



American Malting Barley Association, Inc.

GLEANINGS



September 30, 2014

BARLEY PRODUCTION REPORT

Production is estimated at 180 million bushels, down 17 percent from the revised 2013 total. Average yield per acre, at 73.4 bushels, is up 2.1 bushels from the previous year and represents a record high for the United States. Producers seeded 2.98 million acres in 2014, down 16 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 2.46 million acres, is down 19 percent from 2013.

Barley seeding was ahead of normal in Idaho by mid-April, while poor field conditions delayed progress in Minnesota and North Dakota. By May 4, seeding Nationwide had advanced to 46 percent complete, 4 percentage points ahead of last year and 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Barley seeding continued to advance ahead of the normal pace in Montana and the Pacific Northwest throughout May. By May 18, thirty-seven percent of the crop had emerged, 3 percentage points ahead of last year but 3 percentage points behind the five-year average. Nationwide, 93 percent of the barley crop was seeded by June 1, eleven percentage points ahead of last year and 4 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. By June 22, a majority of the crop had reached the heading stage in Idaho and Washington, while the crop had just begun heading in Minnesota and North Dakota. Seventeen percent of the Nation's barley crop was at or beyond the heading stage by June 22, slightly ahead of last year and 4 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Overall, 68 percent of the barley crop was reported in good to excellent condition on June 29, equal to the same time in 2013. Harvest had begun in the Pacific Northwest by the middle of the July. By August 3, twelve percent of the barley crop was harvested in Idaho, 34 percent was harvested in Oregon, and 20 percent was harvested in Washington. In the middle of August, rain was increasing the level of disease and mold in many barley fields in Idaho, with barley sprouting in the heads decreasing the quality of the crop. By August 31, fifty-eight percent of the barley crop was harvested, 15 percentage points behind last year and 10 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Barley rated in the good to excellent categories dropped 14 percentage points over the month of August, reported at 52 percent on August 31. By September 14, ninety-one percent of the barley crop was harvested, 4 percentage points behind last year but slightly ahead of the 5-year average.

2014 BARLEY PRODUCTION SUMMARY

STATE	Seeded		Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
	----- (000s acres) -----				(bu/acre)		----- (000s bushels) -----		
Minnesota	90	75	75	60	69.0	52.0	5,700	5,175	3,120
North Dakota	760	620	720	540	64.0	69.0	61,610	46,080	37,260
South Dakota	37	28	19	17	54.0	52.0	792	1,026	884
Three States	887	723	814	617	64.2	66.9	68,102	52,281	41,264
California	95	80	42	25	75.0	73.0	4,400	3,150	1,825
Colorado	63	57	58	54	133.0	126.0	6,765	7,714	6,804
Idaho	650	560	620	515	93.0	95.0	53,690	57,660	48,925
Montana	990	920	830	775	52.0	59.0	41,870	43,160	45,725
Oregon	63	40	50	30	70.0	50.0	3,816	3,500	1,500
Washington	205	115	195	105	72.0	60.0	12,600	14,040	6,300
Wyoming	85	80	68	63	89.0	107.0	5,340	6,052	6,741
Seven States	2,151	1,852	1,863	1,567	72.6	75.2	128,481	135,276	117,820
Other	490	400	363	274	80.4	77.9	23,701	29,188	21,343
Total U.S.	3,528	2,975	3,040	2,458	71.3	73.4	220,284	216,745	180,427

Source: USDA/NASS/Agriculture Statistics Board, September 30, 2014 USDA/NASS Small Grains Summary.

BARLEY PRODUCTION - ALL STATES

STATE	Seeded		Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
	------(000s acres)-----				(bu/acre)		------(000s bu)-----		
Arizona	75	36	69	32	118.0	125.0	4,935	8,142	4,000
California	95	80	42	25	75.0	73.0	4,400	3,150	1,825
Colorado	63	57	58	54	133.0	126.0	6,765	7,714	6,804
Delaware	43	41	33	31	78.0	86.0	2,856	2,574	2,666
Idaho	650	560	620	515	93.0	95.0	53,690	57,660	48,925
Kansas	17	16	11	10	47.0	35.0	413	517	350
Maine	20	13	17	12	53.0	68.0	960	901	816
Maryland	75	70	52	45	85.0	77.0	3,280	4,420	3,465
Michigan	10	8	9	7	52.0	53.0	432	468	371
Minnesota	90	75	75	60	69.0	52.0	5,700	5,175	3,120
Montana	990	920	830	775	52.0	59.0	41,870	43,160	45,725
New York	11	12	8	8	52.0	47.0	376	416	376
North Carolina	19	20	14	15	67.0	71.0	1,071	938	1,065
North Dakota	760	620	720	540	64.0	69.0	61,610	46,080	37,260
Oregon	63	40	50	30	70.0	50.0	3,816	3,500	1,500
Pennsylvania	75	70	60	50	68.0	71.0	3,604	4,080	3,550
South Dakota	37	28	19	17	54.0	52.0	792	1,026	884
Utah	40	32	30	20	78.0	86.0	2,080	2,340	1,720
Virginia	72	56	44	28	82.0	79.0	3,034	3,608	2,212
Washington	205	115	195	105	72.0	60.0	12,600	14,040	6,300
Wisconsin	33	26	16	16	49.0	47.0	660	784	752
Wyoming	85	80	68	63	89.0	107.0	5,340	6,052	6,741
Total U.S.	3,528	2,975	3,040	2,458	71.3	73.4	220,284	216,745	180,427

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