

# Hop News

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## **Hop Acreage in Germany remains stable – Slight decrease in the US**

The official acreage data for the major hop growing countries USA and Germany have been published recently. According to these, world hop acreage will not decrease as much as expected by the International Hop Growers' Convention (IHGC) in April. Hop acreage will decrease by 500 ha (- 1%), primarily caused by the declining US hop acreage.

According to the German Hop Growers' Association, hop acreage in Germany remained almost unchanged (2021: 20,620 ha; 2022: 20,604 ha). There were some small changes in varieties: While hop acreage of Herkules, Polaris and Perle rose, almost all other varieties decreased (see next page).

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## Total Acreage in Germany in 2022 (in ha):

	Variety	Total Acreage 2021	Total Acreage 2022	Baby Hops	Productive Area	Difference Total Acreage
Aroma Varieties	Aurum	1	4	2	1	2
	Diamant	14	16	2	14	2
	Amarillo	144	138		138	-6
	Callista	62	60	3	56	-3
	Ariana	79	72		72	-7
	Cascade	64	62	4	58	-2
	Hallertau Blanc	149	127	1	126	-21
	Huell Melon	71	56	0	56	-14
	Mandarina Bavaria	230	195		195	-35
	Hallert. mfr.	650	636	8	629	-14
	Spalter	107	106	0	106	-1
	Hersbr. spät	821	810	17	793	-11
	Tettnanger	682	654	2	652	-27
	Perle	3,331	3,354	97	3,257	24
	Spalt. Select	558	538	4	534	-19
	Hallert. Tradition	2,844	2,786	51	2,736	-58
	Saphir	395	374		374	-21
	Opal	138	135	5	130	-2
	Smaragd	73	67		67	-6
	Hersbr. Pure	3	3		3	0
	Saazer	162	160	3	158	-2
	Monroe	18	18		18	-1
	Relax	5	3		3	-2
	Hallert. Gold	6	6		6	0
	Northern Brewer	255	230	4	225	-25
	Comet	4	5	0	4	0
	Brewers Gold	17	14		14	-2
	Akoya	104	122	17	106	19
Solero	11	13	3	10	2	
Tango		32	24	8	32	
Rottenburger	1	1		1	0	
Bitter Varieties	Nugget	111	110		110	-1
	Hallert. Magnum	1,861	1,813	23	1,790	-48
	Hallert. Taurus	169	161	0	161	-8
	Hallert. Merkur	6	5		5	0
	Herkules	6,974	7,142	167	6,975	168
	Eureka (EUE05256)		3	1	2	3
	Record	1	1		1	
	Polaris	437	494	45	449	57
Xantia	2	10	1	9	8	
Others	Others/Breeding Lines	61	66	10	55	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,620</b>	<b>20,604</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>20,108</b>	<b>-17</b>

Number of Growers

1,062

1,053

-9

Productive acreage = acreage with full yields

Baby hops = hops in the first year of growth

Sums may not confer due to roundups

All acreage in ha

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According to the USDA, hop acreage in the Pacific Northwest region in the USA decreased by approximately 400 ha (- 2%).

The high alpha varieties CTZ and Phato declined by almost 800 ha which is very interesting and surprising.

You will find the major changes in the US below (in ha):

	Variety	2021	2022	Change
Biggest Increase	Cascade	1,751	2,054	302
	Chinook	718	847	129
	Simcoe, YCR 14	1,643	1,832	189
	Strata OR 91331	337	438	101
Biggest Decrease	CTZ	2,254	1,651	-603
	El Dorado	702	486	-216
	Sabro, HBC 438	544	282	-263
	Phato, HBC 682	856	692	-163

According to the underlying data, we would like to summarize as follows:

- US hop growers seem to continue to **withdraw from the high alpha market**. This is probably due to the economic preference of US flavour hops and the weak euro. The increase in high alpha acreage in Germany cannot compensate the US decline, so the total decrease in high alpha production amounts to approximately 5 %.
- The **German flavour hop market** has been oversupplied for some years. Therefore, German hop growers reduced flavour hop acreage.
- **Classic aroma varieties** also tended to be oversupplied and acreage was slightly adjusted.
- **Hersbrucker** is an exceptional aroma variety. It is tight in supply but a decrease in acreage could still not be prevented.
- The market for **Perle (the biggest German aroma variety)** is stable, as is acreage.

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