



Weather Conditions and Plant Development

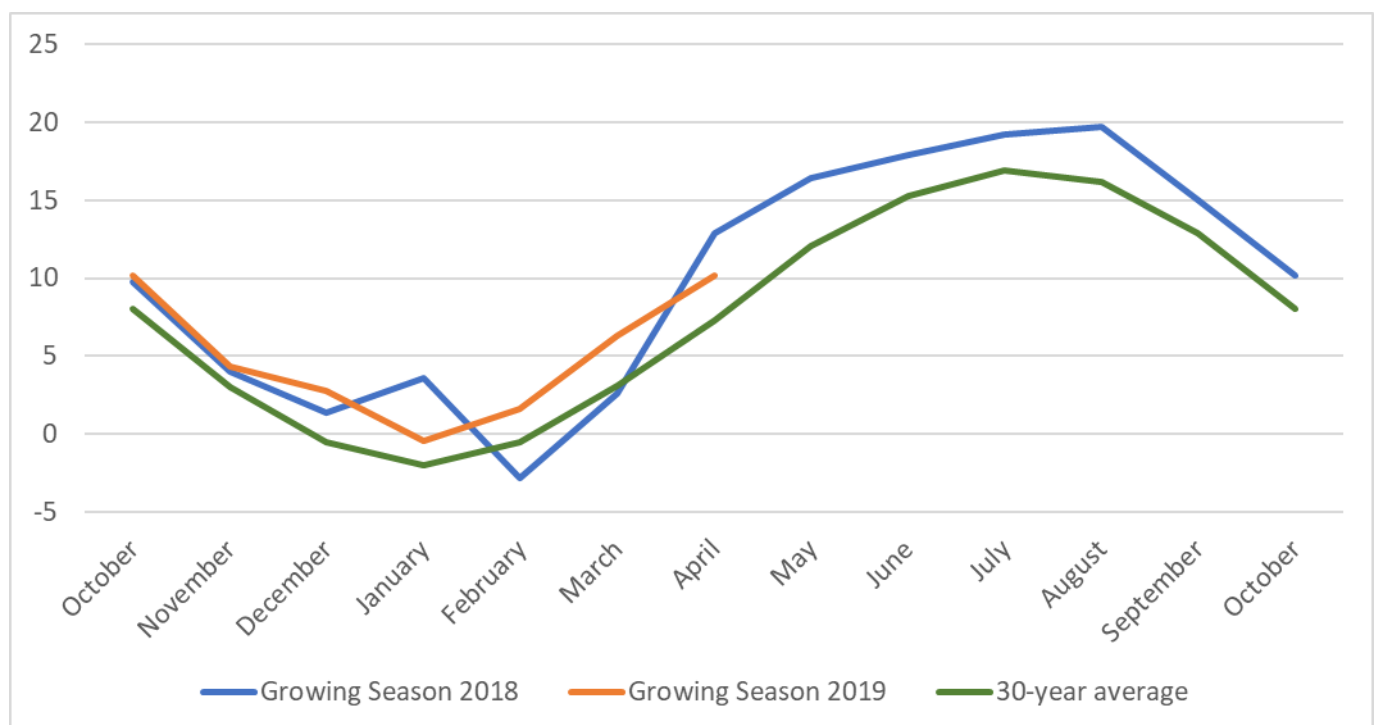
In April temperatures were slightly higher and it was considerably dryer than the long-term average. Due to the low precipitation during the last weeks, the water reserve in the soil decreased significantly. So far this has not affected the hops except for the baby hops.

All works to be done in spring could be finished in time and without any problems. At the moment there are no problems with pests or diseases and hop development is normal.

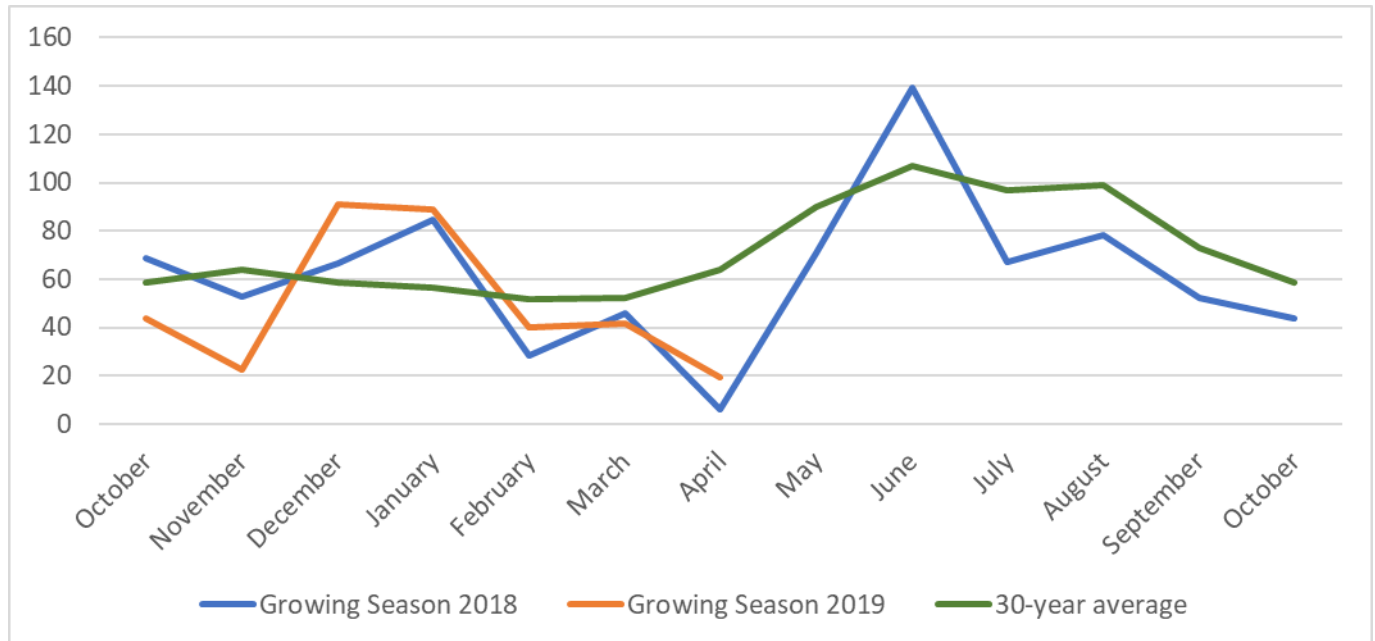
Training of the first hop varieties started on 25 April.

In case you would like to see pictures of the hop development, please visit the website of Hopfenring e.V. (<https://www.hopfenring.de/home/>). You will find pictures of two hop yards in the Hallertau region. New pictures are uploaded approximately every two weeks giving a very good impression of the current development.

Day Temperature in °C



Precipitation in mm



Source: Weather Station Huell

Development of World Acreage 2019 – First Estimates

During the recent meeting of the International Hop Growers' Convention on April 26, **first official estimates** on the development of world acreage were presented.

According to these, **world acreage 2019 is expected to rise by approx. 1.500 ha, i.e. almost 3%**. Thus, the increase will be at the same level as in 2018. An extension of acreage is reported in almost all hop growing countries, however, it focusses on the USA once again. The chart below shows the comparison of crop years 2018 and 2019. Conclusive data with concrete numbers on single varieties will be available in a few weeks.

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Country	Acreage 2018 (ha)	Acreage 2019 (ha)	Change in %
Argentina	160	160	0
Australia	652	707	+8
Austria	250	253	+1
Belgium	180	182	+1
Canada	419	419	0
China	2.683	2.683	0
Czech Republic	5.020	5.050	+1
France	496	497	+0
Germany	20.144	20.300	+1
Japan	120	120	0
New Zealand	531	700	+32
Poland	1.662	1.662	0
Romania	277	280	+1
Russia	252	254	+1
Slovakia	137	137	0
Slovenia	1.667	1.637	-2
South Africa	427	427	0
Spain	537	537	0
Ukraine	369	369	0
UK	948	935	-1
USA	23.256	24.390	+5
Total IHGC	60.266	61.778	+3