

IDAHO BARLEY NEWS BRIEF

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Idaho barley check-off dollars at work... IBC awarded \$12,000 risk management education grant -

For the 8th consecutive year, IBC has been awarded competitive grant funding from the Western Center for Risk Management Education in Pullman, WA, to conduct grain marketing education in Idaho. This year's project entails:

- ◇ Live and web-based seminars on malt contract pricing strategies, crop insurance, managing production costs.
- ◇ Two North Idaho workshops on estate and business succession planning.
- ◇ Creation of new Idaho Grain Market Advisory Service.

First snapshot of Grain Market Outlook in MY 2010/11

On May 11, USDA released its first official U.S. and World Grain Supply and Demand Projections for the new Marketing Year 2010/11, which begins June 1 for barley and wheat and September 1 for corn. There were no real surprises in these early estimates and the bottom line is an outlook for continued ample domestic and global barley, wheat and corn stocks, which for now must be considered bearish. Here is how the USDA numbers breakdown...

Barley - U.S. barley production in 2010 is been pegged at 190 million bushels (down 16%) from 2.8 million harvest acres - a near historic low - and ending stocks are pegged at 101 million bushels (down 13%), U.S. stocks-to-use will decline modestly from a bearish 52.7% this year to 45% in the coming year. World barley crop is estimated at nearly 143 million metric tons (MMT), down 4% from this year. World barley ending stocks are projected to decline 6% to 34 MMT.

Wheat - U.S. wheat production in 2010 is pegged at 2.043 billion bushels (down 8%), while total supplies are up 4% due to larger carryin stocks. Harvested acres are pegged at 47.1 million, down 6%. U.S. ending stocks are pegged at a bearish 997 million bushels (up 5%). Right now USDA is projecting that the U.S. wheat stocks-to-use will increase from 46.6% this year to 47.3% in the coming year. World wheat crop is estimated at 672 million metric tons (MMT), down 1.2% from this year. World wheat ending stocks are projected to increase 2.4% to 198 MMT.

Corn - U.S. corn production in 2010 is pegged at a bin-busting 13.37 billion bushels (up 2%), while total supplies are up 2.2% due to larger carryin stocks. Harvested acres are pegged at 81.8 million, down 2.8% and national average corn yield is 163.5 bpa. U.S. ending stocks are pegged at 1.818 billion bushels (up 4.6%). Right now USDA is projecting that the U.S. corn stocks-to-use will increase from 13.3% this year to 13.7% in the coming year. World corn crop is estimated at another record high of 835 MMT, up 3.3% from this year. World corn ending stocks are projected to increase 4.9% to 154 MMT.

Market Buzz...

Idaho malting barley landscape changing again -

GModelo Agriculture Inc. and Cargill Malt announced on April 14 that they have forged a new joint venture to operate the Modelo malt plant in Idaho Falls, ID. The new company is now known as **InteGrow Malt LLC** and will continue to be based in Idaho Falls and will honor all existing contracts, both from '09 and '10 crop years.

According to Luis Miguel Alvarez and Alfredo Avila, plant executives based in Idaho Falls, **"Our goal remains to source 100 percent of their malting barley needs from Idaho growers."**

This plant will continue to supply 2-row malt to Grupo Modelo, Mexico's largest brewer and producer of such notable beer brands as Corona. Grupo Modelo made its initial investment in the malt plant in Idaho Falls in 2001.

Cargill is a privately held international producer and marketer of food, agricultural, financial and industrial products and services. Cargill employs more than 138,000 people in 67 countries.



Bayer CropScience

Crop Protection
Tools for Barley

Bayer CropScience provides barley growers with innovative and sustainable crop protection chemistries from seed to harvest. Products that protect barley and maximize yield potential include Proceed seed treatment, Huskie broadleaf herbicide, Prosaro and Stratego fungicides, Baythroid XL insecticide, and Cerone plant growth regulator.

Huskie herbicide offers a unique mode of action for barley growers, controlling a broad spectrum of broadleaf weeds including some tough species like kochia, Russian thistle, prickly lettuce and wild buckwheat. Huskie even controls weeds that have developed resistance to the ALS-inhibitors and synthetic auxins. With few exceptions (i.e. Canada thistle), Huskie controls all major broadleaf weed species that infest barley fields along the Snake River Plain with out requiring a tank mix partner. Huskie has excellent compatibility with wild oat herbicides. Apply Huskie to barley at rates of 12.8 to 13.5 fl. oz./A. When applying alone, the addition of NIS at 0.25 % to 0.5%v/v plus a nitrogen source may benefit control. Nitrogen sources include spray grade AMS at 0.5 to 1.0 #/A or UAN @ 1-2 quarts/A. NIS and nitrogen sources may be omitted when two EC (emulsifiable concentrate) crop protection products are tank mixed.

With its unique plant surface retention and redistribution action, **Stratego fungicide** improves coverage to better fight disease. Additionally, the systemic activity of Stratego protects young leaves as they grow. Use Stratego to protect barley from early season diseases by tank mixing 4 to 5 fl. oz./A of Stratego with herbicide applications or early cereal leaf beetle sprays. For protection against leaf rust, spot blotch and net blotch apply 10 fl. oz./A of Stratego when the flag leaf is fully expanded. Stratego's ability to benefit plant health was demonstrated in recent Idaho trials where yield & quality was significantly increased even in the absence of disease.

Prosaro, a new fungicide from Bayer CropScience, provides the best available Fusarium head blight activity which contributes to increased grain quality and yield. It is also proven to be the best tool for reducing DON levels in barley. Apply Prosaro at 6.5 to 8.2 fl. oz./A at early heading (Feekes 10.5). When Fusarium pressure is heavy or when barley is planted following no till corn, apply 8.2 fl oz/A. Prosaro will also provide excellent control of leaf diseases that may be present at Feekes 10.5. Buffer the spray solution to pH 6.5 and add NIS at 0.25% v/v.

IGPA testifies on 2012 Farm Bill, lobbies for railroad rate relief

Soda Springs grain producer and Idaho Grain Producers Association (IGPA) President Scott Brown joined nine other panelists in providing testimony at a recent field hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture.

Chairman Collin Peterson, Idaho representatives Walt Minnick and Mike Simpson, and other members of the Committee hosted a field hearing in Nampa, Idaho on Saturday, May 1.

“The field hearing was a fantastic opportunity to express the IGPA’s farm policy perspective to key decision-makers. In the upcoming months, I hope to hear from Idaho’s grain growers on what works for them and what doesn’t”, said Brown.

The hearing, convened on the campus of Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, ID, featured a cross-cut of Idaho agriculture representatives discussing their views on the future of federal farm programs.

Idaho growers **Robert Blair** (Leland) and **Wayne Hurst** (Declo) traveled to Washington, DC to represent the IGPA for the sixth annual “Rail Day” held May 5. Blair and Hurst met with the Idaho congressional delegation to discuss **federal legislation to provide rail rate relief for captive shippers** and their farmer-customers. The IGPA supports passage of rail legislation including S. 2889, the Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2009, which passed out of the Senate Commerce Committee in December 2009 and can move to enactment in 2010.

Blair and Hurst stressed that grain producers rely heavily on an effective railroad system to stay in business. For many, rail shipment is the only cost-effective transportation mode available. Producers need and deserve reasonable rail rates and service, and this legislation will create a more level playing field for both railroads and shippers.



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Cerone plant growth regulator has been used by barley growers for years to reduce lodging and necking while increasing yield potential, recoverable yield and harvest efficiency. Cerone accomplished this by increasing straw strength and/or reducing plant height. The application window for Cerone is from Feekes 8 (flag leaf is just visible) to Feekes 10 (boot swollen). Awns should not be visible nor should the boot be split. Application rates range between 0.5 to 1.0 pints/A depending on barley variety. Consult your contracting field specialist for rate recommendations. Avoid temperatures below 35 degrees or above 90 degrees for five days after application. Apply only on approved varieties that are vigorously growing and are likely to lodge.



Dates for Summer Field Days...

June 29 - Nez Perce/Lewis Co field day, 7 a.m. in Craigmont (UI Ken Hart, 937-2311)

July 8 – Bonners Ferry field day, 4 p.m. at Tim Dillin’s farm, (UI Jennifer Jensen, 267-3235)

July 21 - Kimberly Twilight Tour (UI Don Morishita, 423-4691)

July 22 - Bonneville County field day (UI Juliet Windes, 529-8376)

July 28 - Ashton field day (UI Lance Ellis, 624-3102)