

GROWING MALTING BARLEY IN NY




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WHY THE NEW INTEREST IN NY?

- Not a new crop for NY
- Diseases issues, Prohibition
- Small local craft breweries
- Rejuvenated beer industry
- Farm Brewery License Bill



WHAT IS CORNELL'S ROLE?

- **Research and Education** 
- Determine best management practices for malting barley
- Identify the right varieties
- Fertility recommendations
- Identify pest management needs
- Harvest, drying and storage needs

MALTING BARLEY VARIETIES

- No NY varieties
- Relying on other states and Canada
- Replicated variety trials 2013 -2015
- Used to make current recommendations
- Working with seed industry
- Takes about 15 years to develop new variety

MALTING BARLEY SPECIFICS

- Different than feed barley!
- Winter and Spring varieties
 - Winter: short stature, lower protein potential, can winterkill
 - 60-80 bu/a
 - Spring: taller stature, can lodge
 - 40-60 bu/a
- 2 row vs 6 row
 - 2-row: more uniform kernels
 - brewer's preference
 - 6-row: better agronomically





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2015 Winter Malting Barley Summary

| Entry | Row | Grain Yield | | | TW | Lodg | | Height | Head | Wint | Wt | 6/64" | Malt Ext. | Protei | DP | Beta | FAN | Qual |
|-------------------|-----|-------------|------|------|-------|------|------|--------|------|------|------|-------|-----------|--------|------|------|-------|------|
| | | 4 yr | 3 yr | 2 yr | 2 yr | 0-9 | cm | Date | Surv | (mg) | (%) | (%) | (%) | ASBC | ppm | ppm | Score | |
| | | b/a | b/a | b/a | kg/hl | lb/b | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr |
| Charles | 2 | 55 | 46 | 41 | 56.2 | 43.9 | 3.5 | 51 | 6/3 | 63 | 38 | 96 | 80.9 | 11.9 | 112 | 152 | 236 | 43 |
| Saturn* | 6 | 90 | 72 | 66 | 57.7 | 45.0 | 1.9 | 55 | 5/31 | 66 | 40 | 96 | 74.2 | 11.4 | 93 | 540 | 142 | 20 |
| 10467r4 | 6 | 76 | 56 | 45 | 54.7 | 42.7 | 2.2 | 53 | 5/31 | 53 | 38 | 98 | 80.2 | 11.5 | 96 | 92 | 200 | 45 |
| KWS Scala | 2 | 71 | 54 | 50 | 58.7 | 45.9 | 1.4 | 56 | 6/4 | 68 | 47 | 99 | 80.1 | 11.8 | 110 | 90 | 194 | 47 |
| Sy Tepee | 2 | 73 | 56 | 51 | 59.6 | 46.6 | 1.6 | 52 | 6/5 | 62 | 48 | 98 | 80.4 | 12.4 | 168 | 42 | 198 | 62 |
| SY Mezmar | 2 | 72 | 55 | 50 | 59.5 | 46.5 | 1.6 | 57 | 6/8 | 53 | 43 | 96 | 80.4 | 10.9 | 100 | 64 | 167 | 47 |
| WintMalt | 2 | | 43 | 38 | 53.2 | 41.5 | 1.1 | 54 | 6/8 | 56 | 44 | 98 | 79.2 | 12.4 | 89 | 34 | 260 | 52 |
| 6Ab08-X03W012-5 | 6 | | | 65 | 60.9 | 47.6 | 2.2 | 71 | 5/29 | 74 | | | | | | | | |
| 2Ab08-X05W061-208 | 2 | | | 46 | 51.0 | 39.9 | 2.9 | 47 | 6/8 | 64 | | | | | | | | |

* feed barley

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2015 Spring Malting Barley Summary

| Entry | Row # | Grain Yield | | TW | Head | Lodge | Height | Kernel Wt. | 6/64 | Malt Extract | Protein | DP | Beta Glucan | FAN | Quality |
|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|------|------|-------|--------|------------|------|--------------|---------|------|-------------|------|---------|
| | | 2 yr | 3 yr | | | 0-9 | cm | (mg) | % | % | % | ASBC | ppm | ppm | Score |
| | | b/a | lbs/b | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr | 2 Yr |
| Herta | 2 | 68 | 65 | 49.8 | 6/26 | 1.9 | 73 | 36.8 | 91.9 | 79.4 | 11.7 | 82 | 264 | 209 | 36 |
| Conlon | 2 | 53 | 54 | 47.9 | 6/18 | 3.6 | 61 | 38.4 | 96.2 | 81.1 | 11.5 | 96 | 253 | 213 | 46 |
| Lacey | 6 | 66 | 66 | 47.6 | 6/19 | 1.7 | 70 | 31.5 | 91.4 | 80.5 | 11.3 | 99 | 115 | 257 | 48 |
| Quest | 6 | 68 | 66 | 47.5 | 6/19 | 3.3 | 77 | 31.1 | 86.3 | 80.2 | 11.3 | 108 | 272 | 239 | 47 |
| Cerveza | 2 | 56 | | 45.9 | 6/21 | 1.3 | 60 | 34.8 | 87.4 | 82.5 | 11.1 | 69 | 67 | 271 | 41 |
| Newdale | 2 | 57 | | 46.1 | 6/21 | 0.9 | 62 | 33.7 | 85.5 | 81.1 | 11.6 | 83 | 68 | 262 | 37 |
| AAC Synergy | 2 | 65 | | 46.0 | 6/20 | 0.9 | 64 | 36.5 | 92.5 | 81.9 | 10.7 | 56 | 31 | 285 | 43 |

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PLANTING MALTING BARLEY

- Well to moderately well drained soils
- pH – 6.3 and higher
- Plant 1-1.5” deep
- Appox. 2 bu/acre
- 48 lbs./bu = 96 lbs./acre
- Drill works best
- Winter: mid Sept. – mid Oct.
- Spring: early as possible



FERTILITY

- P and K to soil test recommendations
- Winter barley should receive 10-20 lb./A of nitrogen and 10-25 lb./A of P₂O₅ (in furrow) at planting
- DAP or MAP
- K not as important as P for early development,
- overwintering and yield determination
- Important for stalk strength and overall plant health



NITROGEN

- Want to keep protein between 9-12.5%
- Need an optimal amount of N:
 - Spring: 30-60 lbs./acre
 - At planting
 - Winter: 60-90 lbs./acre
 - Apply early in season at green up
- Optimal N may be a balance of soil type, OM in soil, manure and previous crop
- Too much N = high protein % and possible lodging

DISEASE MANAGEMENT

- Some foliar diseases –Scald
- Fusarium Head Blight (FHB) is the most important
- Reduce germination and yield – shrunk kernels
- Source of DON (vomitoxin)
- Pink kernels



FHB ON WHEAT AND BARLEY



FUSARIUM MANAGEMENT

- Reduce residue that contains the fungus
 - Tillage
 - Crop Rotation: Do not plant after corn!
- Resistant Varieties
 - None, more work needs to be done
 - Conlon and Quest offer some resistance
- Caramba or Prosaro must be applied at pollination for FHB suppression (50%)
 - Flowers as head is coming out of the boot!



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FUSARIUM HEAD BLIGHT Prediction Center

US Commentary last update 2012-08-02 Tom Auer,

Some tips for using the application: - Follow the steps to map the risk for state, model, and date. - Click the query button near the bottom left and then click on the risk map to get risk at any location. - After selecting a state, make sure that a Weather Stations layer is checked on, and then click a station to get risk for that station.



- Home
- About
- Prediction
- Model
- Fusarium

1. Choose a State
 State:

2. Choose a Model
 Wheat:
 Susceptibility:
[Link to Spring Wheat Variety Info Sheet](#)

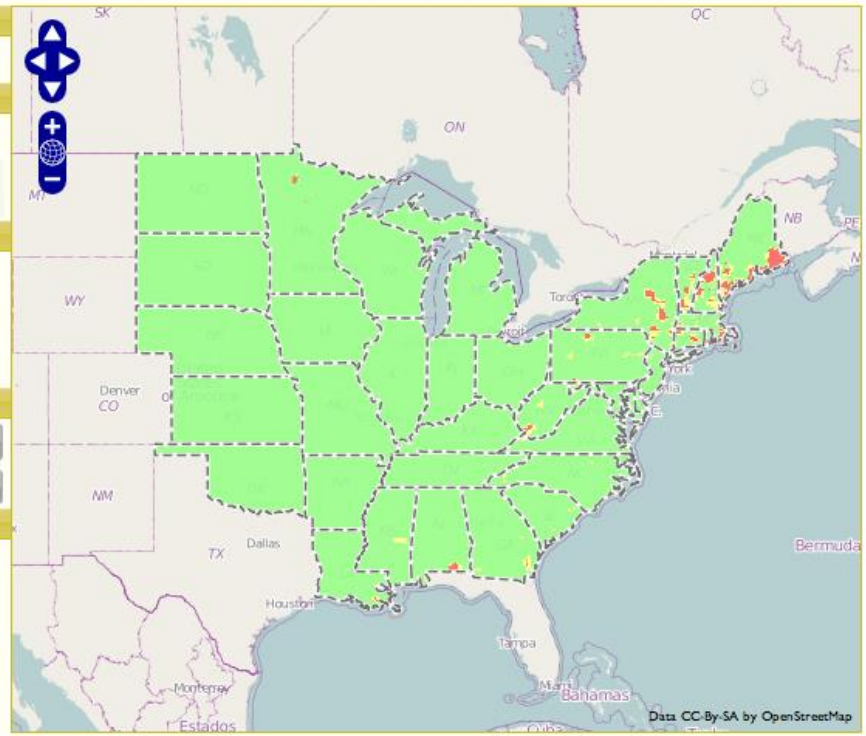
3. Forecast Mode
 Forecast (hrs):
 Assessment Date:

Advanced: Save Model and Location
 Name:
 Saved Locs:

Legend

| | |
|---|--|
| Blight Risk | Weather Stations |
| High | FAA |
| Medium | AgNet |
| Low | Inactive (for model) |
| No Data | |

Risk Opacity



WEED CONTROL

- Herbicides – for broadleaf weeds
 - Harmony products
 - 2,4-D, and MCPA mixtures
 - If using 2,4-D apply prior to stem elongation
 - No grass products labeled in NY
- Organic systems-2 passes with a flex tine weeder
 - prior to barley germination
 - 2 leaf stage



HARVESTING

- Do not treat like wheat!
- Harvest at 18-20% moisture, avoids pre-germination
- Slow down ground and reel speed to minimize kernel damage
- Add front cover plates or debearding bars to the combine's concave
- Clean grain to increase quality



DRYING MALTING BARLEY

- Dry with air or low heat (5-10°F above ambient temperature) keeping the grain temperature below 100°F maximum.
- Barley is the only crop that needs to be delivered in a “Living State”.
- High germination for malting
- Store at 12-13% moisture



MALTING QUALITY STANDARDS

- Brewing market is very stringent!
- 9-12.5% protein
- >95% germination
- <1ppm DON
- NY growing conditions don't help
- Timely management is crucial for success!

GRAIN QUALITY ANALYSIS

| Lab ID | Sample Description | Grain Moisture | Test Weight | Flour Moisture | * As-Is Protein | DM Protein | Falling Number | DON |
|--------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| | | % | lbs/bu | % | % | % | seconds | ppm |
| C577 | Danko Rye | 14.0 | 55 | 10.2 | 10.8 | 11.6 | 281 | 0.7 |
| C578 | Conlon 2-row | 10.9 | 43.3 | 8.6 | 10.7 | 11.2 | 132 | 0.9 |
| C579 | Wintmalt 2-row | 10.7 | 46.2 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 10.0 | 144 | 1.2 |
| C580 | Quest 6-row | 16.4 | 48.3 | 9.8 | 13.9 | 14.3 | 366 | <0.5 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

*University of Vermont Cereal Grain Testing Lab

NEW BARLEY QUALITY TESTING FACILITY IN NY

- *Hartwick College*
- *Center for Craft Food and Beverage*
- *Aaron MacLeod, Director*

Barley Selection Package

(Moisture, Protein, Plumpness,
Kernel Weight, Germination
Energy, RVA, & DON)

\$75/sample

- <http://www.hartwick.edu/about-us/centers-institutes/center-for-craft-food-and-beverage/barley-quality-testing/>

ACTIVE MALTHOUSES IN NY



**East Coast Malts, Dryden
Farmhouse Malt, Newark Valley
Germantown Beer Farm
Niagara Malt, Cambria
NY Craft Malt, Batavia
Pioneer Malting Inc, Rochester
Queen City Malting, Buffalo**

MORE INFO ON MALTING BARLEY

- Go to:
<http://fieldcrops.cals.cornell.edu/small-grains/malting-barley>
- Contact info for all active malt houses
- What varieties of spring and winter malting are available locally
- Ten keys to successful malting barley production in NY

FINAL WORDS OF ADVICE

- Do not plant malting barley until you have talked to a malthouse!
- Find out what varieties they prefer
- Discuss what their quality standards are
- Discuss expectations and risks for both sides
- Storage and delivery needs
- Acres, price and **CONTRACTS!**

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