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## Survey to Show Varieties of Wheat and Barley in Washington

Olympia - Local farm operators will soon receive a survey to measure the varieties of barley and wheat being grown in Washington.

This survey is one of the largest and most important surveys conducted by the Washington Agricultural Statistics Service (WASS). These data are important because:

- ... The variety information will allow us to measure the acres planted of Hard White Wheat as specified by the Hard White Wheat Incentive Program,
- ... It provides a vehicle by which samples can be selected for the wheat quality work conducted by the Wheat Marketing Center,
- ... Producers rely on the data to reach valid production, marketing, and investment decisions, and
- ... It provides preliminary estimates of planted acreage by county, ensuring ample seed is available for the most popular varieties.
- ... The Washington Barley Commission and the Washington Wheat Commission rely heavily on the data to help make sound marketing and export decisions and have provided funds.

"As with all of our surveys, we safeguard the confidentiality of all responses," Ray Garibay, WASS State Statistician said. "Data about individual operations are used only in conjunction with information from other producers and never as an individual report."

To reduce costs, sampled respondents have been asked to return their forms by mail promptly. Those who fail to respond by mail, will receive a telephone follow-up call from a representative from the Washington Agricultural Statistics Service. The survey will be released in mid-July. For a copy of the finished report or to obtain other agricultural statistics, visit the Washington Agricultural Statistics Service's website at [www.nass.usda.gov/wa](http://www.nass.usda.gov/wa) or call 1-800-435-5883.