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STATUS OF HAISA II BARLEY

The status of Haisa II barley with regard to its acceptability for malting and brewing is somewhat indefinite, according to a recent survey made by Malting Barley Improvement Association. Some brewing and malting companies have found Haisa II acceptable. They purchased Haisa II from the 1958 crop. However, many other brewers and maltsters have not shown interest in purchasing Haisa II barley and continue to prefer Hanna and Hannchen. The 1959 market for Haisa II barley, therefore, may be limited by the above factors.

Haisa II barley at present is not eligible for the western 2-row malting barley grades because it is not classed as a Hannchen-Hanna type. Hannchen or Hanna containing over 5% of mixtures of other types including Haisa II cannot be placed in the malting 2-row western grades. Haisa II should be kept separate and not be mixed with Hannchen or Hanna.

Whether Haisa II barley will ultimately receive wider acceptance for malting and brewing will depend upon the outcome of continuing tests and additional experience in processing this variety.

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