

# Hop News

## August 2022






### **IHGC Expects Weak World Hop Crop 2022**

During the 58th Congress of the International Hop Growers' Convention (IHGC) in Prague at the end of July, a first world crop estimation for 2022 was made. The IHGC's economic commission expects crop 2022 to be considerably weaker than crop 2021, especially due to the unfavourable weather conditions with dryness and high temperatures in much of Europe.

Currently, the IHGC expects 13 % less hops although hop acreage has only declined slightly. Alpha acid is even estimated to decrease by 15 %.

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## Estimated World Crop 2022

	Acreage (ha)		Yields (t)		Alpha (t)	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Argentina	178	<b>178</b>	268	<b>325</b>	26	<b>29</b>
Australia	787	<b>919</b>	1,704	<b>1,824</b>	262	<b>279</b>
Austria	255	<b>263</b>	394	<b>485</b>	37	<b>37</b>
Belgium	182	<b>182</b>	292	<b>257</b>	29	<b>23</b>
Bulgaria	33	<b>33</b>	53	<b>58</b>	6	<b>6</b>
Canada*	350	<b>350</b>	525	<b>525</b>	53	<b>53</b>
China*	2,480	<b>2,534</b>	6,300	<b>6,700</b>	580	<b>600</b>
Czech Republic	4,971	<b>4,950</b>	8,306	<b>6,000</b>	400	<b>230</b>
France	557	<b>547</b>	910	<b>804</b>	38	<b>33</b>
Germany	20,620	<b>20,604</b>	47,862	<b>35,850</b>	6,240	<b>3,944</b>
Great Britain	670	<b>646</b>	912	<b>788</b>	68	<b>58</b>
Japan*	106	<b>106</b>	202	<b>202</b>	25	<b>25</b>
New Zealand*	743	<b>743</b>	1,250	<b>1,250</b>	115	<b>115</b>
Poland	1,758	<b>1,726</b>	3,108	<b>3,205</b>	264	<b>296</b>
Romania	267	<b>272</b>	230	<b>240</b>	20	<b>18</b>
Russia*	254	<b>254</b>	350	<b>350</b>	20	<b>20</b>
Serbia	8	<b>8</b>	16	<b>16</b>	2	<b>2</b>
Slovakia	38	<b>38</b>	40	<b>40</b>	2	<b>2</b>
Slovenia	1,535	<b>1,626</b>	2,186	<b>2,500</b>	114	<b>130</b>
South Africa*	409	<b>409</b>	715	<b>751</b>	89	<b>108</b>
Spain	568	<b>579</b>	957	<b>912</b>	112	<b>109</b>
Ukraine*	369	<b>369</b>	480	<b>480</b>	30	<b>30</b>
USA	24,634	<b>24,239</b>	52,857	<b>49,838</b>	5,600	<b>5,920</b>
<b>IHGC</b>	<b>61,772</b>	<b>61,575</b>	<b>129,917</b>	<b>113,400</b>	<b>14,132</b>	<b>12,067</b>

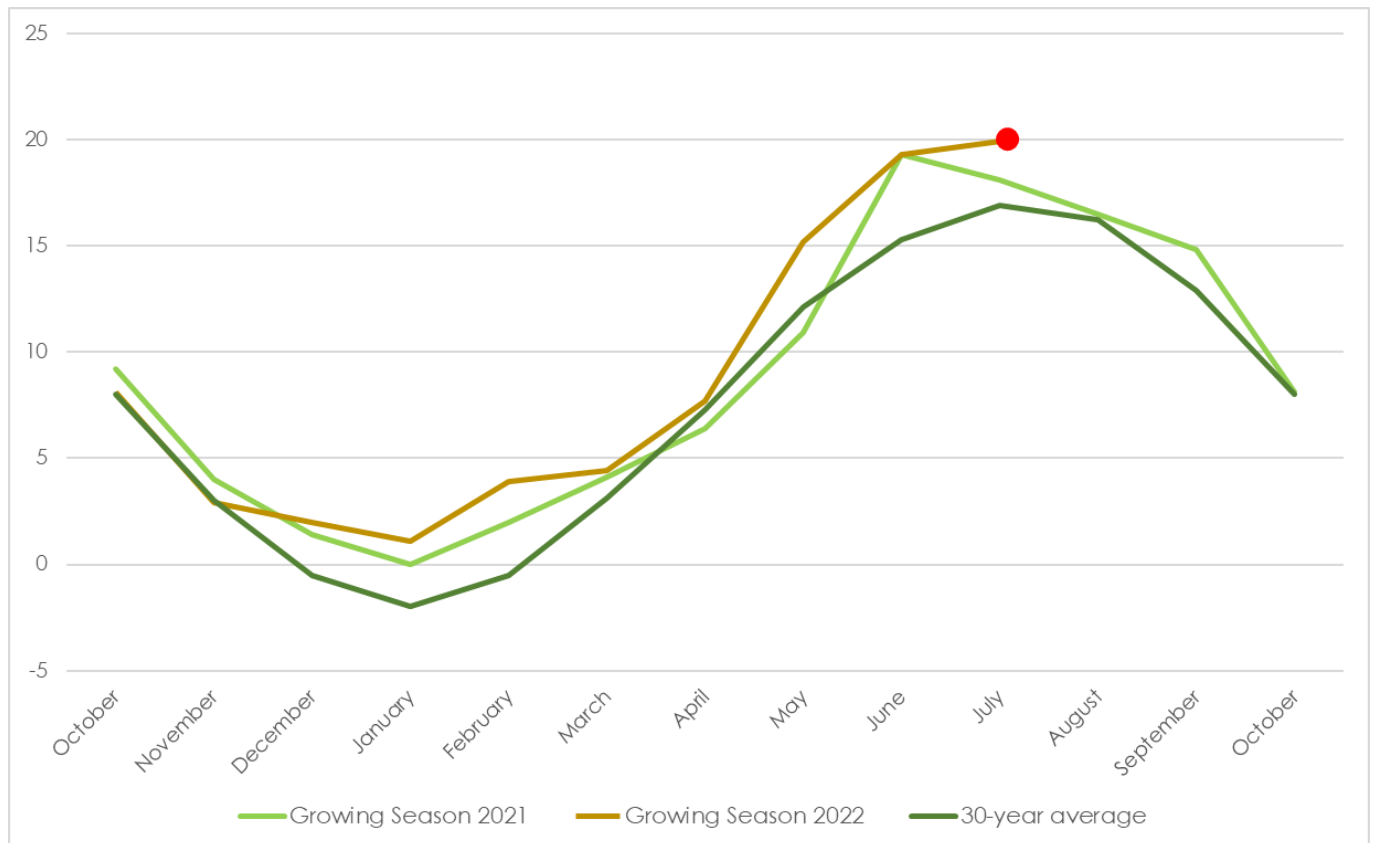
\*Figures dated April  
Source: IHGC

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## Poor Growing Conditions in German Hop Regions

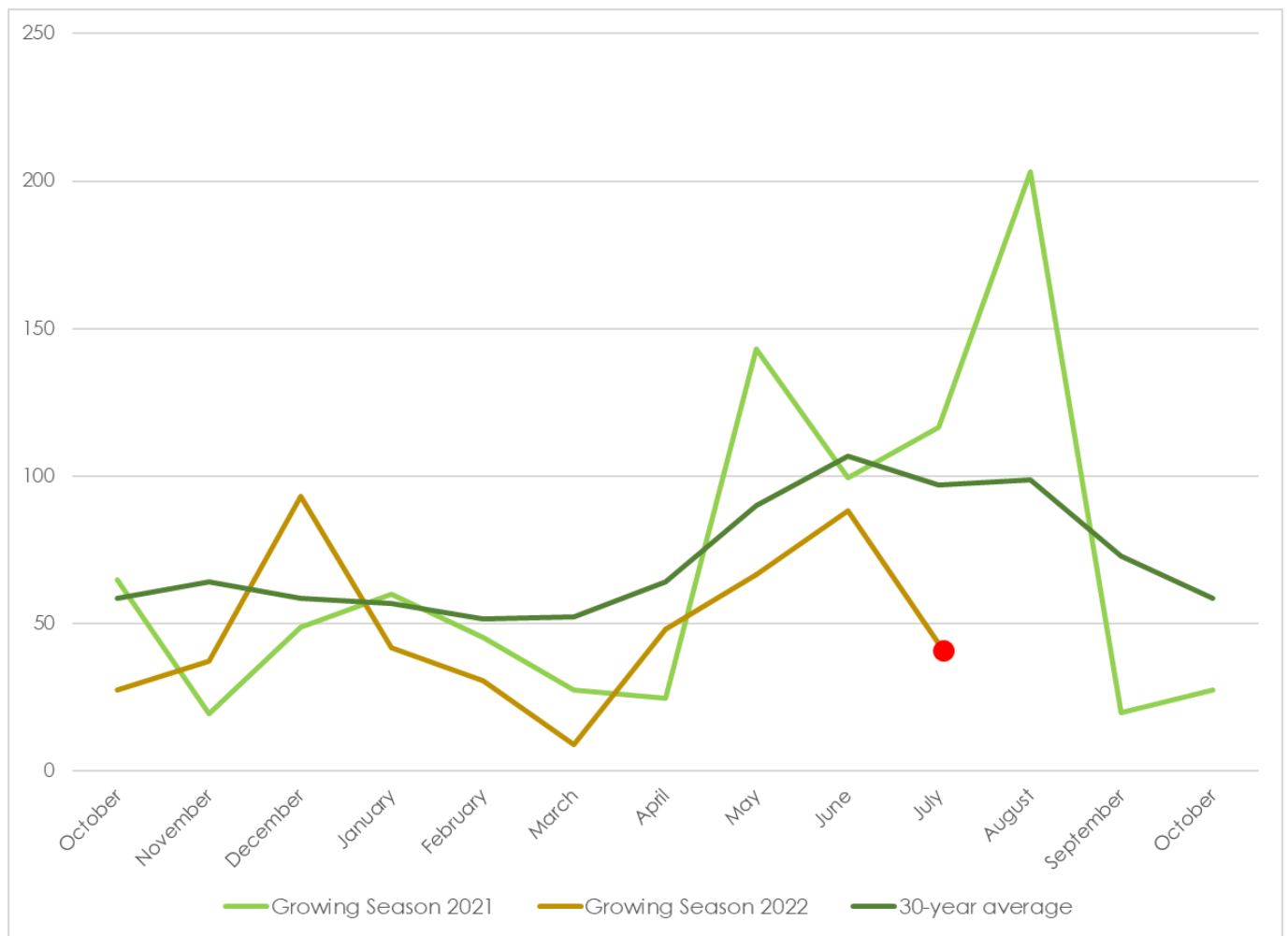
July was very dry and warm in all German hop growing regions (see below for Hallertau). These conditions made it difficult for hops to develop normally, especially during the important flowering period. Due to the weather conditions, we expect yields and alpha acid to be below average.

### Day Temperature in °C in Hüll, Hallertau



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## Precipitation in mm in Hüll, Hallertau



## Hop Supply Still Secured

Thanks to the very good crops in previous years, most breweries are in a comfortable hop situation. Several breweries increased their stocks significantly. Therefore, we do not expect a below-average crop 2022 to lead to a hop shortage. However, it will be challenging to balance out the unequally distributed stocks within the brewing industry.

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