



## The Scoular Company selects Jerome as location to manufacture innovative barley protein concentrate; will add new barley production acres in Idaho

The Scoular Company announced on August 11 that it has selected Jerome, Idaho as the location to manufacture a new sustainable, plant-based alternative protein made from barley.



Scoular will build a 15,000-square-foot facility to manufacture the product, called barley protein concentrate (BPC), for use in aquaculture feed and pet food. The building will be constructed on 4 acres south of Scoular's existing livestock feed ingredients facility in Jerome. The operation is expected to create 13 jobs and begin manufacturing in May 2021.

Over the next three years this new endeavor will add 10,000 to 12,000 new barley production acres in Idaho according to JC Olson, Product Group Manager for Scoular. He emphasized the new production will be complimentary to Idaho's existing malt barley industry and not take away from current malt barley acres. In addition, Olson said Scoular has also expanded new barley production acres in Idaho recently through new export, food and feed barley initiatives.

"We're very excited that The Scoular Company chose Jerome as the site for this new investment," said Jerome Mayor Dave Davis. "The city is grateful that Scoular continues to demonstrate its long-term commitment to our community."



Scoular, based in Omaha, Nebraska, selected Jerome in south-central Idaho because of its proximity to its valued grain producer customers and end markets for the manufactured products, said Olson. He added that the project has been many years in the works. Idaho is the leading state for barley production in the United States growing nearly a third of the nation's barley crop. Scoular's presence in Idaho includes several grain handling facilities and the state-of-the-art livestock ingredients facility in Jerome.

Initially, the new manufacturing plant is projected to process 1.9 million bushels of barley annually, with capacity projected to expand over the next several years. Olson indicated this new facility is "an initial" investment in manufacturing barley protein concentrate and the company is committed to expanding production and markets for this product. A high-energy liquid feed supplement for cattle feeders will be co-produced.

"We look forward to making this investment in both Jerome and the state of Idaho," Olson said. "This

facility and innovative barley product will create a new market and greater stability for farmers in the Magic Valley region and throughout Idaho."

In June, Scoular and Montana Microbial Products announced that they had entered into an exclusive licensing agreement to produce and sell the barley protein concentrate (BPC), in North America and Asia. BPC is made from non-GMO barley in a process that does not use harsh chemicals or solvents. BPC will provide a non-GMO, clean-label solution for aquaculture and pet food manufacturers seeking high-protein nutrition for their formulas.

Also of note according to Olson, an overlooked value proposition for BPC in aqua is the relative zero discharge of phosphorus into the waterways, to the extent that it replaces other indigestible sources of phosphorous compounds that do find their way into our water resources.

For more information on BPC, email Olson at [JCOlson@Scoular.com](mailto:JCOlson@Scoular.com). ■

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# Jared Spackman Hired as NEW University of Idaho & Idaho Barley Commission Endowed Barley Research Agronomist

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Dr. Jared Spackman has been hired by the University of Idaho as the new UI Idaho Barley Commission Endowed Barley Research Agronomist. He started work at the Aberdeen Research and Extension Center on August 30.



Spackman is originally from Burley where he said he had great experiences learning from and working for local farming operations and agricultural industries. He earned his bachelor's degree in agribusiness from BYU-Idaho, and recently completed his graduate studies at the University of Minnesota where he earned master's and Ph.D. degrees in nutrient management.

Spackman's research has specifically focused on identifying nitrogen best management practices for corn production and improving our understanding of nitrogen cycling processes. He is excited to be able to come home and conduct research to improve Idaho barley management practices.

"I look forward to meeting with Idaho's barley producers, agronomists and crop consultants, county extension educators, and barley industry stakeholders," said Spackman. "Your feedback and insights will help

me to shape my research and extension program to address the current needs in barley production. As we attend extension and industry meetings, I hope you'll take the opportunity to introduce yourselves and to learn about my future research plans."

Idaho Barley Commission Chairman Mike Wilkins echoed Spackman's sentiments about getting him back to Idaho. "Dr. Spackman is a great hire for the University of Idaho in this important position endowed by the Idaho Barley Commission," said Wilkins. "It's great to have the top candidate being from Idaho and wanting to come back and help Idaho growers and the Idaho barley industry."



"Spackman is an outstanding early career scientist said Wilkins, and we're so

fortunate to be able to get him hired under the tough circumstances we've been under this year. We applaud the leadership of UI College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Dean Michael Parrella in working with the commission to get the hire made and get Spackman on board."

Spackman will fill the vacancy left by Dr. Chris Rogers as he moved to a USDA-ARS position in 2019. ■

# Allen Young of Blackfoot Appointed as New Idaho Barley Commissioner

Allen Young of Blackfoot has been appointed by Governor Brad Little for a three-year term as the as the new Idaho Barley Commissioner representing District 3. Young succeeds Scott Brown of Soda Springs who completed two terms on June 30.



Young has farmed in the Blackfoot area since 1982, first with his wife Jackie, and then in partnership with his sons as Young Family Farms since 2016, currently growing barley, wheat, and alfalfa on 3,000 irrigated acres.

In addition, Young earned a degree in Agricultural Economics from Brigham Young University in 1981. He has served as a board member of the CHS Bingham cooperative for 21 years and has been involved with the Idaho Grain Producers Association for many years, besides local church and volunteer activities.

Upon being appointed for this important role, Young said, "I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Idaho Barley Commission. I recognize and appreciate the work the commission has done to help develop markets, and their efforts in support of research and education. I look forward to working with the barley growers of Idaho, to continue to improve our industry." ■