Idaho Barley Leads the Nation!

Idaho’s share of the 2019 U.S. Barley Crop

Idaho produced 54.6 million bushels of barley in 2019—up 2% over 2018, with 520,000 harvested acres at an average yield of 105 bushels per acre.

The 2019 Idaho barley crop value is estimated at $274 million with the average price per bushel at $5.02 according to USDA NASS data.

What Makes Idaho Special?

Idaho’s altitude, high desert climate and agronomic conditions including abundant irrigation water, make it an ideal location to grow a consistent, reliable supply of top-quality barley, highly sought after by the malting industry, as well as for livestock feed and food barley products.

About 75% of Idaho’s barley acres are irrigated giving Idaho growers the ability to manage their production and deliver a crop that meets contract specs nearly 95% of the time, much higher than any other state.

About 75% of Idaho’s barley goes to make malt—and that’s a lot of BEER!

54,600,000 bushels of barley produced in Idaho in 2019 (75% Malt Barley) = 12,297,123 Barrels 381,210,813 Gallons 4.1 Billion 12oz Bottles of BEER

With its high beta-glucan fiber, food barley has impressive health benefits including lowering total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol, reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease, slowing carbohydrate digestion and reducing the rise in glucose and insulin, promoting friendly bacteria in the gut for a healthier digestive system. For more information, go to www.EatBarley.com.

Heart Healthy
Low Glycemic Index
High Fiber
Whole Grain
Gut Health

NATURE’S HEARTY GRAIN

Food barley is a growing market for Idaho growers.