



WASHINGTON'S BARLEY VARIETY – 2011 CROP

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Champion Leading Barley Variety in 2011

Washington Barley: Barley acreage planted for the 2011 crop year is estimated at 115,000 acres, up 25,000 acres from last year and 10,000 acres above the 2009 crop. The eastern portion of the state continues to dominate barley acreage with 95 percent of the total, with the southeastern district representing 56 percent of the State's total barley planted.

Feed barley accounts for 92 percent of the total barley planted in 2011 with 105,300 acres. Champion moved up to become the leading variety with 40,800 acres, representing 39 percent of the total feed barley, and 35 percent of the total barley planted. After Champion, the next two leading varieties are Bob, at 26,200 acres, and Baronesse at 24,900 acres. Champion acreage increased almost 4 times from the 2010 crop year. These top three varieties account for 87 percent of the feed barley compared with 79 percent in 2010 and 80 percent of the total barley planted compared with 70 percent in 2010.

Malting barley planted acreage declined 1,300 acres from the 2010 crop year. Malting barley makes up 8 percent of the total barley acres planted. There were only 2 leading varieties in 2011 - Copeland and AC Metcalfe. Growers planted 8,000 acres of Copeland and 1,300 acres of AC Metcalfe. Most of the malting barley varieties were planted in the southeast part of the state.

The 2011 Barley Variety Survey was conducted as a non-probability survey in conjunction with the 2011 Wheat Variety Survey. The data were collected by mail, phone, and personal interviews from barley and wheat growers throughout April, May, and June. Almost three hundred barley growers reported for 66,740 acres. Barley types and varieties were estimated at the State and district levels. Any variety for which there was a dominate producer at either the district or state level was moved into the "Other Varieties" category to avoid possible disclosure of individual operations. For some varieties, the sum of the districts may be less than the State total, due to this procedure. For this reason the sum of the district estimates for the "Other Varieties" category may also be greater than the State estimate.

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Barley: Acres Planted by Variety, By Agricultural Districts, Washington, 2009-2011

CLASS AND VARIETY	2009 Total	2010 Total 2/	2011 Total	2011 1/				
				West	Central	North East	East Central	South East
FEED BARLEY	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres				
Champion	-	11,800	40,800	-	-	7,900	9,500	23,400
Bob	19,500	20,300	26,200	-	-	2,800	13,700	9,300
Baronesse	61,300	31,700	24,900	1,600	-	1,900	1,300	20,100
Radiant	4,400	900	3,200	-	-	-	-	1,900
Haybet	2,700	2,800	2,700	-	800	900	-	1,000
Belford	-	1,300	200	-	-	-	-	-
Camelot	2,100	1,700	-	-	-	-	-	-
BG 012	-	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	-
Camas	1,100	900	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gallatin	1,900	700	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Feed Barley	3,400	5,600	7,300	1,700	900	5,700	300	600
Total Feed Barley	96,400	79,000	105,300	3,300	1,700	19,200	24,800	56,300
MALTING BARLEY								
Copeland	-	3,100	8,000	-	-	800	-	7,200
AC Metcalfe	2,500	3,400	1,300	-	-	-	-	1,300
Harrington	5,200	2,700	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Malting Barley	900	1,800	400	100	100	-	-	200
Total Malting Barley	8,600	11,000	9,700	100	100	800	-	8,700
TOTAL BARLEY	105,000	90,000	115,000	3,400	1,800	20,000	24,800	65,000

1/ The sum of the districts by variety may not add to the state total to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Revised.

- Not estimated or combined with the "Other" category.

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