

# IDAHO BARLEY NEWS BRIEF

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Federal tax changes for  
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can Taxpayer Relief Act of  
2012 - [http://  
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March 8, 2013 – Barley,  
Alfalfa and Livestock  
Crop Insurance Options  
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connect.cals.uidaho.edu/  
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Feb. 8, 2013 - Global Grain  
Market Outlook at  
[http://connect.cals.uidaho.e  
du/p89861735/](http://connect.cals.uidaho.edu/p89861735/)

Jan. 17, 2013 - How to  
Hedge Grain Prices Using  
Recurring Trends & Mar-  
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[http://connect.cals.uidaho.e  
du/p71004116/](http://connect.cals.uidaho.edu/p71004116/)

Nov. 20, 2012 - Executing  
a 2012/13 Grain Marketing  
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du/p20437593/](http://connect.cals.uidaho.edu/p20437593/)

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## USDA Prospective Planting and Quarterly Stocks Estimates

**USDA released key reports today (March 28) that will help  
drive near-by price action...**

**BARLEY** – USDA is projecting 2013 barley planted acres at 3.63 million, unchanged from the previous year. March 1 quarterly barley stocks are pegged at 116 million bu, up 24% from a year ago. The December 2012-February 2013 indicated disappearance totaled 41.7 million bu, down 8% from the same period a year ago.

**Idaho barley acres are projected at 620,000, up 2% from last year.**

**Idaho barley stocks are pegged at 27.7 million bu, up 15% from a year ago.**

**WHEAT**– USDA is projecting 2013 all wheat planted acres at 56.4 million, up 1% from 2012, including 12.7 million other spring wheat. This estimate is in line with the average trade estimate of 56.414 million, but is above the trade's projection of 12.45 million acres for other spring wheat. March 1 quarterly wheat stocks are pegged at 1.23 billion bu, higher than the average trade estimate of 1.199 billion bu, and up 3% from a year ago. The December 2012-February 2013 indicated disappearance totaled 436 million bu, down 6% from the same period a year ago.

**Idaho wheat acres are projected at 1.318 million, nearly unchanged from last year. Idaho wheat stocks are pegged at 30.8 million bu, down 26% from a year ago.**

**CORN**– USDA is projecting 2013 corn planted acres at 97.3 million, up slightly from last year and in line with average trade estimates of 97.328 million. March 1 quarterly corn stocks are pegged at 5.4 billion bu, higher than the average trade estimate of 5.013 billion bu, but down 10% from a year ago. The December 2012- February 2013 indicated disappearance was 2.63 billion bu, down 27% from the same period a year ago.

**Grain markets traded sharply lower in reaction to the bearish stocks report.**

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Oct. 30, 2012 - 2012/13 Grain Market Outlook & Understanding Technical Trends –  
<http://connect.cals.uidaho.edu/p47995616/>



**Want information on how different barley varieties perform in different regions of the state?** Check the Idaho Barley Commission website at [www.barley.idaho.gov](http://www.barley.idaho.gov) for 2012 University of Idaho Extension barley variety performance data recently published in the **Spring 2013 Idaho Grain Magazine**.

## IGPA's 2013 Legislative Checklist

Dar Olberding, Idaho Grain Producers Association lobbyist, reports that the 2013 Idaho legislative session is preparing to wrap up, pending completion of the FY 2014 K-12 education funding package. He reports success on several IGPA-supported initiatives:

- S. 1064 Oversized Truck Weight Routes** - makes permanent a pilot project established 10 years ago to allow truck weights up to 129,000 lbs on 35 designated routes on state roads in southern Idaho. **Signed into law by Governor Otter on March 22.**
- H.B. 248 State Health Insurance Exchange** - establishes a state-run (rather than opting for a federally controlled) health insurance exchange. **Transmitted to Governor Otter on March 26.**
- S. 1144 FY 2014 Appropriations for Idaho Agricultural Research & Extension** - provides total appropriations of **\$24,474,700** for University of Idaho Agricultural Research & Extension operations. This amount includes \$650,000 permanent increase in operating and \$350,000 one-time capital outlay. The operating dollars will be used to maintain the basic operations of our 12 Research and Extension Centers across the state. Specifically, to pay utility costs for heating and cooling of greenhouses, operate irrigation pumps, to pay for fuel, fertilizer, seed and some building and equipment maintenance. **Signed into law by Governor Otter on March 21.**