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Press Release: US Recommended Malting Barley Varieties for 2021

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Milwaukee – January 12, 2021 - The American Malting Barley Association (AMBA) Board of Directors has developed a list of recommended malting barley varieties to US growers for the 2021 crop year. AMBA is a nonprofit trade association of 58 brewing, distilling and malting companies that are end users of US malting barley. The list is meant to inform US producers which malting barley varieties the industry intends to use in the upcoming year. Some varieties will be used in large quantities and many others are only utilized is niche markets, so producers are encouraged to contact their local elevator, grain handler or processor to gauge market demand for any variety grown in their region prior to seeding.

Changes from the previous year include dropping Scarlett, and the addition of Flavia, Mayflower and Moravian 179. Flavia is a winter variety developed by Ackermann Saatzucht in Germany. It has done well in the mid-Atlantic and other areas of the eastern US. Mayflower came out of the Malteurop breeding program. It has good yields in the northern plains and intermountain west. Mayflower has lower protein and moderate enzyme levels desired for use in making all malt beers. Molson Coors developed and released Moravian 179. It has demonstrated higher yields, kernel plumpness, and test weight compared to Moravian 69 and lower lodging.

With these changes from last year, the list of recommended malting barley varieties for 2021 is as follows:

		Two-Rows	
AAC Connect	Conlon	LCS Violetta*	ND Genesis
AAC Synergy	Conrad	Mayflower	Newdale
ABI Eagle	Endeavor*	Merit 57	Pinnacle
ABI Growler	Expedition	Moravian 37	Puffin*
ABI Voyager	Explorer	Moravian 69	Thunder*
AC Metcalfe	Flavia*	Moravian 164	Wintmalt*
Bill Coors 100	Hockett	Moravian 165	
CDC Copeland	LCS Genie	Moravian 170	
Charles*	LCS Odyssey	Moravian 179	
<u>Six-Rows</u>			
Celebration	Lacey	Quest	Tradition
Innovation	Legacy	Thoroughbred*	
*winters			