



American Malting Barley Association, Inc.

GLEANINGS



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BARLEY PRODUCTION REPORT

Production was estimated at 142 million bushels, down 29 percent from the 2016 total of 200 million bushels. Average yield per acre, at 72.6 bushels, was down 5.3 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.48 million acres in 2017, down 19 percent from 2016, and the lowest acreage planted on record since estimates began in 1866. Harvested area, at 1.95 million acres, was down 24 percent from 2016. Figures are unchanged from the September Small Grain Summary.

2017 BARLEY PRODUCTION

STATE	Seeded		Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
	------(000s acres)-----				(bu/acre)		------(000s bushels)-----		
Arizona	17	20	16	17	128	131	1,920	2,048	2,227
California	85	70	60	28	75	50	1,595	4,500	1,400
Colorado	80	70	75	68	129	132	8,190	9,675	8,976
Delaware	35	32	25	16	76	85	1,760	1,900	1,360
Idaho	600	530	580	510	107	95	56,260	62,060	48,450
Maryland	50	50	34	27	72	76	2,415	2,448	2,052
Minnesota	95	80	79	68	66	76	9,240	5,214	5,168
Montana	990	770	780	565	60	51	44,720	46,800	28,815
North Dakota	740	520	640	395	67	63	67,200	42,880	24,885
Oregon	45	47	32	38	67	62	1,924	2,144	2,356
Pennsylvania	55	60	38	45	75	70	2,600	2,850	3,150
Utah	29	25	19	18	82	75	1,344	1,558	1,350
Virginia	33	30	12	11	67	73	1,200	804	803
Washington	110	95	93	85	77	53	5,040	7,161	4,505
Wyoming	95	82	82	63	96	102	8,170	7,872	6,426
Other*							4,609		
United States	3,059	2,481	2,565	1,954	77.9	72.6	218,187	199,914	141,923

* For 2015, Other States include: Kansas, Maine, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, South Dakota and Wisconsin.
Source: USDA/NASS/Agriculture Statistics Board, January 12, 2018 Annual Crop Production Report.

Season Crop Summary

Nine percent of the Nation's barley was planted by April 9, eight percentage points behind the previous year and 7 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Planting progress was behind the historical pace in all estimating States, including Washington with 3 percent planted, 21 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Nationwide, barley producers had seeded 32 percent of the Nation's crop by April 30, twenty-three percentage points behind the previous year and 21 percentage points behind the 5-year average. All estimating States remained well behind their 5-year average planting pace at the end of April. By April 30, emergence was evident in 14 percent of the Nation's barley acreage, 13 percentage points behind the previous year and 7 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Nationally, 99 percent of the barley crop was sown by June 4, slightly behind the previous year but 3 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Eighty-four percent of the barley crop had emerged by June 4, eight percentage points behind the previous year and 3 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Heading of the Nation's barley crop advanced to 51 percent complete by July 2, nineteen percentage points behind 2016 and 6 percentage points behind the 5-year average. By July 30, barley producers had harvested 6 percent of the Nation's crop, 4 percentage points behind the previous year and 3 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Overall, 49 percent of the barley was reported in good to excellent condition on August 13, compared with 71 percent at the same time the previous year. At that time, barley condition ratings in the good and excellent categories were 52 percentage points below the previous year in Washington and 32 percentage points below in Montana. By September 10, ninety-six percent of the barley crop was harvested, 2 percentage points ahead of the previous year and 3 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.