

2020 Global Hop Harvest Report





GLOBAL HOP PRODUCTION 2020

According to the meeting of International Hop Growers organization (IHGC) in the beginning of this week it is estimated that the hop production of the member states will reach for the year **2020** in total **123 400 t**. This is a slight decrease compared to hop production of **2019** which was **130 000 t**. According to these estimates the major decreases compared to hop crop 2019 were recorded due to climatic conditions in the USA (-3000 t), Germany (-1500 t), England (-750 t) and the Czech Republic (-1200 t).

On the other hand, we saw a slightly higher **alpha acid content** in most of the European countries in comparison to previous years and long term average. The total world alpha acid production will therefore be similar to 2019 volumes.

The total IHGC hop acreage reached **62 111 ha** which was 769 ha higher than in 2019. The further acreage development will be depending on the developments connected to demand and influence of current restrictions on beer consumption. We will probably see a decrease of acreage of some hop varieties.

The final official production data for the Czech Republic will be available in the first half of December and the final world hop production in the beginning of next year.

RANKING OF COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO THE HOP ACREAGE – 2020 CROP

Country	Acreage (ha)	Production (MT)	Alpha Production
	Total	Total	MT
USA	24 954	48 038	5 755
Germany	20 706	47 000	5 400
Czech Republic	4 966	5 950	265
China°	2 360	5 510	600
Poland	1 791	3 417	354
Slovenia	1 480	2 723	213
UK–England	868	924	67
Australia°	743	1 714	255
New Zealand°	743	1 250	115
Spain°	468	908	97

Source: IHGC Report, November 2020 (all production data are estimates)