

HOP VARIETIES

Humulus lupulus

Hops are fast-growing, herbaceous perennial vines that can grow from the ground to 25’ in the span of one season. They provide a fast seasonal screen and decorative flowers. Additionally, hops flowers are an ingredient in the beer brewing process. The alpha-acid content provides bitterness to beer, and the natural antibiotics *lupulon* and *humulon* keep bacteria from growing during brewing. Provide strong support and ample space, rich soil, and full sun; vines die back to the ground in winter, so plan on annual cleanup. USDA zones 4-8.



VARIETIES EXPECTED FOR 2026

CASCADE	Alpha acid 4-7%. Excellent taste which adds a powerful aroma. Elongated cone structure, high yielding. Matures mid-season. Used in Pale Ales, IPAs and Lager. Resistant to downy mildew. Developed at OSU.
CASHMERE	Alpha acid 7-10%. Refreshing tropical flavor profile with notes of lemon, lime, melon, peach, and tangerine. Used for a citrus forward IPA and Pale Ales.
CENTENNIAL	Alpha acid 9-11%. This hop has a pungent, citrus flavor and aroma, but is less floral than Cascade. Perfect for Ales and IPAs.
CHINOOK	Alpha acid 11-13%. High bittering cultivar boasts alluring woodsy aroma with undertones of spice and citrus. Suitable for most beers: Pale Ale to Lager.
MAGNUM	Alpha acid 10-12%. Bittering and aroma cultivar bred in Germany. Spicy/citrusy flavors make it a good selection for Pale Ales, IPAs, And German-style Lagers.
MT. HOOD	Alpha acid 14-17%. Good yields on mildew resistant vines. Primarily a bittering hop useful in American Ales and India Pale Ales.
NUGGET	Alpha acid 12-14%. High yields of long, tight clusters. Vigorous and disease resistant. Developed at OSU. Great for all Ales as well as Stouts.
STERLING	Alpha acid 6-9%. Modest bittering value with dominant aromas of herbs and spices with floral/citrus undertones. Good for Ales, Pilsner, and Lager.
TRIUMPH	The newest variety released by the USDA public hop breeding program, nearly two decades in the making. Perfect for lagers and fruit forward ales and IPAs due to bright aromas of orange, lime, and peach.