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### **Establish a History of Malting Barley Production Now**

Keeping detailed records of malting barley production and sales could be especially helpful to malting barley growers at this point in time.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) is rewriting and simplifying large sections of the current Common Crop Insurance Regulations often referred to as the COMBO project. These changes could impact malt barley producers through a contract fulfillment requirement under Option B of the malting barley endorsement.

Both the National Barley Growers Association (NBGA) and the American Malting Barley Association, Inc. (AMBA) opposed these requirements and it is not clear how they will be implemented. "We don't know what the final FCIC rule will look like, but we do know that the proposed rule had a contract fulfillment requirement," said Scott Heisel of AMBA. He noted that "keeping good records may be the key to making the most of crop insurance in the future."

The COMBO project is not scheduled for implementation before 2010 and may not be ready until 2011 or later.