

IDAHO BARLEY NEWS BRIEF

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U.S. barley - The IBC hosted a 9-member Japanese barley trade team in Portland on October 18, focusing on both feed and food barley interests. The IBC thanked team members for their recent purchases of PNW feed barley, totaling 60 TMT since June 1, a substantial increase over last year.



Japanese barley team enjoys dinner at Portland microbrewery.

IBC announces Winter 2012/13 Grain Marketing Education Program

IBC will be offering its 11th series of Grain Marketing & Risk Management workshops and webinars starting at the end of October and concluding early next March. Confirmed educational programs include:

WEBINAR 1 – 2012/13 Grain Market Outlook & Understanding Technical Trends in Grain Futures –

Presented by Kelly Olson and Craig Corbett. **Scheduled Oct. 30 MST at 8:30 a.m. for 1 hour.**

WEBINAR 2 – Creating & Fine-tuning a 2012/13

Grain Marketing Plan – presented by Craig Corbett and Carley Garner, commodity broker. **Scheduled Nov. 20 at 3:00 p.m. MST for 1 1/2 hours.**

Write a plan in March 2012 – describe the marketing tools that seemed most appropriate at that time and explain how to execute
Make adjustments to the plan in October 2012 – review what has happened in the market for the past 6 months and explain mid-course adjustments that seem appropriate.

To participate in these web-based workshops from your own computer, log onto: <https://connect.cals.uidaho.edu/barley/>

Basic Grain Marketing Workshops - live sessions will be held in Rexburg and Pocatello

Dec. 4 - How do grain markets work and what tools are available?

9:00 - 11:00 am at Rexburg Library, 73 N Center

2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Idaho Farm Bureau main office in Pocatello, 275 Tierra Vista Dr., alongside I-15

Dec. 5 - Developing a 2013 Grain Marketing Plan using cash and hedging tools and technical futures trading signals

8:00 - 11:00 am at Rexburg Americinn, 1098 Golden Beauty Drive

2:00 - 5:00 pm at Idaho Farm Bureau main office in Pocatello

Dec. 10 - Making adjustments to your Grain Marketing Plan in Volatile Grain Markets



Ethanol supporters defend the Renewable Fuels Standard

Petitions were filed this summer with the US Environmental Protection Agency by several state governors and livestock organizations to waive the Renewable Fuel Standards for 2013, which mandates blending 13.2 gallons of corn-based ethanol into the 2012 U.S. gasoline supply (about 4.7 billion bushels corn) and 13.8 billion gallons next year (4.9 billion bushels corn). A couple notable studies done on the effects of a waiver on the corn market (Iowa State University and the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute) suggest that there will NOT be an overwhelming negative corn price impact if EPA grants the waiver in 2013. EPA is expected to rule on the waiver by early November.

In an effort to counter these efforts to waive the nation's Renewable Fuel Standard, biofuel industry stakeholders have launched a major new campaign to educate consumers and policy makers about the benefits of renewable fuel to America's economy, energy security and environment.

Their new coalition – Fuels America – includes renewable fuel, national security, renewable energy and other stakeholders. Among those who are part of the coalition are Growth Energy, the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA), American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE), National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) and the Advanced Ethanol Council (AEC).

Highlights of 2012 Idaho Barley Crop

USDA/NASS released their final 2012 Small Grains Production Summary on September 28. Here are some highlights for the Idaho and U.S. barley crops.

HARVESTED ACRES

U.S. barley - 3.24 million acres, up 45% from last year.

Idaho barley - 590,000 acres, up 18%. According to the NASS barley variety survey that was released in July (funded by the IBC), 77% of Idaho's acres were planted to malting varieties and 23% to feed and food types. The leading varieties grown in Idaho this year include: Conrad (24%), Metcalf e (14%), Merit and Merit 57 (13%), Moravian 69 (12%), Baronesse (7%) and Copeland (4%).

PRODUCTION

U.S. barley - 220.28 million bushels, up 41% from last year.

Idaho barley - 53.69 million bushels, up 15% from 2011.



Fall in love with barley foods...

Barley, Black Bean and Corn Burritos

For the burrito mixture:

- 1 (15-ounce) can of black beans (rinsed and drained)
- 1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes with chiles undrained
- 1 cup uncooked pearl barley
- 2 cups water or chicken broth
- 3/4 cup frozen corn
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1 Tablespoon lime juice
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 minced garlic clove

to serve:

- tortillas
- sour cream
- cheese
- cilantro
- shredded lettuce
- salsa
- lime wedges

Put all of the burrito ingredients in the slow cooker. Give a good mix and cook on the low heat setting for 4 to 5 hours or until the barley is tender and the liquid is absorbed.

Warm some tortillas, shred some lettuce, slice a lime, and set out the other toppings.

Make burritos with the mixture.



The 2012 TRI-STATE GRAIN GROWERS CONVENTION is scheduled November 12-14 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. For more information on the convention agenda and how to register please go to the Idaho Grain Producers Association website at www.idahograin.org.