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- HORSFORD BARLEY

Horsford was developed from a cross of Nepal on another common 6-row bearded barley by F.H. Horsford (Charlotte, Vermont) in 1879 or 1880. Horsford is a hooded, 6-row, spring-type barley. It is a mid-tall variety with long, wide drooping leaves. The spike is mid-long, lax, with hoods elevated. The kernels are long, with blue aleurone and wrinkled. This variety is very susceptible to loose and covered smut and ergot. Horsford produces less grain and usually has a lower test weight than other varieties of barley. It is primarily used for hay in Montana. This variety should not be planted after the first of June because it may fail to head when planted later than this date.