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The Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre (CMBTC) turns ten years old.

WINNIPEG - The Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre (CMBTC) recently surpassed a milestone of serving the Canadian malting barley industry for over 10 years. In that time the CMBTC has delivered 19 programs overseas in China, Taiwan, India, Colombia, Vietnam, Peru, Ecuador and the United States to over 2500 customers and potential customers of Canadian malting barley and malt. The CMBTC has provided hands on on-site technical assistance to international customers on another 10 occasions to help them get the best out of Canadian. In addition, the CMBTC has hosted international customers to Canada to highlight Canadian malting barley in over 20 programs. 2010 also marks 9 years of the production of the Canadian Malting Barley Recommended Malting Barley List by the CMBTC, a highly regarded publication that delivers clear signals to Canada's malting barley growers on those varieties in demand by the domestic and international brewers. "We are very proud of our contributions to the Canadian malt barley industry and we are now seen by customers of malting barley worldwide as huge value-added when they look to buy malting barley. For some buyers the support that comes from CMBTC with Canadian malting barley is enough for them to switch from our competitors!" says Robert McCaig, Managing Director of the CMBTC

The CMBTC, which started in August 2000, is an independent, non-profit organization funded by members of the malting barley and malt industry. The CMBTC is the focal point for applied malting and brewing research and provides technical support to members and clients. CMBTC facilities include a state-of-the-art pilot malting plant and pilot brewery, located in the Canadian Grain Commission Building. Members of the CMBTC include Alberta Agriculture, the Alberta Barley Commission, AC Toepfer Canada, Canadian Grain Commission, Canadian Wheat Board, Secan, Viterra, the Public Plant Barley Breeders, Richardson International, Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, Cargill, Parrish and Heimbecker, Prairie Malt Limited, Rahr Malting, SABMiller, Prairie West Terminal, Saskatchewan Agriculture, Manitoba Agriculture and FP Genetics.

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