



CEREAL CROP INSPECTORS GUIDE TO BARLEY FIELD CHARACTERS

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VARIETY and plant height	Ear glaucosity	Ear density	Ear pigment	Rachilla hair type	Sterile spikelet attitude	Spicules on inner lateral nerves	Ventral furrow hair	First rachis segment	Collar	Aleurone colour	Other features
SIX ROW VARIETIES											
BAZOOKA (HY) (medium to long)	medium	medium	very weak to weak	long	n/a	strong	present	length short to medium; curvature weak	platform	weak blue	Hybrid
BELFRY (HY) (medium)	weak to medium	medium	absent or very weak	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	short to medium; curvature weak	platform to shallow cup	weak blue	Hybrid
BELMONT (HY) (medium)	medium	medium	mixed	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	medium length; curvature weak	platform to shallow cup	50:50 blue, white segregation	Hybrid 50:50 segregation for pigment of lemma nerves and aleurone colour
FUNKY (short)	strong	dense	absent to very weak	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	short; curvature medium to strong	decurrent to platform	white	ventral furrow hair can be difficult to see
INYS (HY) (medium to long)	weak to medium	medium	medium	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	medium; curvature weak	no data	dark grey blue	
INTEGRAL (medium)	strong	medium to dense	weak to medium	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	short; curvature very weak	no data	white	
KWS ASTAIRE (medium)	medium to strong	medium	absent to very weak	long	n/a	medium	absent	medium to long; curvature medium to strong	no data	blue	



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KWS BIRDIS (medium)	strong	medium to dense	very weak to weak	long	n/a	strong	present	short to medium; curvature medium to strong	no data	white	
KWS FEERIS (short to medium)	strong	dense	weak	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	short; curvature weak	decurrent to platform	white	
KWS MERIDIAN (medium to long)	medium to strong	medium	absent to very weak	long	n/a	strong to very strong	absent	medium; curvature strong	platform	white	
SIXY (medium)	weak to medium	medium to dense	medium	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	medium; curvature weak to medium	no data	white	
SY BARACOODA (HY) (long)	medium	medium to dense	medium	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	medium; curvature medium	decurrent	50:50 blue, white segregation	Hybrid
SY BUZZARD (HY) (long to very long)	medium	medium to dense	absent to very weak	long	n/a	very strong	absent	medium; curvature very weak	decurrent to platform	white	Awn length equal to ear
SY CANYON (HY) (long)	medium	medium to dense	very weak to weak	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	medium; curvature weak to medium	platform to shallow cup	white	Hybrid
SY KINGSBARN (HY) (medium to tall)	medium	medium to dense	weak	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	medium; curvature medium	decurrent to platform	50:50 blue, white segregation	Hybrid
SY KINGSTON (HY) (medium to long)	weak to medium	medium	medium	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	short; curvature weak to medium	shallow cup	white	Hybrid
SY NEPHIN (HY) (long)	medium	dense	absent to very weak	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	short to medium; curvature weak	shallow cup	blue	Awn length equal to slightly longer than ear



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SY THUNDERBOLT (HY) (medium to long)	medium	medium	medium to strong	long	n/a	strong to very strong	present	medium; curvature weak to medium	decurrent	white	Hybrid
SY QUANTOCK (HY) (long to very long)	medium	medium to dense	medium	long	n/a	strong	present	medium; curvature weak	no data	dark grey blue	Hybrid



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TWO ROW WINTER VARIETIES											
BOLIVIA (short to medium)	weak	medium	strong	long	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium; curvature weak to medium	shallow cup	white	
BOLTON (very short)	weak	lax to medium	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium; curvature strong	cup	white	
BORDEAUX (medium)	medium to strong	lax	Strong	long	deficiens	absent or very weak	present	medium; curvature strong	cup	white	
BUCCANEER (medium)	weak to medium	medium	weak	long	deficiens	strong to very strong	absent	medium; curvature medium to strong	decurrent to platform	white	
CALIFORNIA (short to medium)	medium	medium	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	length long; curvature medium	cup	white	
CASSATA (short to medium)	medium	medium to dense	weak	long	parallel	strong	absent	short to medium; curvature weak to medium	platform	white	
CRAFT (short)	medium	medium	strong	long	deficiens	strong	absent	medium; curvature strong	shallow cup	white	
DARCIE (short to medium)	weak to medium	lax to medium	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	long; medium to strong	shallow cup to cup	white	awn length short to medium
ELECTRUM (short to medium)	medium	medium	weak to medium	long	deficiens	strong	absent	length medium; curvature medium to strong	platform to shallow cup	white	
FAY (short)	medium to strong	lax to medium	weak to medium	long	parallel	medium to strong	absent	medium; curvature medium to strong	shallow cup to cup	white	
FLAGON (medium to long)	weak to medium	lax to medium	absent to very weak	long	divergent	weak	absent	medium; curvature medium	cup	white	



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INTEGRAL (medium)	strong	medium to dense	weak to medium	long	deficiens	strong to very strong	present	short; curvature very weak	shallow cup to cup	white	Awn longer than ear
JORDAN (short to medium)	weak to medium	very lax to lax	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	weak to medium	absent	medium to long; curvature strong	shallow cup	white	
KITTY (medium)	very weak to weak	medium	absent or very weak	long	deficiens	absent or very weak	present	medium; curvature weak to medium	no data	white	
KWS CASSIA (short to medium)	weak to medium	lax	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	absent to very weak	present	length short; curvature weak to medium	platform to shallow cup	blue	Short rachilla length
KWS CRESWELL (short)	weak	lax	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	weak to medium	absent	medium to long; curvature strong	cup	white	
KWS GIMLET (medium)	weak to medium	very lax to lax	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	very weak to weak	absent	long; curvature strong	shallow cup	white	
KWS GLACIER (short to medium)	medium to strong	lax	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	absent to very weak	present	length medium; curvature medium	platform to shallow cup	blue	
KWS HAWKING (short to medium)	weak to medium	lax	very weak to weak	long	deficiens	very weak to weak	absent	medium to long; curvature medium to strong	shallow cup to cup	white	
KWS HERACLIS (medium)	weak	lax to medium	absent or very weak	short	deficiens	weak	present	medium to long; curvature medium to strong	no data	white	
KWS INFINITY (short to medium)	weak to medium	very lax to lax	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	very weak to weak	absent	medium; curvature medium	cup	white	
KWS ORWELL (very short to short)	weak	lax	absent or very weak	long	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	long; curvature medium	shallow cup to cup	white	Awn length shorter than ear



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KWS PATRIOT (short to medium)	medium	medium	very weak to weak	long	deficiens	very weak to weak	absent	medium; curvature medium to strong	shallow cup	white	
KWS TARDIS (no height data)	medium	lax to medium	absent to very weak	short	deficiens	strong to very strong	present	medium; curvature medium to strong	decurrent	white	
KWS TOWER (short to medium)	weak	lax	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	weak to medium	absent	long; curvature strong	shallow cup to cup	white	Palea apex clearly notched
KWS VALENCIS (medium to long)	weak	medium	absent or very weak	short	deficiens	weak	absent	long to very long; curvature weak to medium	no data	white	
LG CAPITOL (short to medium)	medium	medium to dense	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	very weak to weak	present	medium; curvature medium	shallow cup	white	Awn length short to medium compared to ear
LG CARAVELLE (short to medium)	medium to strong	medium to dense	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	absent to very weak	present	short to medium; curvature weak to medium	shallow cup	white	
LG CARPENTER (medium)	weak to medium	medium	absent or very weak	long	deficiens	very weak to weak	absent	long to very long; curvature weak to medium	no data	white	
LG CATAPULT (short to medium)	medium to strong	medium	absent or very weak	long	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature medium	no data	dark grey blue	
LG DAZZLE (short)	medium	lax	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature strong to very strong	shallow cup to cup	blue	Awn length shorter than ear



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LG FLYNN (short to medium)	weak to medium	lax	medium to strong	long	deficiens	medium	absent	medium to long; curvature medium to strong	platform	white	
LG MOUNTAIN (short)	medium	medium	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	very weak to weak	present	medium; curvature medium to strong	decurrent to platform	blue	
LIGHTNING (short to medium)	weak to medium	very lax to lax	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	very weak to weak	absent	medium; curvature strong	platform to shallow cup	white	Awn length shorter than ear
MACKIE (short to medium)	weak	lax to medium	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	weak to medium	absent	medium to long; curvature strong	shallow cup	white	
MARIS OTTER (short)	medium	medium	medium	long	divergent	absent to very weak	absent	medium to long; weak to medium	shallow cup	white	
NOS OLENA (medium)	weak	medium	medium to strong	long	deficiens	absent or very weak	present	long; curvature medium to strong	shallow cup	white	Awn length equal to ear
ORGANA (long)	weak to medium	medium	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium to long; medium curve	platform to shallow cup	white	Awn length equal to ear
PEARL (medium to long)	strong	medium	very weak to weak	long	divergent	medium	absent	medium; curvature medium	shallow cup to cup	blue	
ROSEMARY (medium)	weak	medium	absent or very weak	long	deficiens	medium to strong	absent	medium to long; curvature medium to strong	no data	white	
RUSSO (medium)	weak	lax	strong to very strong	long	deficiens	absent or very weak	present	medium; curvature medium	no data	white	
SOBELL (no data)	medium	lax to medium	absent to very weak	long	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	short to medium; curvature medium to strong	no data	white	



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SU ARION (medium to long)	very weak to weak	medium	strong	long	deficiens	very weak to weak	absent	medium; curvature medium to strong	no data	white	
SURGE (very short to short)	weak	lax	absent or very weak	long	deficiens	very weak to weak	absent	medium; curvature strong	platform	weak blue	
SY VENTURE (short)	medium	medium	very strong	long	deficiens	strong	absent	length medium; curvature medium to strong	shallow cup	white	'Bent back' first rachis
TALISMAN (short to medium)	weak to medium	lax	strong	long	deficiens	weak	absent	medium to long; curvature medium to strong	no data	white	Awns shorter than ear
VALERIE (short to medium)	medium	medium	absent to very weak	long	parallel	absent or very weak	absent	medium; curvature medium to strong	platform to shallow cup	white	Sterile spikelets can look parallel to weakly divergent
ZOPHIA (no data)	medium to strong	medium to dense	medium	long	no data	strong	absent	medium; curvature medium	shallow cup	white	



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TWO ROW SPRING VARIETIES											
BELTER (short to medium)	medium to strong	medium	medium to strong	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature very weak	platform to shallow cup	white	Awns longer than ear
BOUNTY (medium)	medium to strong	lax to medium	medium to strong	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature very weak	platform	white	Awn length equal to or longer than the ear
CADIZ (long)	medium to strong	lax to medium	medium	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature weak	platform to shallow cup	white	
CB SCORE (medium to long)	medium	lax	strong	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium; curvature very weak	platform to shallow cup	white	
CONCERTO (short)	medium	medium	very weak to weak	short	divergent	very weak to weak	absent	length medium; curvature medium	platform to shallow cup	weak blue	
COSMOPOLITAN (no height data)	medium to strong	medium	medium to strong	long	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	short to medium; curvature medium	cup collar	white	
DIVINER (short to medium)	medium to strong	medium to dense	medium	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	short to medium; curvature weak	platform to shallow cup	white	
FAIRING (short)	medium	lax	medium to strong	long	divergent	absent to very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature medium to strong	platform	white	
FAIRWAY (medium)	medium to strong	lax to medium	strong	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium; curvature medium	shallow cup	white	
FIRECRACKER (short to medium)	strong	medium to dense	strong	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	short to medium; curvature weak to medium	no data	white	



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FIREFOXX (medium to long)	medium to strong	very lax to lax	weak to medium	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	long; curvature medium to strong	platform to shallow cup	white	
FLORENCE (very short to short)	strong	medium	medium	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	short to medium; very weak	platform	white	
GOLDEN PROMISE (medium)	strong	lax to medium	weak to medium	long	divergent	absent to very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature very weak	platform to shallow cup	white	Has bib lodicules
HACKER (short to medium)	medium	medium	medium	short	divergent	absent to very weak	absent	short to medium; curvature weak to medium	cup collar	white	
HURLER (short to medium)	medium	medium	medium	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium; curvature weak	platform to shallow cup	white	
ICONIC (long)	medium to strong	lax to medium	weak to medium	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	short to medium; curvature medium to strong	platform	white	
JENSEN (short to medium)	medium	medium to dense	medium	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	long; curvature very weak	platform to shallow cup	white	
KWS CURTIS (medium)	medium to strong	medium to dense	very weak to weak	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium; curvature weak	platform to shallow cup	white	
KWS ENDURIS (medium)	strong	medium	medium to strong	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	short to medium; curvature very weak	no data	white	
KWS SASSY (short to medium)	medium to strong	medium	very weak to weak	long	divergent	absent to very weak	absent	short to medium; curvature weak	platform to shallow cup	white	
LAUREATE (short)	medium to strong	medium	medium	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature medium	platform to shallow cup	white	Long rachilla length
LG AQUARIUS (short to medium)	medium to strong	medium	strong	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium; curvature very weak	platform to shallow cup	white	Awns longer than ear



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LG DIABLO (medium)	medium to strong	lax to medium	weak to medium	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium; curvature weak to medium	platform to shallow cup	white	
LG INTERCEPTOR (short to medium)	medium to strong	lax to medium	medium to strong	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature very weak	no data	white	
MALVERN (medium)	medium	medium	weak to medium	long	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium; curvature weak	shallow cup	white	
NOLAN (medium)	strong	medium	medium to strong	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium to long; weak to medium curve	platform to shallow cup	white	Awns longer than ear
NOS GAMBIT (medium)	medium	medium	medium	long	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature very weak	platform to shallow cup	white	Awns equal to or longer than the ear
NOS MUNRO (short to medium)	medium to strong	medium to dense	medium	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium; curvature very weak	platform to shallow cup	white	Awns equal to or longer than the ear
OLSEN (short to medium)	medium to strong	medium	medium to strong	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature weak to medium	platform to shallow cup	white	Awns equal to or longer than the ear
PROPINO (medium)	weak to medium	medium	medium	short	divergent	absent to very weak	absent	length short to medium; curvature weak	platform	white	
PROSPECT (medium)	strong	medium	medium	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	short; curvature weak to medium	platform	white	
PTARMIGAN (short to medium)	medium	lax to medium	strong	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium; curvature weak	no data	white	



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RGT ASTEROID (medium to long)	medium to strong	lax to medium	medium to strong	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	length medium to long; curvature weak	platform to shallow cup	white	
RGT PLANET (medium)	medium to strong	lax to medium	strong	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	length short to medium; curvature weak	platform	white	
ROULETTE (medium)	medium to strong	medium	strong	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	short to medium; curvature very weak	platform to shallow cup	white	Awn longer than ear
SHONA (medium)	medium to strong	medium	medium to strong	short	deficiens	absent to very weak	absent	medium; curvature weak	shallow cup	white	Awn length long
SIENNA (short to medium)	medium	medium	weak	short	divergent	absent to very weak	absent	length medium; curvature weak	platform to shallow cup	white	
SKYWAY (medium to long)	medium to strong	lax	weak to medium	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium; curvature medium	decurrent	white	
SPINNER (medium)	medium	medium to dense	strong	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium; curvature medium to strong	platform to shallow cup	white	
SUN KING (medium)	medium to strong	medium to dense	medium to strong	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	short to medium; curvature very weak	platform	white	
SY ARROW (medium to long)	strong	lax	medium	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature very weak	no data	white	
SY SIGNET (short to medium)	medium to strong	medium	medium	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature weak	platform to shallow cup	white	
SY SPLENDOR (medium)	medium to strong	lax	medium	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature medium	platform to shallow cup	white	



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SY TENNYSON (short to medium)	medium to strong	medium	medium	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium; curvature weak	platform	white	Awn length longer than ear
SY TUNGSTEN (medium)	strong	very lax to lax	medium	long	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	medium to long; curvature medium	platform	white	
TRAILBLAZER (short to medium)	medium to strong	lax to medium	strong	short	deficiens	absent or very weak	absent	short to medium; curvature weak	platform to shallow cup	white	Awn length medium to long