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Tradition Remain Top Barley Variety in North Dakota

Tradition is the top barley variety in North Dakota in 2011 for the sixth straight year. Tradition accounts for 54.4 percent of the 550,000 acres compared with 42.0 percent in 2010 and 45.2 percent in 2009. Lacey is the second most popular variety with 16.9 percent of the total acres planted. Conlon is the third most popular with 7.3 percent of the total acres planted. Pinnacle ranks fourth in 2011 with 5.5 percent of the total acres planted. Haybet is the fifth in 2011 with 3.2 percent of the total acres planted. These five barley varieties account for 87.3 percent of this year's barley acres in North Dakota.

Haybet, representing 3.2 percent of the total acres planted, is the top feed barley for the ninth consecutive year and ranks fifth overall. Rawson and Larker rank eighth and eleventh, respectively with 0.8 and 0.5 percent of the total acres planted.

North Dakota accounts for 19 percent of the nation's 2.82 million acres planted. Planted acreage in North Dakota is 550,000 in 2011, down 24 percent from last year and the lowest on record. North Dakota barley acreage planted has been surpassed this year by Montana which now ranks first in barley acreage planted in the United States.

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 536 positive reports from 3,719 respondents. The AMBA and the North Dakota Barley Council provided supporting funds for the survey.