



IDAHO BARLEY NEWS BRIEF

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Idaho barley check-off dollars at work... FY 2017 budget -

The IBC set a FY 2017 budget of \$717,953, up 9.5% from last year at their annual budget meeting held June 6-7 in Bonners Ferry. Allocations include:

- Administration - 13%
- Research - 51%
- Market Development - 12%
- Grower Services - 16%
- Info / Education - 8%

2017 RESEARCH PROJECTS:

UI Barley Agronomy Endowment \$200,000
Soil Test Methods for N \$14,156
Inorganic P fertility \$15,241
N portioning & fertilizer N use efficiency \$8,872
ARS barley breeding \$47,000
Barley Nurseries \$14,672
Elite barley evaluation in North Idaho \$3,965
Wireworm control \$15,444
Long-term impacts of manure applications \$16,000

2016 Idaho Barley Field Days

Craft Brewer Barley Short Course, June 20-21 in Pocatello, Burley & Twin Falls



Anheuser Busch & InteGrow Barley Grower Field Day, July 14 in Idaho Falls



UI & ARS Cereal Field Day, July 13 at Aberdeen R&E Center



Barley Agronomist Corner

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The University of Idaho Barley Agronomy program is currently working on a wide range of experiments with a large focus on soil fertility on both winter and spring barley. We have been fortunate to receive support from the Idaho Barley Commission and the barley industry. One major ongoing project we have that was supported by the Idaho Barley Commission is an evaluation of nitrogen fertilizer management strategies for malt barley production. This study focuses on an evaluation of new/alternative soil tests in an attempt to more accurately predict the total N available for the crop during the growing season. This study is focused on correlation and calibration of soil test values to crop factors in irrigated production. This is a long-term process as multiple years and locations of data are needed to assess and determine the applicability of the tests, as well as improve on previous recommendations. One of the critical values of interest is the mineralized soil N where currently an estimate of 45 lb N/acre is used. Our initial evaluation has provided evidence of several tests that may more accurately describe the soil N through early season soil tests. However, we have only completed the analysis of the 1st phase of the experiment where we have evaluated the soil tests in the laboratory to determine their applicability. The 2nd phase is underway where we will correlate soil-N test values with crop parameters to determine the applicability of the new tests. In addition to these new methods, we also always include inorganic-N so we will be able to add our data into previous datasets and improve our current recommendations. When investigating soil test methodologies it always important to remember,

“The usefulness of any of these soil tests will ultimately be judged on its ability to be correlated and calibrated with crop response parameters” FJ Stevenson

Finally, we look forward to hearing 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 the current needs of Idaho growers.



NO RESEARCH
NO BARLEY
NO BEER



Updates on Malting Barley Industry Field Personnel

Several of Idaho's malting barley industry partners have announced changes and additions to their field personnel who work directly with Idaho growers. These include:

Anheuser Busch InBev announced earlier this spring they wanted to beef up the field representation in their agricultural programs. To help achieve this goal they formed an Agro Field Team that is solely dedicated to working directly with Idaho barley growers:



Doug Peck
Regional Ag
Manager
26 yrs with Busch



Boyd Coles
East ID Field Rep
19 yrs with Busch



Kenny Rounds
South ID Field Rep
3 yrs with Busch

Great Western Malting Co. announced the retirement of Randy Neiwirth this spring. Randy provided exceptional grower service as GWM's Eastern Idaho field rep for the past 41 years. Randy also served as the first Industry Representative on the Idaho Barley Commission from 1988 to 1995 (*featured in upper right photo: Randy Neiwirth (far left), Scott Brown (IBC), Greg Friberg and Clay Kaasa taken at GWM's groundbreaking ceremony for their Pocatello malt plant expansion*). He has been replaced by Dustin Camphouse who joined the GWM barley procurement team in Blackfoot in November after working for the Anheuser Busch Co. for 10 years (*featured in lower right photo to far right at dinner with Mexican craft brewers in Pocatello in June*). Dustin works at the Blackfoot procurement office with Clay Kaasa, GWM Director of Barley Procurement. Dustin helped organize and host the Craft Brewer Idaho Barley Tour in southern Idaho in June.



InteGrow has expanded its Idaho barley procurement presence with the addition of a new field agronomy team hired in spring 2016:

Max (Alan) Parkinson - Barley Procurement Manager and Agronomy Team Lead, 208-709-8447 (*featured in photo to left taken at Busch and InteGrow Barley Grower Day on July 14 in Idaho Falls*) was hired to replace John Zietz in October 2015.

Alexander Torgeson, member of a prominent Soda Springs barley farming family and graduate of Utah State University, was hired in February 2016.

Pedee Ewing, native of Meridian and graduate of University of Idaho with masters in plant sciences was hired in March.

Logan Schmidt, native of Rigby and graduate of BYI Idaho in agricultural business was hired in June.

Wes Hubbard appointed North Idaho Barley Commissioner

Wes Hubbard has been appointed by Governor Butch Otter to serve a three-year term as North Idaho barley commissioner, effective July 1, 2016. Wes has been a long-time leader in the Idaho Grain Producer Association, serving as Boundary County director for the past 11 years.



Mr. Hubbard is a second generation barley producer in Boundary County, where his family moved from Grace, Idaho, in 1966. Wes says he was “drawn to serve as a grain leader by my desire to become better educated about grain production techniques and policy issues that affect grain producers’ bottom-line. I have always enjoyed associating with my peers and learning from their experiences and wisdom.

I am honored to be tapped by Governor Otter to serve north Idaho barley growers on the Idaho Barley Commission. I will do my best over the next three years to reach out to growers across North Idaho to better understand their issues and priorities,” he concludes. The North Idaho commissioner represents growers across a large region, stretching from Bonners Ferry to as far south as Grangeville.

Mr. Hubbard farms 1000 acres of barley, including new food barley varieties being grown under contract for Asian customers, winter wheat and canola on the family farm and manages another 500 acres of farmland in Boundary County for his brother. He has served on the Farm Service Agency County Committee for nine years and on the Idaho Oilseed Commission for the past four years. Wes and his wife Jolene have two sons Ethan and Dalin. He replaces Tim Dillin, who served on the Idaho Barley Commission from 2010 to 2016.

“We are very excited to welcome Wes to the Idaho Barley Commission,” said Scott Brown, commission chairman and barley producer from Soda Springs. “Wes brings considerable experience working in the Idaho grain producer organization and is well respected by his fellow grain leaders. North Idaho barley producers are fortunate to have Wes’ talents, experience and enthusiasm working on their behalf.”

