Spring Barley Crop May Be One of Largest Yet

Washington county will harvest one of the largest spring barley crops in its history if favorable weather continues through the harvest season, Palmer S. Tarbell, county agent, said Wednesday.

A good portion of this barley can likely be sold for malting purposes if care is exercised in the harvesting method used to reduce damage that is intended entirely for feed or seed purposes does not require as much care in harvesting but with malting barley proper handling is most important.

The county agent listed several of the factors to be considered in harvesting barley in order to make it of the highest quality. If these practices are not followed, Tarbell indicated, the best barley may easily drop into the feed classification.

Barley requires more care in harvesting than any of the other small grains as it may shatter readily if over-ripe and on the other hand, does not require as hard threshing as other types of grain because of this characteristic. With the combine, barley should be threshed just as soon as the barley is thoroughly ripe. If it is allowed to stand in the field after full maturity, loss by shattering may be heavy.

Barley standing in the field can also become stained by rainy weather or dew. This does not necessarily injure the feeding value but detracts from its appearance and market value particularly for malting purposes. Barley that is still too green will often shrivel after it is in the sack.

Growers who plan to market their barley for malting purposes should give particular attention to the adjustment of the combine. Skinned or broken kernels are not acceptable to the Maltster. These broken kernels are often the result of incorrect separator adjustment. Some board on malting barley is not acceptable.

Usually it is desirable to reduce the cylinder speed of the separator below that which is satisfactory for feed barley. About the same speed and setting as is used in threshing Austrian peas is satisfactory. It is particularly important to use the low cylinder speed nothing is anywhere from 20 to 40 per cent. Skinning and cracking of barley can be reduced to as low as one or two per cent by proper separator adjustment.

The close setting of the rub bar or concaves or any approximate rub plate in shelled cylinder machines can result in skinned or cracked kernels. Operation of the grain auger should also be adjusted to avoid possible crushing or cracking of the barley.

Farmers who bulk their grain and elevate it into bins should also check their elevators for cracking or crushing the kernels as poor adjustment here can cause just as much or more damage as improper threshing. Barley that is to be used for feed or seed purposes on the other hand, may be unsatisfactory if there are too many beards. Beards and seed will not feed through the grain drill satisfactorily and will usually require a much heavier rate of seeding to be set on the drill than when seed barley is threshed more closely.

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MANEATERS — Tier upon tier, the vast crowd leans forward with all eyes on the little band of First Century Christians who move ahead to meet death, singing the martyr's song — "Good Bye, I'll Meet You in the Morning."

In dash the big cats — African lions—made hungry for the hour. The Good Bye song dies out under tearing of flesh, the crunching of bones and the snarl of the animals as they fight over the last shred.

WHY FEAR—Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. — Psalm 23rd. There must have been trials every week there in the days of King David. Some kind of trial, pain or loss.

COMFORT—I had fainted unless I believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Ps. 27 — BIBLE. Right here and now God has cheer and comfort for you but you must first see your sins blotted out. You must stand on it that Christ died for you and cleared you with God. Only then shall you ever know true peace with God. Now a recent words—"The joy and peace I now have. I am happy in Christ and I want to tell others."—A College Girl.—George N. Taylor, S. W. McChesney road, Portland 1, Ore.—This space sold for by a Washington county family.

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