



IDAHO BARLEY NEWSBRIEF

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Idaho barley check-off dollars at work... Two new board members join the IBC

Scott Brown, Soda Springs barley producer and long-time leader in Caribou County, Idaho Grain Producers and National Barley Growers, has been appointed to serve as the District III Eastern Idaho Barley Commissioner.

Tim Pella, 19-year veteran in the grain industry and manager of the Anheuser Busch Idaho Falls grain elevator, has been selected as the new Industry Representative.

Scott and Tim replace retiring board members Dwight Little, Teton, and Clay Kaasa, Great Western Malting

Inaugural Craft Brewer Tour deemed a success

The Idaho Barley Commission and Great Western Malting Co. hosted 31 representatives of the U.S. craft brewing industry and barley research community for a first-ever Craft Brewer Malting Barley Short Course and Field Tour in eastern Idaho on July 14-15. Participants came from 10 companies from 8 states, as far away as Maryland and South Dakota. They enjoyed barley field tours, a short course on malting barley and malt processing and toured the Great Western Malting plant in Pocatello. The tour was capped off with a steak dinner cooked by the Teton County 4-H Club at Grand Teton Brewing Co in Victor, ID, in the shadows of the Teton mountains.



MillerCoors, Anheuser Busch and InteGrow host grower appreciation events in July



Barley Agronomist Corner

This is an exciting time to be part of the University of Idaho, and I feel privileged to begin my tenure as investments are being made to support long-term research efforts for barley growers in the state. I sincerely appreciate the support of the Idaho Barley Commission and Idaho growers who made this position a reality. As the first Endowed Barley Research Agronomist, I look forward to working with all of you to address production concerns through research focused on establishing improved management practices in the region. I believe the financial commitment of the Idaho Barley Commission and the University of Idaho to this position will lead to research advances and improvements in management practices for growers in the state. I have had the opportunity to make initial visits with members of the Idaho Barley Commission and fellow scientists to discuss issues that are of concern in the region. Additionally, I was able to participate in the North American Barley Researchers Workshop in Minnesota to further understand the current state of science. As I begin to establish my research and extension program, I will be participating in extension events and I encourage you to take the opportunity to come to these events to learn about future research plans. I hope to hear from you, as the feedback and contributions from all growers, county extension personnel, consultants, and barley industry stakeholders are crucial for creating a productive research and extension program to address current needs in barley production. **Christopher W. Rogers, Ph.D. (Dr. Rogers began his new career at the University of Idaho Aberdeen Research and Extension Center on July 28).**



Left: Anheuser Busch representatives Tim Pella (new IBC industry representative), Angie Slaughter and Katie Hoard examine malting barley varieties at Bonneville County Cereal Extension Field Day in Idaho Falls on July 16.

Right: University of Idaho Research Entomologist Arash Rashed, based at Aberdeen Research & Extension Center, visits with Soda Springs growers on July 10 to discuss pest problems and discuss control strategies and Dr. Rashed's long-term research projects.

