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CMBTC RELEASES RECOMMENDED MALTING BARLEY VARIETIES LIST FOR 2011-12

WINNIPEG - The Recommended Malting Barley Varieties List for 2011-12 has been released by the Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre (CMBTC).

The recommendations on this list are based on the varieties expected to be selected by grain and malting companies for both domestic and export markets for the 2011 harvest. The list is published on behalf of the members of the CMBTC, and other companies that have provided their input. CMBTC members are Alberta Agriculture, Alfred C. Toepfer Canada, Canadian Wheat Board, Canadian Grain Commission, Cargill AgHorizons, FP Genetics, Manitoba Agriculture, Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, Parrish & Heimbecker, Prairie Malt Limited, Richardson International, SABMiller, Saskatchewan Agriculture, Prairie Malt Limited, Prairie West Terminals, the Public Plant Breeders, Rahr Malting Canada, SeCan and Viterro. CMBTC Managing Director Rob McCaig, upon reflection of the work that went into this year's list said, "I would once again like to thank all of our members as well as the industry for helping put together this list as it is important information for the producer, aiding them in making their seeding decisions for the coming year. This is the ninth year that CMBTC has put together this list since taking it over from the Malt Barley Industry Group and the list continues to be an important tool for farmers in their quest to improve their farm operations. Many of the farmers have directly contacted CMBTC in this past year to ask questions about malting barley and their operation and we have been happy to assist them or direct them to our members for the more detailed information they seek".

"These recommendations were derived from information CMBTC members obtained through their sales and marketing efforts and contact with domestic and international maltsters and brewers, as well as from test malting and brewing results achieved at CMBTC in their Pilot Malthouse and Pilot Brewery," said CMBTC Managing Director Rob McCaig. The position of each variety on the list takes into consideration the amount selected from the 2010 harvest and expected selection needs from the 2012 harvest.

The list clearly indicates the increasing acceptance of our new barley varieties by the international and domestic barley users. For two-row varieties, the market shares of AC Metcalfe and CDC Copeland are steady while Newdale gains acceptance.. For the six-row varieties, Legacy and Tradition show declining demand while Stellar-ND is increasing.

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.

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