

WINTER FEED BARLEY

SPECIAL ALERT FROM THE IDAHO BARLEY COMMISSION

Winter barleys show great promise for the Magic Valley

This is a great year for grain producers throughout the Magic Valley to consider a **fall planted barley** (feed and/or malt) in your 2012 cropping strategy.

Why winter barley? We expect [feed grain markets will remain very strong throughout 2012](#) due to a combination of disappointing crops in the U.S. and very robust global demand. Along with these strong market prices, growers can expect a [20% to 30% yield gain with the fall planted barley varieties now available.](#)

Here are some of your Fall 2011 barley seeding options:

- **Sunstar Pride** - yield potential of 180 bu/acre
- **812** - yields of 160-180 bpa
- **Sunstar Double** - yields of 140-160 bpa (shorter and stronger straw)
- **Maja** - yields of 140-160 bpa (earlier maturity)
- **Endeavor** - yields of 140-160 bpa

Best management practices for winter barleys - Dr. Juliet Marshall, UI Aberdeen

Soil test and fertilize for expected yield. General recommendations are 1.7 units of N (1.5 – 2.0 depending upon previous crop) per bushel of barley.

Plant early. **Winter barley is susceptible to winter kill.** Planting earlier will result in a larger plants heading into winter. Irrigate well to ensure a good stand going into dormancy.

Use standard seeding rates. Higher seeding rates is usually not justifiable for winter barley given the excellent tillering capability.

Plant into firm seed beds. Loose seed beds result in plants being more susceptible to frost heaving.

Do not plant barley after barley, if possible. This helps to reduce the potential for diseases.

Plant directionally against the prevailing wind. Planting into furrows or creating ridges in the field protect the plants.

Who to contact for fall barley seed ...

AgriSource, Burley, Mike Allen, 208-678-2286 - Sunstar Pride, Sunstar Double and Maja.

Golden Valley Warehouse, Royle Thomson, 208-678-7324 - 812 and Endeavor.

Western Seeds, Burley, Royce Otte, 208-678-2268 - Endeavor.

Feed barley buyers...

J.D. Heiskell, Wendell, Mark "Razz" Rasgorshek, 208-536-2507



Rangen, Buhl, Joy Kinyon, 208-543-6421



More buyers listed on page 2



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Consider Fall Planted Barley in the Magic Valley

Feed Grain Markets Will Remain Strong

- Open market feed barley prices in the Magic Valley have more than doubled in the past year, rising from an average of \$2.87/bu in July 2010 to **\$5.75/bu in July 2011**. Some feed barley buyers are paying even higher prices to secure local supplies.
- USDA is currently projecting that U.S. feed grain supplies for 2011/12 will be sharply lower due to smaller than expected barley, corn and sorghum crops. Corn production is likely to fall even more before the final production estimate is released in January 2012.
- Demand remains strong both in the U.S. and global markets, causing stocks to tighten significantly. U.S. feed grain stocks-to-use are projected to shrink to 5.9%.

You can find a link to **IBC's weekly Idaho Grain Market Report** and our **2011/12 Grain Market Outlook Webinar** (broadcast Sept 7 at 6:30 a.m.) at www.idahobarley.org.

More feed barley buyers...

Reed Grain, Buhl, 208-543-4306

Dairy Feed Supply, Twin Falls, 208-735-8955

Rocky Mountain Merchandising, Twin Falls, 208-732-5242

Intermountain Beef, Eden, 208-825-5335

AgriSource, Burley, 208-678-2286

Evans Grain, Burley, 208-436-7777

Western Seeds, Burley, 208-678-2268

**** There are also **2012 winter malting barley contracts** being offered by some companies (Anheuser Busch, Great Western Malting and InteGrow).

More BMPs...

Don't panic! In the spring, winter barley often looks like it's suffered major damage, but it comes back and tillers well. Apply fungicides with herbicide applications in the spring for varieties susceptible to barley scald. Use plant growth regulators to reduce plant height and lodging potential. Optimize irrigation. Cut off water at soft dough with full profile. Set combine concaves and slow cylinder speed to reduce broken and skinned kernels.