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### **New NDSU Publication Available for Malting Barley Producers**

The American Malting Barley Association (AMBA) and North Dakota State University Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences (IBMS) have released a publication titled "Harvesting, Drying, and Storing Malting Barley" to help malting barley growers produce the best quality crop possible.

The publication contains information on the types of potential damage to malting barley kernels during harvesting and storage and how to prevent or reduce problems.

Producing a high quality malting barley crop requires specific conditions, many of which growers cannot control. To produce a high quality crop, growers must control as many factors, such as good harvest and storage practices, as possible to ensure the end quality.

"Maltsters and brewers depend on American barley producers for a good supply of quality grain," says Paul Schwarz, IBMS director. "There has been a steady decrease in the supply of malting barley for beer production, which makes the need for a quality crop crucial. This document can serve as a good resource for growers seeking to produce and sell the best quality crop for the best price, with the goal of creating a supply of excellent barley and malt for maltsters and brewers."

"Harvesting, Drying, and Storing Malting Barley" is available on the AMBA and IBMS Web sites at <http://www.AMBAinc.org/pub/Production/Harvesting.pdf> or <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ibms/Harvesting1.pdf>. Producers also can contact Karen Hertsgaard at [karen.hertsgaard@ndsu.edu](mailto:karen.hertsgaard@ndsu.edu) or call (701) 231-8063.

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