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Tradition Continues to be the Top Barley Variety in North Dakota

Tradition is the top barley variety in North Dakota in 2009 for the fourth straight year. Tradition accounts for 46.0 percent of the 1.20 million planted acres, compared with 37.7 percent in 2008 and 30.0 percent in 2007. Conlon is the second most popular variety with 17.7 percent of the total acres planted. Lacey is the third most popular with 16.4 percent of the total acres planted. Stellar-ND is the fourth in 2009 with 4.0 percent of the total acres planted. Robust is the fifth in 2009 with 3.4 percent of the total acres planted. The top five barley varieties are all recommended for malting by the American Malting Barley Association (AMBA) in 2009 and account for 87.5 percent of this year's barley acres in North Dakota.

Haybet, representing 2.9 percent of the total acres planted, is the top feed barley for the seventh consecutive year and ranks sixth overall. Hays and Stark rank tenth and twelfth, respectively, with 0.5 percent and 0.3 percent of the total barley acres planted.

North Dakota continues to rank first in barley acreage planted in the United States, accounting for 33 percent of the nation's 3.63 million acres. Planted acreage in North Dakota is 1.20 million acres in 2009, down 27 percent from last year.

The data in this report are based on a survey of barley producers conducted during June by the North Dakota Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. State averages are produced from 1,008 positive reports from 4,583 respondents. The AMBA and the North Dakota Barley Council provide supporting funds for the survey.