

Barley Yield Contest
2024 Rules

821 West State Street

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CONTEST DEADLINES

ENTRIES must be submitted by **OCTOBER 14TH, 2024**.

HARVEST: A Harvest Report Form will be made available to the contestant starting June 1st.

All forms must be completed and postmarked or emailed to the Idaho Barley Commission's office no later than October 15, 2024.

*There will be no extension of deadlines. Results and awards will be announced no later than December 1st, 2024.

CONTESTANT QUALIFICATIONS

Contestant must be a certified FSA owner/operator (or child of owner/operator) of the entry plot. **FSA Form 578 Producer Print (showing all farms in the operation) required with entry**, showing a minimum of 20 acres of barley in an operation. Multiple 5-acre entries may be entered on a farm, but each entry must be on a separate entry form. Partnerships can be entered under the partnership name. Contestants must be at least 14 years of age at the time of entry. Only one winner per FSA tract number is eligible to be a state and national winner. Idaho Barley Commission commissioners, employees and spouses are prohibited from entering the contest.

CONTEST DIVISIONS

- Irrigated Spring Barley
- Irrigated Winter Barley
- Dryland Spring Barley

FIELD QUALIFICATIONS

A complete field of **5** or more continuous acres, planted in the barley seed variety named on the entry form, will be designated as the contest field. The contest field must be designated on an aerial map.

The aerial map must be included with the entry and the harvest report. Each plot's harvest report will be limited to a single harvest per year. A grower must have a minimum of 20 acres of barley production.

SUPERVISOR QUALIFICATIONS

A qualified supervisor must be present during the entire harvest and weighing. The supervisor must complete and sign the Harvest Report Form. Supervisor must not be in a business relationship with the contestant.

Supervisors MUST be from the following list:

- FFA Advisers
- Vocational Agricultural Instructor
- County Extension Agent or Assistant
- FSA CED/Loan Manager/Officer
- SWCD Employees
- College of Agriculture Instructor

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- American Society of Farm Manager
- Accredited Farm Manager
- Crop Insurance Agents/Adjustors (not contestant's service officer)
- Bank Ag Loan Officer (not contestant's loan officer)

Supervisors from the following list will NOT be accepted and the entry will be disqualified:

- Private crop consultant or agronomist
- Anyone who has financial or direct business tie to a company that sells agribusiness supplies (i.e. seed or chemical representatives, farm equipment salesmen, etc.)
- Employee/relative of the contestant lending agencies
- The contestant himself/herself
- Employees of any sponsors affiliated with the Barley Yield Contest
- Idaho Barley Commission commissioners and staff

*Potential supervisors that are not included in this list, can be approved by the Idaho Barley Commission.

HARVESTING RULES

The supervisor must be present during the entire harvest of the contest plot, must make all field measurements and computations, oversee the weighing, **INCLUDING LOADING AND UNLOADING**, verify the date of harvest, report location of the contest field.

Initial Check: The contestant must harvest and report a minimum of 1.5 contiguous acres.

Second Check: Balance of acres in plot

WEIGHING

After harvesting, a load's gross weight must be determined first, followed by empty or tare weight on the same date. Determination of a load's gross weight must occur before determination of tare weight. If time and date of weighing are not automatically stamped on weight ticket(s), supervisors must sign and note both time and date of both weights on the weight ticket(s).

JUDGING

Decisions of the Idaho Barley Commission in all matters pertaining to the contest are final. The IBC reserves the right to disqualify any entry without a refund for violation of these stated rules. All division places will be determined by yield only. In the event of a tie, the contestant harvesting and reporting the largest acreage will be declared the winner. If a second tiebreaker is needed, the contestant with the longest time between the entry date and the harvest date will be named the winner. Any entry is subject to further review. Any contestant committing fraud will be barred from the contest for three years.

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CONTEST WINNERS, CATEGORIES AND AWARDS

*All results will be posted to the Idaho Barley Commission website under the “Barley Yield Contest”.

County Winners: In each county, the contestant(s) with the highest percent over the average county yield in each division will be named the county winner. All county winners will receive acknowledgment and publicized.

State Winners: First, second, and third place state winners in each division will be recognized and given plaques, as outlined below. All first-place winners from each division (Irrigated Spring, Irrigated Winter, Dryland Spring) will be considered to receive a paid trip to the 2025 Commodity Classic in Denver, Colorado March 2 – March 4, 2025.

There will only be one Commodity Classic trip awarded. State winners will receive other prizes, to be determined. The recipient(s) of the trip will be selected from the six divisions winners for 2024.

The winner of the trip to the Commodity Classic will be allowed one guest to accompany them. Winners under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult, in which the cost will be covered.

Irrigated Spring Barley

- High Yield: 1st – 3rd
- % over county average: 1st - 3rd

Irrigated Winter Barley

- High Yield: 1st – 3rd
- % over county average: 1st - 3rd

Dryland Spring Barley

- High Yield: 1st – 3rd
- % over county average: 1st – 3rd

*If you have any questions about the contest rules or other documents please reach out to:

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