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Manitoba Agriculture Variety Guide

BARLEY

New for 2026

Variety	Type	Code	Breeder	Distributor	Seed Availability
CDC Harness (2) ☉	Food and Feed	FB21106	Crop Development Centre	FP Genetics	2028
CDC Pristine (2) ☉	Hulless	HB21355	Crop Development Centre	SeCan	2027
CDC Armstrong (2) ☉	Hulless	HB20351	Crop Development Centre	SeCan	2027
WCI Fortify (6) ☉	Food and Feed	FB22816	Field Crop Development Centre	SeedNet	2026

Malting barley varieties are classified into two groups. The "Malting: Acceptance - Recommended" group are varieties with recommended market acceptance as listed in the Canadian Malt Barley Technical Centre (CMBTC) publication "2026/27 Recommended Malting Barley Varieties" on page 22. The category of "Malting: Other" includes varieties not currently recommended by the CMBTC but markets may exist.

SY Stanza ☉ is a non-GN (glycosidic nitrile) two-row malting variety.

The two-row malting variety CDC PlatinumStar ☉ is available through a closed loop identity preserved program.

It is strongly recommended for producers to use a combination of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's List of Registered Varieties (inspection.gc.ca) and the Canadian Grain Commission's Variety Designation Lists (grainscanada.gc.ca) to determine the registration and grade eligibility status of varieties.

A number of new varieties are participating in a Variety Use Agreement **VUA**. If producers purchase a VUA variety and divert some of that grain at harvest for seed use, they will be invoiced a Variety Use Fee for use of the seed. Ask your retailer about your obligations to the VUA when purchasing seed.