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Press Release: AMBA Recommended Malting Barley Varieties for 2018

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Milwaukee – January 3, 2018 - The American Malting Barley Association (AMBA) has updated its list of recommended malting barley varieties for the 2018 crop year. AMBA is a nonprofit trade association of brewing, distilling and malting companies that are end users of malting barley. The list is meant to inform US producers which malting barley varieties the industry intends to use in the upcoming year. Not all varieties are used in large quantities and it is important that producers contact their local elevator, grain handler or processor to determine the market demand for a variety prior to seeding.

Two varieties from the 2017 list have been dropped and three varieties have been added for 2018. CDC Meredith and Stellar-ND are no longer recommended varieties. Additions include the three spring, two-row varieties Explorer, Newdale, and Propino. Explorer was developed by the French company, Secobra Recherches and has been grown in Europe, Asia and South America. It has been grown successfully in the west and upper Midwest US. Dr. William Legg, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, bred Newdale which received full registration for Canada in 2001. In the US, Newdale is primarily being grown in Maine. Propino was developed by Syngenta and has been recommended for brewing in the United Kingdom since 2010. It has performed well in the western US.

The full list of recommended malting barley varieties for 2018 is as follows:

Two-Rows

AAC Synergy	Conrad	LCS Genie	Newdale
ABI Voyager	Endeavor*	Merit 57	Pinnacle
AC Metcalfe	Expedition	Moravian 37	Propino
CDC Copeland	Explorer	Moravian 69	Scarlett
Charles*	Harrington	ND Genesis	Wintmalt*
Conlon	Hockett		

Six-Rows

Celebration	Lacey	Quest	Tradition
Innovation	Legacy	Thoroughbred*	

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