

2025-2026



MALTING BARLEY

RECOMMENDED VARIETIES

THE CANADIAN MALTING BARLEY TECHNICAL CENTRE (CMBTC) RECOMMENDED LIST provides producers with an indication of which malting barley varieties have the greatest potential for selection and marketing. Each variety on the recommended list has been tested at the CMBTC and all exhibit good malting characteristics. All varieties on the list are registered with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).

RECOMMENDED VARIETIES¹

VARIETY	AAC CONNECT	CDC FRASER	CDC CHURCHILL	AAC SYNERGY	CDC COPELAND
EXPORT DEMAND	Growing ↑	Growing ↑	Growing ↑	Peaked ▲	Peaked ▲
DOMESTIC DEMAND	Growing ↑	Growing ↑	Growing ↑	Declining ↓	Declining ↓
SEED DISTRIBUTOR	CANTERRA SEEDS	SeCan	SeCan	FP Genetics	SeCan

2024 SEEDED AREA BY MAJOR MALTING VARIETY PERCENTAGE (%) - WESTERN CANADA



VARIETY	2022	2023	2024
AAC SYNERGY	28.5	32.2	33.6
CDC COPELAND	31.2	22.3	17.4
AAC CONNECT	9.7	12.3	12.4
CDC FRASER	3.8	6.4	8.4
CDC CHURCHILL	0.9	3.1	7.1

Distribution of malting barley varieties as a percentage (%) of area seeded with malting barley in western Canada in 2024. Source: CGC (based on data from provincial crop insurance agencies).

ADDITIONAL MALTING VARIETIES

For additional contracting options, contact your malting barley buyer about:

- **Legacy** (FP Genetics)
- **Bill Coors 100** (Stamp Seeds)
- **CDC GoldStar** (CANTERRA SEEDS)²

Canada also has two registered non-GN³ barley varieties – **AB Dram** (SeedNet) and **SY Stanza** (FP Genetics) suitable for distilling as well as brewing.

This recommended list focuses on varieties best suited to **western Canada**, which may differ from high-potential varieties in eastern regions.

See the list of all **designated malting varieties** by region on the Canadian Grain Commission website under "Variety Designation Lists."

THE CMBTC AND ITS MEMBERS RECOMMEND:

Consult: Connect with local malting, grain, or seed company representatives to discuss options for growing malting barley.

Contract: Explore opportunities to contract production of malting barley.

Use certified seed: Certified seed helps ensure high-quality barley with varietal purity, meeting buyer standards of >95%.

VARIETIES IN DEVELOPMENT

These newly registered varieties are undergoing seed propagation and commercial market development. Contact the seed distributor for opportunities to trial these promising new varieties.

VARIETY	AAC PRAIRIE	AB FOOTHILLS
SEED DISTRIBUTOR	CANTERRA SEEDS	CANTERRA SEEDS
FEATURES	Short, strong straw; medium protein; high enzyme	High yield; lower protein; high enzyme
TARGET MARKET	Adjunct Brewing	Adjunct Brewing

¹ "Peaked" indicates future demand for this variety is expected to decline as end-users transition to newer varieties.

² Contact Boortmalt for CDC GoldStar contracting opportunities.

³ Non-Glycosidic Nitrile.



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