and Plant Development

In **Hallertau**, July was, once again, warmer and dryer than the long-term average (see charts below). The number of days with temperatures above 30°C was almost equal to previous years (see chart below). In **Tettwang** there was significantly more precipitation. There was also enough rain in **Elbe-Saale** during the last weeks. However, it is very dry in **Spalt**.

So far, we have not noted an early blooming stage as seen for varieties Hallertau Mittelfrüh and Magnum in 2018.

A first yield estimate by *Verband Deutscher Hopfenpflanzer* in the end of July assumed an average crop regarding the amount of hops in Germany. However, it is too early to forecast alpha acid contents.

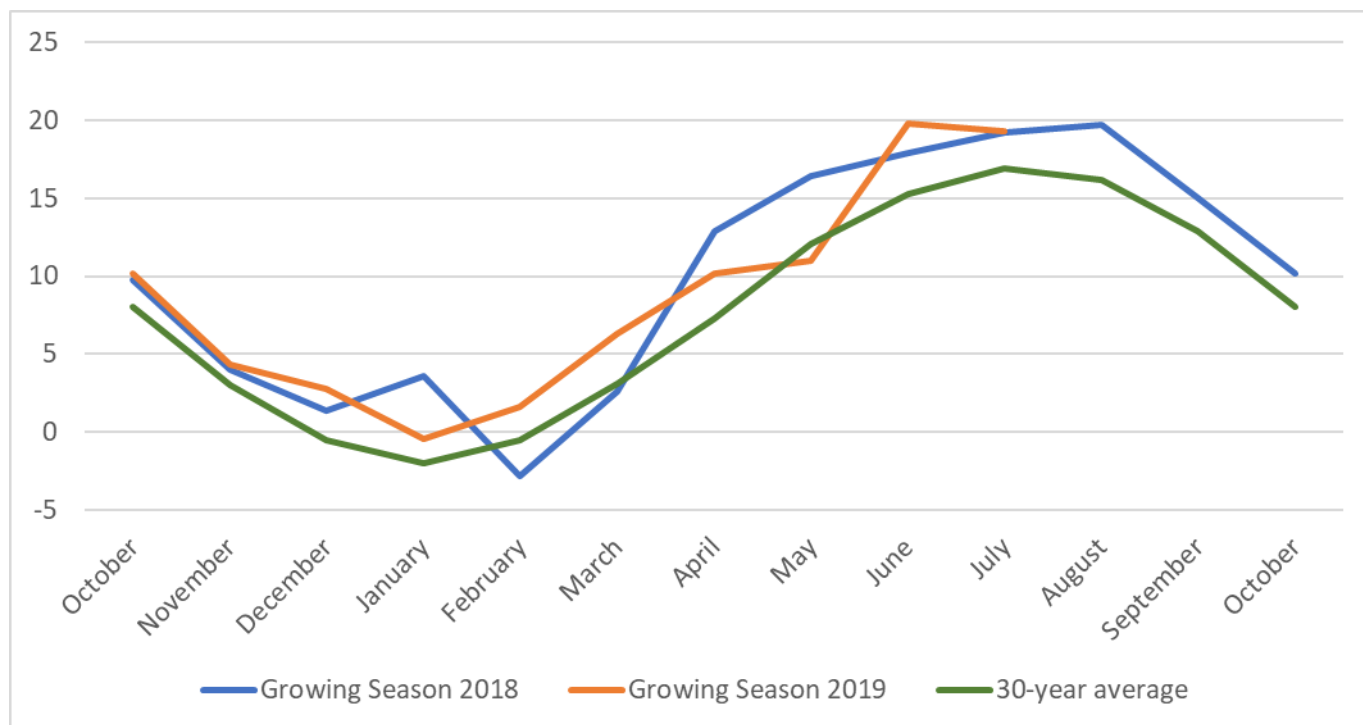
During the first days of August we had slight precipitation and moderate temperatures. According to weather forecasts, there is no upcoming heatwave.

For the time being, hops are very healthy, with only a few exceptions. So far, we expect a normal start of harvest.

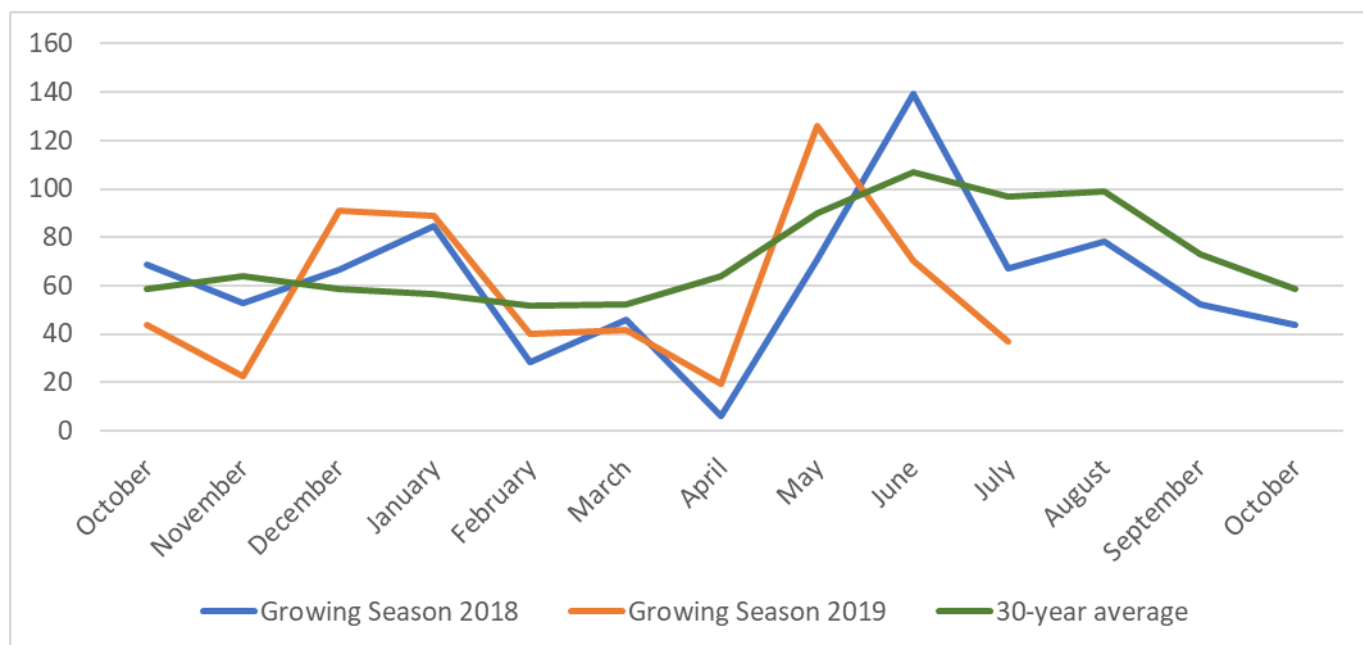
In case you would like to see pictures of the hop development, we would once again suggest to visit the website of Hopfenring e.V. (<https://www.hopfenring.de/home/>). You will find the pictures in the category *Hopfen*, subcategory *Pflanzenstandsbericht*.

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Day Temperature in °C



Precipitation in mm



Number of days with temperatures above 30°C

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
April	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
June	2	0	0	2	4	4	4	2	3	3	0	8
July	7	3	11	1	3	7	4	15	3	6	6	7
August	1	4	0	7	4	7	0	17	3	6	12	-
September	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-
Total	13	8	11	11	12	18	8	36	9	16	18	15

Source: Weather Station Huell

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Preliminary Estimate of the IHGC (International Hop Growers' Convention) of World Crop 2019

On July 30, 2019 the IHGC had a meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia, where preliminary estimates concerning this year's hop harvest were made.

Based on these numbers, we expect a world hop harvest of approx. 122.000 tons (previous year: 119.500 tons) which equals an average crop.

It has to be stressed, however, that the weather conditions in the next few weeks have a decisive influence on yields as well as alpha acid contents. Therefore, the preliminary estimates of the IHGC are only a first indication of this year's crop situation.

The official crop estimate for all German hop growing regions will take place from August 16 – 21, 2019. We will inform you accordingly in our next Hop News.

Country	Crop Quantity 2018 (to)	Crop Estimate 2019 (to)	Change
Australia	1.582	1.645	+ 4 %
Austria	450	455	+ 1 %
Belgium	282	318	+ 13 %
China	7.044	7.044	+/- 0 %
Czech Republic	5.126	5.004	- 2 %
England	1.377	1.430	+ 4 %
France	864	877	+2 %
Germany	41.794	43.700	+ 5 %
New Zealand	794	1.019	+ 28 %
Poland	3.208	2.900	- 10 %
Romania	215	255	+ 19 %
Russia	330	350	+ 6 %
Serbia	16	16	+/- 0 %
Slovakia	127	105	- 17 %
Slovenia	3.078	2.500	- 19 %
South Africa	754	754	+/- 0 %
Spain	900	900	+/- 0 %
Ukraine	480	480	+/- 0 %
USA	49.173	49.030	+/- 0 %
Total IHB	118.705	121.069	+ 2 %
World	119.500	122.000	+ 2 %