Karl

Karl is a mid-season, white-kerneled, Traill-type malting barley with rough awns. The variety was developed by SEA-USDA and the University of Idaho. It averaged about 8 percent higher than Traill in yield. Karl is usually 3 to 4 inches shorter and normally heads two days earlier than Traill. It has good test weight and kernel weight. It is slightly superior to Traill in shattering resistance.

Although Karl is generally equal to or superior to Traill in agronomic performance under irrigation, it is more susceptible to lodging and shattering than varieties such as Steptoe. It is not well-adapted to production on nonirrigated land in very low rainfall areas.