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National Barley Growers Association summer meeting held

New officers began terms during the 2009 National Barley Growers Association (NBGA) Summer Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 23-25. Dave Henderson, Montana Grain Growers Association became Chair and Scott Brown, Idaho Grain Producers, became the Vice Chair. Henderson and Brown will serve two year terms. Henderson replaces the retiring Richard Groven, North Dakota Barley Council, who has served as Chair since 2007.

The NBGA is dedicated to advancing the national and international interests of barley producers and is supported by the Idaho Barley Commission, Idaho Grain Producers Association, Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board, Montana Grain Growers Association, Montana Wheat and Barley Committee, Minnesota Barley Growers Association, North Dakota Barley Council, Oregon Grains Commission, and the Washington Grain Alliance.

During the two day meeting the group reviewed and discussed worldwide barley production trends, consumption and procurement strategies, farm legislation issues and funding trends for research and other projects. The group also voted to sign on to a Climate Change Agriculture Principles document written by Minnesota Congressman Collin Peterson titled "Principles for Greenhouse Gas Legislation". The document is supported by 15 other Ag organizations.

Also attending the meeting were representatives of the above funding organizations, the American Malting Barley Association the Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences and the malting and brewing industry.