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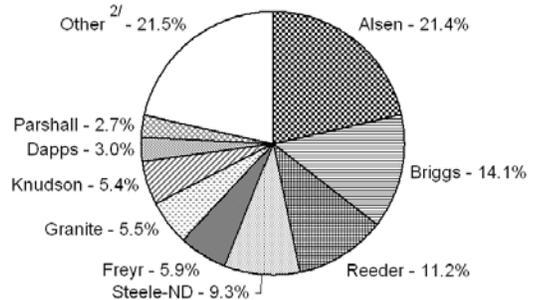
North Dakota Alsen is the leading spring wheat variety in North Dakota for the fifth consecutive year with 21.4 percent of the total spring wheat planted acreage in 2006. It is planted on almost 1.5 million acres. Briggs claims second place this year, knocking Reeder down to third place. Steele-ND jumps from eleventh in 2005 to fourth. Freyr comes in fifth and Granite falls to sixth, from fourth last year. Knudson is seventh this year, falling from fifth in 2005. These top seven varieties account for 72.8 percent of the planted acreage. North Dakota continues to rank first in spring wheat planted acreage in the United States, with 48 percent of the nation's total.

Lebsock, Mountrail and Ben keep their three durum planted acreage rankings in order, first to third. These top three varieties make up 70.4 percent of North Dakota's durum planted acreage. Pierce remains in fourth place this year. Maier and Dilse each jump two places ranking fifth and sixth respectively. The six leading durum varieties are all North Dakota releases. Once again, North Dakota ranks first in durum planted acreage in the United States, with 69 percent of the nation's total.

Jerry has 32.4 percent of the 2006 winter wheat acreage in North Dakota, leading for the third straight year. CDC Falcon remains in second place while increasing its share of the winter wheat acreage. Wesley jumps one spot to claim third place, knocking Jagalene down to fourth place. Crimson is the fifth most popular winter wheat variety this year. These top five varieties account for 80.2 percent of the planted acreage.

Spring Wheat Alsen holds onto its first place ranking for spring wheat varieties with 21.4 percent of the planted acres. It leads in the west central, central, and all three northern districts. Briggs is second in the state with 14.1 percent of the spring wheat acreage. Reeder places third overall, falling from a long run in second place in previous years. It leads the southwest and south central districts, with 11.2 percent of the statewide planted acreage. Steele-ND ranks fourth with 9.3 percent of the planted acreage.

**Spring Wheat Varieties
Percent of Acreage Planted
North Dakota, 2006^{1/}**



^{1/} Percentages may not add due to rounding. ^{2/} Other includes other varieties not listed and unknown varieties.

Durum Wheat Lebsock is first among durum wheat varieties planted in North Dakota for 2006 with 29.7 percent of the planted acreage. Mountrail ranks second overall with 27.3 percent of the durum acreage. It leads the northwest district for the fifth straight year. Ben is third in the state with 13.4 percent of the durum acreage, leading the southwest district. Pierce places fourth, increasing its share to 8.4 percent of this year's planted acreage.

**Spring Wheat Varieties: Percent of Acreage Planted
North Dakota, 2002-2006**

Variety	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
					Pct	Acres Planted
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000</i>
Alsen	30.8	37.4	28.9	23.1	21.4	1,497.7
Briggs	0.0	1.5	7.6	12.7	14.1	989.3
Reeder	8.6	12.4	13.3	16.2	11.2	780.6
Steele-ND	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	9.3	649.4
Freyr	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	5.9	410.5
Granite	0.0	0.6	3.4	7.3	5.5	381.7
Knudson	0.1	1.0	6.7	6.7	5.4	374.8
Dapps	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	3.0	212.7
Parshall	7.9	9.4	7.1	5.8	2.7	189.7
Oklee	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.4	2.5	178.4
Glenn	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	116.5
Granger	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.5	105.6
Norpro	3.1	5.4	4.6	3.2	1.5	102.6
Hanna	0.0	0.3	0.9	1.6	1.2	86.4
Trooper	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.2	83.2
Oxen	7.6	5.9	4.4	2.6	1.1	77.1
Grandin	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.2	0.9	63.7
Amidon	1.8	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	63.0
2375	3.4	1.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	56.0
Gunner	9.1	3.0	1.7	1.1	0.7	48.0
Banton	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	39.2
Russ	6.0	3.7	2.7	0.9	0.4	31.1
Other ^{1/}	20.0	14.9	15.1	9.1	6.5	462.8
All Varieties	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,000.0

^{1/} Other includes varieties not listed and unknown varieties.

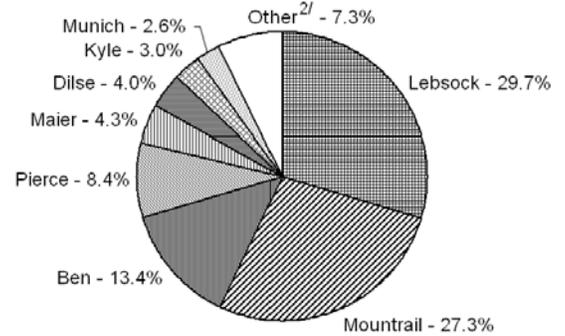
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**Durum Varieties: Percent of Acreage Planted
North Dakota, 2002-2006**

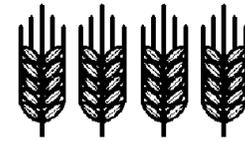
Variety	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
					Pct	Acres Planted
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000</i>
Lebsock	15.8	22.9	27.9	28.3	29.7	386.1
Mountrail	14.0	21.8	21.3	25.5	27.3	354.3
Ben	26.0	23.8	20.2	16.4	13.4	174.5
Pierce	0.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	8.4	109.4
Maier	3.2	3.1	3.7	2.6	4.3	56.0
Dilse	0.0	0.6	2.0	2.5	4.0	52.3
Kyle	7.8	5.3	4.1	4.0	3.0	38.9
Munich	4.2	2.7	1.4	1.9	2.6	34.0
Primo Doro	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.5	19.4
Renville	7.6	5.0	3.7	3.0	0.8	10.7
Monroe	7.8	4.3	4.2	1.1	0.7	8.6
Medora	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.5	6.7
Vic	2.5	0.9	1.5	1.2	0.4	5.5
Grande Doro	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.2	2.5
Other ^{1/}	10.7	7.8	7.0	6.4	3.2	41.1
All Varieties	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,300.0

^{1/} Other includes varieties not listed and unknown varieties.

**Durum Wheat Varieties
Percent of Acreage Planted
North Dakota, 2006^{1/}**



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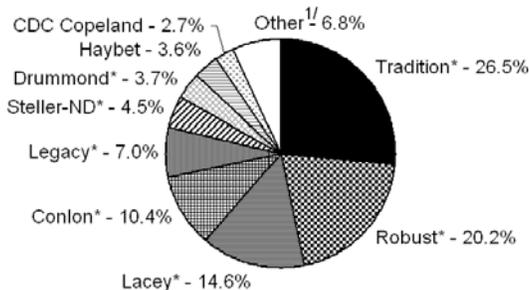


2006 NORTH DAKOTA BARLEY VARIETIES

North Dakota continues to rank first in barley planted acreage in the United States, with 30 percent of the nation's 3.50 million acres. This is the fewest barley planted acres nationally since planted acreage estimates began in 1926. Planted acres in North Dakota are 1.05 million in 2006, down from 1.20 million in 2005.

Recommended Malting Varieties
Tradition is the leading North Dakota barley variety, up from fifth place last year. It accounts for 26.5 percent of the total barley acres planted. **R**obust ranks second for 2006, down from first last year. It represents 20.2 percent of the total barley acres planted. **L**acey ranks third for 2006, also down from last year. It represents 14.6 percent of the total barley acres planted.

**Barley Varieties
Percent of Acreage Planted
North Dakota, 2006**



^{1/} Other includes varieties not listed and unknown varieties.
* Recommended for malting by the American Malting Barley Association for 2006.

Feeding and Other Varieties

Haybet is the most popular feed variety for the fourth consecutive year, and ranks eighth overall in 2006. Grown primarily in the west central and southwest districts, 38,000 acres were planted this year. **CDC Copeland** placed second among varieties not currently recommended for malting by AMBA, and ninth overall with 2.7 percent of the total acres planted. **Bowman** is the third most popular other variety in 2006; this feed variety is twelfth overall. Grown throughout the southern half of the state, more than 7,000 acres were planted this year.

**Barley Varieties: Percent of Acreage Planted
North Dakota, 2002-2006**

Variety	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
					Pct	Acres Planted
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000</i>
Tradition*	0.0	0.0	3.4	6.8	26.5	278.6
Robust*	59.6	54.9	43.7	37.3	20.2	212.3
Lacey*	13.2	15.8	12.0	17.4	14.6	153.3
Conlon*	10.6	11.9	7.5	7.9	10.4	109.1
Legacy*	2.2	6.6	13.1	11.9	7.0	74.0
Stellar-ND*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	4.5	47.3
Drummond*	1.9	1.4	5.5	5.5	3.7	39.2
Haybet	1.9	2.1	3.5	3.9	3.6	38.0
CDC Copeland	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	28.1
AC Metcalfe*	0.0	0.2	3.0	2.8	0.9	9.1
Stander*	2.8	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	8.7
Bowman	1.8	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.7	7.2
Excel*	1.6	2.0	2.0	0.4	0.6	6.2
Other ^{1/}	4.4	4.1	5.0	3.9	3.8	38.9
All Varieties	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,050.0

^{1/} Other includes varieties not listed and unknown varieties. * Recommended for malting by the American Malting Barley Association for 2006.

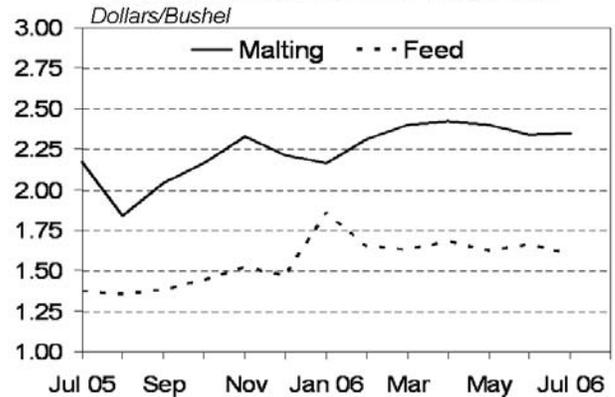
AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in July is 114 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is up 3 percent from last year but 5 percent below two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 116 percent of the base, is up 5 percent from July 2005 while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 106 percent, is down 4 percent from last year. July indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

The June Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products, recalculated with full month prices, was 108 percent of the base, down 4 percent from June 2005. The All Crops Index, at 109 percent, was down 2 percent from the previous year and the All Livestock and Products Index, at 106 percent, was down 9 percent.

**Barley Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota, July 2005-July 2006**



**Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota and United States, July 2006**

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price July 2006
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	
Wheat, All	<i>Bu</i>	3.37	4.03	4.33	3.20	4.01	4.09	10.50
Durum	<i>Bu</i>	3.48	3.71	3.70	3.72	3.81	3.85	NA
Other Spring	<i>Bu</i>	3.35	4.19	4.60	3.45	4.18	4.63	NA
Winter	<i>Bu</i>	2.54	3.75	4.05	3.15	3.99	4.03	NA
Corn	<i>Bu</i>	1.87	1.89	1.95	2.11	2.14	2.20	7.83
Oats	<i>Bu</i>	1.18	1.78	1.80	1.59	1.93	1.89	4.35
Barley, All	<i>Bu</i>	1.90	2.11	2.09	2.37	2.78	2.46	7.32
Feed	<i>Bu</i>	1.37	1.66	1.60	1.88	2.08	2.01	NA
Malting	<i>Bu</i>	2.17	2.34	2.35	2.66	3.05	2.75	NA
Sunflower, All	<i>Cwt</i>	15.10	11.60	11.70	15.20	11.70	12.20	33.00
Oil	<i>Cwt</i>	14.30	10.30	10.20	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	<i>Cwt</i>	19.30	16.30	16.00	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All ^{1/}	<i>Ton</i>	54.00	49.00	62.00	99.70	109.00	107.00	NA
Alfalfa ^{1/}	<i>Ton</i>	59.00	53.00	67.00	109.00	115.00	113.00	NA
Other ^{1/}	<i>Ton</i>	40.00	40.00	48.00	75.90	90.10	89.30	NA
Canola	<i>Cwt</i>	10.50	10.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	27.20
Flaxseed	<i>Bu</i>	10.40	5.40	5.25	10.40	5.40	5.25	15.60
Soybeans	<i>Bu</i>	6.28	5.19	5.15	6.65	5.61	5.60	17.30
Dry Edible Beans, All	<i>Cwt</i>	21.40	14.70	14.90	25.40	18.90	19.50	55.30
Navy	<i>Cwt</i>	^{2/}	^{2/}	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	<i>Cwt</i>	21.40	14.20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	<i>Cwt</i>	6.50	6.55	8.05	7.63	8.60	8.78	16.20
Fresh ^{3/}	<i>Cwt</i>	^{4/}	13.00	NA	11.69	12.92	NA	NA
Processing	<i>Cwt</i>	6.50	6.30	NA	5.20	6.17	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	<i>Cwt</i>	68.30	66.40	64.50	85.00	84.20	86.10	194.00
Steers & Heifers	<i>Cwt</i>	93.00	96.00	95.00	88.20	88.50	90.40	NA
Cows	<i>Cwt</i>	55.00	49.00	48.00	53.80	46.70	47.00	NA
Calves	<i>Cwt</i>	135.00	128.00	125.00	133.00	133.00	136.00	270.00
Sheep	<i>Cwt</i>	41.00	35.00	NA	41.00	28.60	NA	96.20
Lambs	<i>Cwt</i>	117.00	95.00	NA	110.00	92.00	NA	234.00
Hogs	<i>Cwt</i>	50.80	55.60	NA	49.80	53.80	49.40	118.00

^{1/} Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. ^{2/} Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. ^{3/} Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. ^{4/} Insufficient sales to establish a price. NA=Not applicable.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES (Continued)

United States

The July All Farm Products Index is 117 percent of its 1990-92 base, unchanged from the June index but 1 percent above the July 2005 index. The All Crops Index is 123, down 2 percent from June but 7 percent above July 2005.

The Food Grains Index, at 137, is 2 percent above the previous month and 28 percent above a year ago. The Feed Grains and Hay Index is 111, up 2 percent from last month and 6 percent above a year ago.

The Oil-Bearing Crops Index, at 100, is down 1 percent from June and 16 percent lower than July 2005. The Livestock and Products Index, at 110, is unchanged from last month but down 6 percent from July 2005.

Index Numbers of Farm Prices North Dakota and United States, July 2006

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006
Prices Received	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	111	108	114	116	117	117
Crops	111	109	116	115	126	123
Food Grains	120	129	153	107	134	137
Feed Grains & Hay	96	96	106	105	109	111
Oil Bearing Crops ^{1/}	126	97	97	119	101	100
Potatoes & Dry Beans ^{2/}	89	89	85	131	141	144
Livestock and Products	110	106	106	117	110	110
Meat Animals	108	103	103	115	116	116
Dairy Products	124	127	124	113	91	91
Other Livestock Products ^{3/}	101	100	100	126	116	116
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	141	147	148
Ratio ^{4/}	NA	NA	NA	82	80	79

^{1/} Includes non-oil sunflower. ^{2/} North Dakota includes sugarbeets. ^{3/} United States excludes wool. ^{4/} Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid. NA=Not applicable.

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