

## 2026 August Hop Forecast

- Project code: **198** – Other Grower Surveys
- Questionnaires:
  - Mailed July 16<sup>th</sup>
- Sample:
  - All known hop growers in ID, OR, and WA
  - Operations that reported 0 acres of hops earlier in June will be excluded from this sample.
- Release:
  - *Crop Production*
  - August 12<sup>th</sup>, 12pm ET

General Hop Info: Hops are a specialized crop grown primarily in the Northwest U.S. Hops are a hardy, perennial plant which produces annual vines from a permanent root stock (crown). Hop plants are "strung" in the spring of each year. The valuable part of the hop plant is the cone. Resins within the cone provide beer with its bitter flavor, aroma and act as a natural preservative. Typically leaves, vines, and trash are separated from the picked hop cones. Hops are baled in large burlap bags that will weigh about 200 pounds. Hops are primarily sold to the beer brewing companies and hop merchants. Hop Varieties Can be classified in two categories: alpha and aroma/dual purpose.

2025 Total Hop Acres: 41,654

2025 Average Yield per Acre: 1,996

Survey: This is a short survey to forecast hop production for the 2026 season crop. Unlike the June Hop Grower Survey, this survey does not ask for hops to be reported by variety. The only questions asked are:

1. As of August 1, 2026, what are the total acres of hops strung for harvest?
2. What is the expected yield per acre in pounds?

After the survey questions, the operator will be prompted for comments. Comments from producers are always appreciated, and even more so for these

specialty crop surveys. Comments could include info on the growing season, weather, regulatory or marketing problems, disease issues, etc.

Watch for:

If operator reports in unit other than pounds make a note. And if unit is something other than pounds, tons, or hundredweight then be sure to record the weight of that unit in pounds.

If operator reports hops strung, but no harvested production, leave note explaining why.

Leave a note confirming any large acreages or yields that are significantly higher or lower than average.