



National Barley Yield Contest



2025 Rules

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CONTEST DEADLINES

Harvest Entry Forms will be available starting June 1st and must be submitted by **OCTOBER 15TH, 2025**.

All forms must be completed and postmarked or emailed to the Idaho Barley Commission's office no later than October 15, 2025.

*There will be no extension of deadlines. Results and awards will be announced no later than December 1st, 2025.

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 and can use this program towards their 4-H or Supervised Agricultural Experience FFA project. 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

* Each division will also include a “**Percent Over County Average**” category, recognizing entries that most significantly exceed their respective county's historical average yield.

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 Harvest Entry Form.** Each plot's harvest entry form will be limited to a single harvest per year. A grower must have a minimum of 20 acres of barley production.

HARVESTING RULES

We have decided to remove the requirement of a supervisor during harvest for this contest year. This decision comes in response to the challenges many growers have faced in coordinating with a supervisor on short notice, especially given the time-sensitive nature of harvest.

We do not want any participant to be discouraged from entering the contest due to difficulties in meeting this requirement. Therefore, this portion of the rules will be void for one contest year and re-evaluated afterward. We trust in the integrity of our community to uphold the spirit of the contest during this adjustment.



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Harvested Acres

To qualify for competition, a contestant must enter at least 5 continuous acres and harvest a minimum of 1.5 acres from the same field designated as the contest field on the entry form (Please check acreage calculations closely. 1.4999 acres **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**). Each plot's harvest report will be limited to a single harvest per year.

Field Measurements

All measurements should be made with steel or fiberglass tape or measuring wheel. Show all the calculations on the Harvest Report Form. Calculate the harvested area in acres carried to four decimal places using one of the following options:

Option A: If the harvested area is square or rectangular, the harvested area may be calculated: Length times width divided by 43,560 (sq. ft. in one acre) equals acres harvested.

Example: An area 275 ft. by 275 ft. would be calculated: 275 ft. X 275 ft. = 75,625 sq. ft. divided by 43,560 = 1.7361 acres harvested.

Option B: Measurements from Global Positioning Systems (GPS) will be accepted if accompanied by a printed map of field with acreage noted. Mobile apps may also be used.

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 the time and date of weighing are not automatically stamped on weight ticket(s), please sign and note both time and date of both weights on the weight ticket(s).

All weighing must be done on a state certified scale. **A weight ticket must be obtained and attached to the Harvest Entry Form.** The weight ticket should show the name of the company (scale), the time, the date, the load's gross weight (determined first) empty or tare weight on the same date (determined after the gross weight). **Weigh wagon weights are not allowed.**

Moisture Testing

An experienced person must make a moisture determination of a representative sample of barley on a state approved moisture tester. It is best to have the sample run through the meter 3 times and to average the 3 tests. **The moisture test must be shown on the weight ticket.**

Judging

Decisions of the National Barley Yield Contest (NBYC) in all matters pertaining to the contest are final. The NBYC 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. Any entry is subject to further review. Unintentional errors will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Deliberate misreporting may result in disqualification.



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Calculating Yields

Determine the number of bushels harvested, then divide by the acres harvested to get bushels per acre. Yields should be reported in bushels carried to two decimal places. Final yield calculations will be adjusted by the National Barley Yield Contest, to 12% moisture.

Quality Analysis Testing Instructions

Initial quality sample results should be checked as a local grain elevator/malt house within 24 hours of harvesting. The initial sample test should show test weight, moisture, and protein if possible (not required). Sample should be a minimum of 1-gallon plastic bag. Official samples need to be graded at a certified grain inspection service within your state. If you have trouble locating one, please contact Sydney Anderson (*see contact information below*) OR IGIS in Pocatello, Idaho will accept in-state and out-of-state samples. Use the Malt Barly test.

Please Mail Samples to:

Idaho Grain Inspection
P.O. Box 4209
Pocatello, ID 83205
Phone: (208)233-8303

Reporting

Harvest Entry Form must be completed. **Harvest Entry Form, FSA 578 Form, aerial map and weight tickets must be in the Idaho Barley Commission (ATTN: National Barley Yield Contest) office or emailed by October 15, 2024.** You may also use the link on our website to submit your Harvest Entry Form online. Harvest information arriving after the close of business (5 P.M.), will not be eligible for competition. The National Barley Yield Contest is not responsible for contest reports lost in the mail.

Please mail all documents to:

Idaho Barley Commission
Attn: Barley Yield Contest, Sydney Anderson
821 West State Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

OR email all documents to:

Sydney Anderson, National Barley Contest Program Manager
Idaho Barley Commission
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OR submit Harvest Entry Form information and supporting documents via the link:
idahobarleycommission.org/barley-yield-contest/



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CONTEST WINNERS, CATEGORIES AND AWARDS

All results will be posted to the Idaho Barley Commission website under the “National 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).

National Winners: First, second and third place national winners in each division will be recognized and given plaques, as outlined below. 1st – 3rd placings in each division will be awarded prizes, to be determined at a later date. 1st place winners in each division will be awarded a grand prize, to be determined at a later date.

As funding contributions are made available, prizes will be determined. We are working to secure similar high-value prizes, such as trips to Commodity Classic, pending sponsor support. Check the Idaho Barley Commission Website, under National Barley Yield Contest, for updates regarding the contest and its prizes.

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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