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CMBTC Releases 2019-20 Recommended Malting Barley Varieties List

WINNIPEG, November 29, 2018 – For immediate release The Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre (CMBTC) has released its annual list of malting barley varieties that hold the most promise for producers in terms of performance, quality and marketability.

The *2019-20 Recommended Malting Barley Variety List* includes varieties that have been pilot scale tested by the CMBTC and which exhibit good malting and brewing characteristics. The recommendations are also based on input from grain companies, domestic and international maltsters and brewers, grower associations and seed companies, says Peter Watts, Managing Director of the CMBTC.

“The overall purpose of the list is to help producers choose malting barley varieties with the greatest potential to be selected for malt,” he says.

Canada is recognized by the global malting and brewing industry for high quality barley varieties such as AC Metcalfe and CDC Copeland. However, newer varieties are in the process of being introduced into the marketplace such as AAC Synergy, CDC Bow, AAC Connect, CDC Fraser and Lowe. With excellent malting quality and improved agronomics, including higher yields and better disease resistance, these varieties will ultimately improve Canada’s competitiveness and support producer returns.

The CMBTC advises producers to talk to their local elevators, malting companies or grain buyers before making final decisions on which varieties to grow in their region.

[View the CMBTC 2019-20 Recommended Malting Barley Varieties list](#)

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About Canadian malting barley

Canada is one of the world’s largest suppliers of malting barley and malt to the global brewing industry. In 2017-18 Canada exported approximately 1.5 million tonnes of malting barley worth CDN \$500 million and 600,000 tonnes of processed malt at a value of CDN \$440 million. The domestic brewing industry in Canada uses 300,000 tonnes of malting barley per year to make 19 million hectoliters of beer.

About the CMBTC

Founded in 2000, the CMBTC is a national, independent, non-profit organization with funding provided by members of the malting barley, malt and brewing industries, producers as well as provincial and federal governments. The CMBTC conducts applied malting and brewing research, providing technical support to members and customers. The CMBTC facilities include a 100 kilogram pilot malt plant and 3 hectolitre pilot brewery. The CMBTC also operates the Malt Academy education program providing instruction in malting and brewing.