2005 VARIETY TESTING WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY FAIRFIELD SPRING BARLEY

	5 YEAR	3 YEAR	2 YEAR	2005	2005
VARIETY NAME	AVERAGE		AVERAGE	YIELD	TEST WT.
VARIETT NAME	(LB/A)	(LB/A)	(LB/A)	(LB/A)	(LBS/BU)
	(LD/A)	(LD/A)	(LD/A)	(LD/A)	(LB3/B0)
RADIANT	4841 (1)	4276 (1)	4976 (1)	4200 (4)	50.8
BARONESSE	4753 (2)	4084 (4)	4763 (4)	4250 (2)	52.4
BOB	4661 (3)	4250 (2)	4779 (3)	3995 (9)	53.0
FARMINGTON	4356 (4)	3745 (6)	4248 (7)	3670 (23)	52.2
XENA	4331 (5)	3439 (12)	4036 (11)	3620 (28)	52.5
CAMAS	4183 (6)	3487 (11)	3996 (12)	3891 (13)	53.3
HARRINGTON	4167 (7)	3507 (9)	3881 (14)	3207 (35)	51.9
MOREX	2854 (8)	2121 (16)	2188 (24)	2317 (40)	50.6
CEBECO 0149		4247 (3)	4812 (2)	4203 (3)	52.0
BOULDER		3781 (5)	4128 (10)	3996 (8)	53.4
WA 8569-99		3574 (7)	3927 (13)	3915 (12)	52.5
AC METCALFE		3508 (8)	3818 (15)	3167 (36)	51.7
WA 10701-99		3506 (10)	3727 (18)	3516 (29)	51.9
01NZ706		3421 (13)	3764 (17)	3684 (21)	49.2
CREEL		3279 (14)	3707 (20)	3389 (32)	50.4
LEGACY		3120 (15)	3647 (22)	3219 (34)	50.6
YU-501-385			4358 (5)	3798 (15)	53.8
WA 15279-00			4352 (6)	4187 (5)	51.8
WA 7330-00			4238 (8)	4405 (1)	52.2
WA 10429-00			4213 (9)	3700 (20)	51.5
01NZ111			3816 (16)	2923 (38)	53.4
01NZ392			3724 (19)	3130 (37)	49.1
01NZ338			3692 (21)	3320 (33)	49.0
TRADITION			2749 (23)	2520 (39)	51.0
01WA13825.22				4020 (6)	52.6
2001NZ078				4002 (7)	51.1
02WNZ1874				3936 (10)	53.2
02WNZ1551				3926 (11)	52.7
02WNZ1826				3869 (14)	51.2
BURTON				3798 (16)	52.3
02WNZ1100				3793 (17)	52.5
02WNZ1990				3766 (18)	52.5
02WNZ1821				3718 (19)	51.3
00WNZ154				3672 (22)	51.1
GMG SPAULDING				3648 (24)	53.9
02WNZ1719				3644 (25)	51.1
02WNZ1023				3636 (26)	52.4
02WNZ1015				3622 (27)	52.8
2001NZ384				3484 (30)	49.2
02WNZ1095				3398 (31)	51.7
Mean	4268	3584	3981	3654	52.0
CV%	9.9	13.8	13.1	11.2	1.2
LSD @ .10	258	388	502	555	0.8
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FAIRFIELD SPRING BARLEY - 2005 WSU VARIETY TESTING DATA

2005 Spring Barley data from the WSU Variety Testing nursery at the Fairfield location averaged 3654 lbs/ac and was 14.0% less than the previous 3-year historical average of 4249 lbs/ac. This nursery was re-cropped following a 2004 winter wheat crop

- 1. The uniqueness 2005 GROWING SEASON (dry/cold spring, wet May 2005, hot/dry weather at the end of June 2005) appeared to influence yields and quality. Average PLANT HEIGHT in the 2005 spring barley nursery was only 27.0 inches compared to 33.0 inches in the previous year (2004). This 18% (6-inches) average difference in plant height appears to have an association with reduced yields, just in terms of plant growth and development.
- 2. TEST WEIGHT values were high for the majority of varieties in this nursery with an average of 51.8 lbs/bu. As experienced in other many of the other 2005 spring barley nurseries, on average, 6-row varieties in the Fairfield nursery had lower average test weight values (49.9 lbs/bu) than 2-row varieties (52.3 lbs/bu) which are fairly typical.

3. Variety YIELD RANKINGS were fairly consistent when compared to historical yield rankings. Interestingly however, the five commercially used malting barley varieties (Harrington, Morex, AC Metcalfe, Legacy and Tradition) all had nearly the lowest yield yields in the 2005 nursery. As noted in other nurseries, 6-row varieties/lines exhibited lower average yields than 2-row varieties/lines. In the Fairfield nursery, average yields for the 6-row types were 17.2% below 2-row types. Historical (2, 3 and 5-year) averages are the best data sets to use in making varietal choices for this nursery.