

# IDAHO BARLEY NEWS BRIEF

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ARS barley breeder

**Idaho barley  
check-off dollars  
at work...** IBC hosts  
three trade teams this  
month from Japan, Cen-  
tral America and Mex-  
ico.

A Japan food and feed barley team visited Spo-  
kane and northern Idaho  
on Sept. 10-11. They en-  
joyed an afternoon boat  
ride on Lake Coeur  
d'Alene and a farm tour  
and dinner at Tim Dillin's  
home in Bonners Ferry.

The Central American  
team was comprised of  
brewers from Guatemala,  
Nicaragua and the Do-  
minican Republic. This  
team visited the Idaho  
Falls InteGrow malt plant,  
toured barley fields in the  
Tetenia area and enjoyed  
dinner with area growers  
in Rexburg on Sept. 20-  
21.

A team from Grupo  
Modelo, Mexico City, vis-  
ited Pocatello, Aberdeen  
and Idaho Falls on Sept.  
21-22.

## Highlights from Small Grains Produc- tion & Quarterly Stocks Reports...

**U.S. barley acreage and production hit historically low levels due to a continuing decline in seedings and production challenges this year. Barley production was pegged at 155 million bu, down 14% from last year and the lowest level since 1936. National average yield was 69.2 bpa, down nearly 4 bpa from last year. Harvested area was 2.24 million acres, down 9% and the lowest since 1881. Idaho bucked the national trend and increased both acres and production... harvested acres were up 6% to 500,000 and production also gained 6% to 46.0 million bu.**

**U.S. wheat acreage and production also were lower than last year... wheat output was pegged at 2.01 billion bu, down 9% and below the average pre-report trade estimate of 2.046 billion bu. The national average yield was 43.9 bpa, down 2.4 bpa from last year. Spring wheat was pegged at 462 million bu, well below the average pre-report trade estimate of 498 million bu. All wheat harvested acres were 45.7 million, down 4%. Idaho wheat harvested acres totaled 1.40 million, up 4%, and production was 115.9 million bu, up 8%.**

### Quarterly Stocks -

**US barley stocks** totaled 174 million bu, down 22% with disappearance of 70 million bu, down 3%.

**Wheat stocks** were pegged at 2.15 billion bu, down 12% with disappearance of 720 million bu, down 2%.

**Corn stocks** were 1.13 billion bu, down 34% with disappearance of 2.54 billion bu, down 2%. Corn stocks were above the average trade estimate of 964 million bu.

## ARS Aberdeen names new barley breeder

Dr. Gongshe Hu, research geneticist, has been appointed the barley breeder at the USDA ARS National Small Grains Germplasm Research Facility in Aberdeen, ID. Dr. Hu has been a research geneticist in the ARS trout grains research project at Aberdeen since April 2005. He has a strong background in cereal plant breeding and genetics. Dr. Hu earned his Ph.D. in plant genetics from Kansas State University in 1995 and his BS degree from Hebei Agricultural University in Hebei, China. Dr. Hu was a corn breeder in China before continuing his studies at Kansas State University.



**Japanese food/feed barley trade team visited Coeur d'Alene and Bonners Ferry on Sept. 11, including a farm tour and dinner with Tim and Julie Dillin. Tim is the IBC's north Idaho commissioner.**



**Eastern Idaho commissioner Dwight Little and Industry Representative Clay Kaasa hosted a Central American malting barley trade team on Sept. 20-21. This team enjoyed a dinner with area barley growers at the Rexburg home of Gale Harding, retired Madison County extension agent.**



**A team from Grupo Modelo brewing company based in Mexico City visited Pocatello, Aberdeen and Idaho Falls on Sept. 21-22. Grupo Modelo is a joint venture partner with Cargill Malt in the InteGrow malt plant in Idaho Falls. At Aberdeen, the team discussed new malting barley varieties with Dr. Gongshe Hu, the new ARS barley breeder and Dr. Juliet Marshall, UI cereal agronomist / pathologist.**



### **IBC sets fall meeting for October 24 at ARS facility in Aberdeen**

The IBC will conduct its fall commission meeting on Monday, October 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm. We will discuss current and future research priorities in malting and food barley and review findings and recommendations from a mid-October investigative trip to meet with major Midwestern food manufacturers on their interests and research needs with the goal of expanding the use of food barley as a cereal food ingredient. Growers are encouraged to attend the IBC meeting. For more agenda details please see our website at [www.idahobarley.org](http://www.idahobarley.org).