



IDAHO BARLEY NEWS BRIEF

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IBC hosts FHB forum next month

The Idaho Barley Commission has organized a forum on January 9 in Idaho Falls that will bring together barley producers, malting industry and scientists to evaluate the potential threat of Fusarium Head Blight disease in Western U.S. malting barley production regions. Experts will assess FHB observations in Idaho, changing climatic conditions, agronomic management and barley breeding for disease resistance.

Crunch time for farm bill

Despite making substantial progress recently in ironing out differences between the House and Senate passed farm bills, it now appears very likely that a vote on a final compromise will be pushed into January, with a short term extension to prevent dairy provisions from reverting to 1949 permanent law that would hike milk prices significantly.

The House of Representatives is set to recess on December 13, so time is quickly running out to complete the conference and pass a farm bill in the House this week. One of the sticking points that has held up progress has been finding a compromise on future funding for food stamps or the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. The House version cuts SNAP by \$39 billion over 10 years and the Senate bill \$3.9 billion.

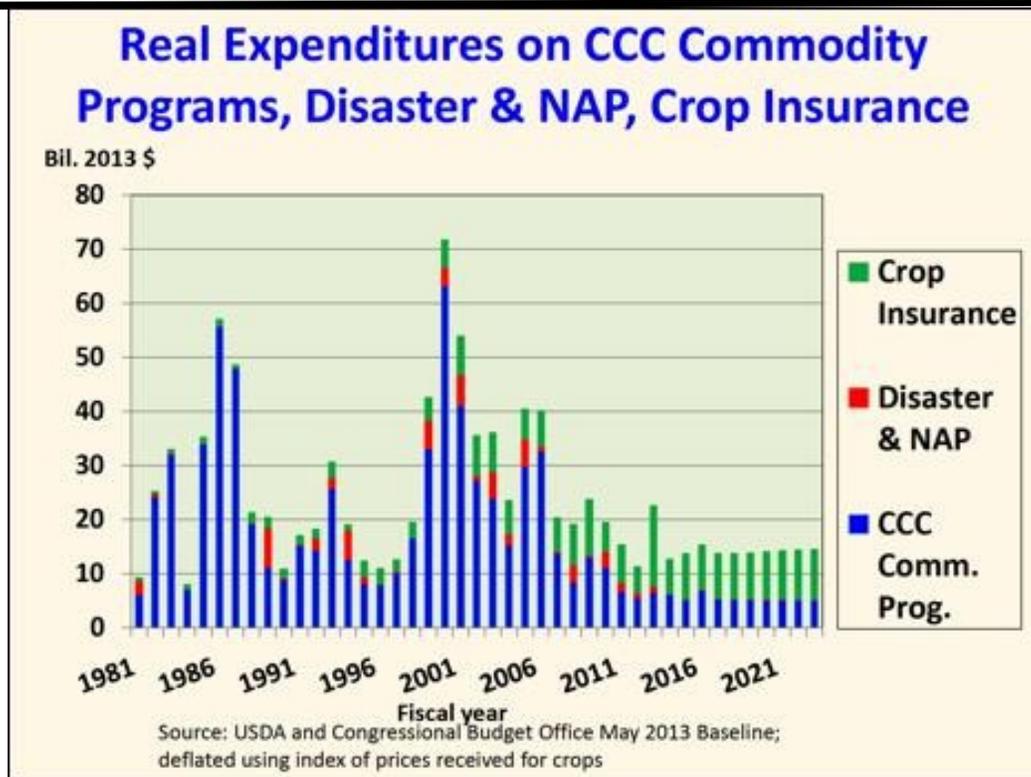
One issue is certain - direct payments will be gone. Some of that funding, however, will be used to boost spending levels for the \$9 billion annual crop insurance program, which enjoys strong support among producers and lawmakers. There are a couple insurance policy provisions that must be worked out: the Senate-passed version requires means testing by reducing crop insurance premium subsidies (averaged 62% in 2012) by 15% for producers with average adjusted gross income greater than \$750,000. The Senate bill also requires producers who participate in crop insurance to comply with conservation standards.

Crop insurance and farm program spending trends

While crop insurance indemnities in fiscal year 2013 were understandably higher due to the epic drought, overall farm safety net spending was not higher.

According to the National Crop Insurance Services, total farm safety net expenditures including insurance indemnities were higher in fiscal years '82, '83, '85, '86, '87, '93, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '05, '06, and '09 than in 2013. **See chart on page 2.**





Bavarian Barley Stew

- 1/2 pound medium or spicy bulk pork sausage
- 3/4 cup pearl barley
- 2 cups coarsely shredded cabbage
- 1 cup sliced carrot
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- 2 cans (14 1/2 oz. each) stewed or diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard, optional
- Toasted croutons, for garnish

Brown sausage in large heavy saucepan. Drain any excess fat from sausage. Add remaining ingredients, except mustard and croutons. Cover and simmer for 1 hour or until barley and vegetables are tender. Stir in mustard, if desired. Remove bay leaf before serving. Makes 6 servings. 303 calories.



2013 Idaho Barley Industry Service Awards presented to Dwight Little and Clay Kaasa

The Idaho Barley Commission presented its **2013 Idaho Barley Industry Service Awards this year to two of our own board members who will be concluding their six years of service on the Idaho Barley Commission next June: Commissioner Dwight Little, Teton, and Idaho Barley Industry Representative Clay Kaasa, Blackfoot.**

In presenting these awards, IBC Chairman Pat Purdy, Picabo, emphasized that both Dwight and Clay have demonstrated tremendous leadership in grower programs in eastern Idaho where 65% of our crop is grown.

Purdy further noted that both board members played key roles in helping guide the Idaho Barley Commission's year-long investigation and ultimate decision to move forward to a one million research endowment investment at the University of Idaho.

And finally, both have played important national roles in helping guide the U.S. barley industry on policy and marketing decisions and strategies.

For the past five and a half years, Dwight has served as one of two Idaho board members on the National Barley Growers Association which represents barley producers in the critically important federal policy arena. Dwight also has helped open doors and cement closer working relationships with producers and industry across the board in Canada. To his credit, Dwight was ALWAYS the first to volunteer to travel to Edmonton, Canada and other points north during the dead of winter to share information and learn from our friends, neighbors and competitors to the north.

Clay has served as a close and trusted advisor to the Commission and the US Grains Council on national and international marketing strategies for malting barley and malt. Clay's strategic thinking and counsel has been instrumental in helping the Council refine its marketing strategies in Latin America, an important growth market of the future.

To right: IBC Chairman Pat Purdy (right) presents 2013 Idaho Barley Industry Service Award to Commissioner Dwight Little (left).



IBC Administrator receives UI CALS Dean's Award

IBC Administrator Kelly Olson was honored by the University of Idaho College of Agricultural & Life Sciences (CALs) with its 2013 Deans Award. Kelly was recognized by CALS Dean John Foltz at a Celebrating Idaho Agriculture banquet held in Moscow on October 5.

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