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This report covering the major varieties of barley planted in **Colorado** was provided through funding by the **American Malting Barley Association**. Data was obtained from the major contractors of malt barley in the State for the Northeast and San Luis Valley districts. A general acreage survey of farmers conducted in June was the basis to estimate the acreage of varieties not accounted for by contractors. An independent survey of barley producers in the State was not conducted this year in an effort to reduce costs and producer response burden.

The acreage planted to barley in Colorado for the 2012 crop is currently estimated at 58,000 acres, down 6,000 acres from the previous year. Malting barley varieties accounted for most of the total acreage of barley sown for the 2012 crop.

Moravian 69 accounted for 49,200 acres or 84.8 percent of this year's total barley plantings. **Moravian 69** was also the leading barley variety planted in the State last year. **Scarlett** was the second leading variety planted in the State with 4,600 acres located in the San Luis Valley. **Other** varieties seeded in the State which includes minor malting and feed varieties were estimated at 4,200 acres.

Barley: Acreage planted by variety, by District, Colorado, 2012 ^{1/}

Variety	Northeast		San Luis Valley		Combined Districts ^{2/}		State	
	% of Total	Acres	% of Total	Acres	% of Total	Acres	% of Total	Acres
Moravian 69*	84.4	7,600	88.5	41,600	--	--	84.8	49,200
Scarlett*	--	--	9.8	4,600	--	--	7.9	4,600
Other ^{3/}	15.6	1,400	1.7	800	100.0	2,000	7.2	4,200
All Barley	100.0	9,000	100.0	47,000	100.0	2,000	99.9	58,000

^{1/} Percents may not add due to rounding.

^{2/} Combined districts include Northwest & Mountain, East Central, Southeast and Southwest.

^{3/} Includes malting and feed varieties

* Indicates a malting variety