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2012 Idaho Barley Varieties

Conrad (B5057) remains Idaho's leading malt variety for 2012. Conrad (B5057) accounted for 24.4 percent of all barley planted and 31.7 percent of the total malting variety acres. The leading feed variety was Baronesse, accounting for 7.4 percent of all barley planted. Baronesse accounted for 32.2 percent of the feed/food variety acres.

Malting Varieties: Malting varieties accounted for 77.0 percent of all barley acres in 2012, up 1.6 percentage points from last year. The leading malting variety was Conrad (B5057) accounting for 24.4 percent of all barley acres, which is at an increase of 2.7 percentage points from 2011. The second largest malting variety was AC Metcalfe with 13.6 percent of the acreage. Moravian 69 (C69) was third with 11.8 percent, Merit 57 (B2657) was fourth with 8.4 percent and Merit (B4947) was fifth with 5.0 percent of all barley acres.

Feed/Food Varieties: Feed/Food varieties accounted for 23.0 percent of all barley acres in 2012, which is a decline of 1.6 percentage points from 2011. Baronesse continues to be the leading feed variety, accounting for 7.4 percent of all barley acres, down 0.6 percentage points from a year ago. Champion is the second largest feed variety with 4.0 percent of the barley acreage followed by Criton with 1.5 percent of the acres. AB 2323 is fourth with 1.3 percent and Goldeneye is fifth with 0.8 percent of all barley acres planted.

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