

1st German 2025 Brewing Barley Crop Report												
Spring Barley												Varieties
State	Est. Spring-Sown Spring Barley Acreage	Est. Acreage of Barley Intended for Malting & Brewing	Timing & Conditions at Fall Plantings	Timing & Conditions for Spring Plantings	Frost Damage in Fall-Sown Spring Barley	Soil Moisture (Water Balance incl. Winter Precipitation & Current Supply)	Current Development Phase; Fall Plantings/Spring Plantings	Est. Acreage (in ha); Winter Barley	Timing & Conditions for Fall Plantings	Frost Damage in Winter Barley	Current Development Phase/Plant Health; Winter Barley	Key Barley Varieties in Order of Acreage
Baden-Württemberg	56.000	39.200	Early/mid-October; mostly dry	Early to mid-March; dry conditions	none	Good water supply throughout winter	Main shoot; tillers; stem elongation; 1st node detectable (EC 28-31)	5.000	Early/mid-October good sowing conditions	none	1st node detectable (EC 31)	Amidala, Lexy, Leandra, RGT Planet, KWS Somerset
Bavaria	75.000	87.500	Mid-October to mid-November; wet	Mid-February to mid-March; good conditions	only few	Still OK; dry	End tillering	8.000	End September to mid-October wet	none	Tillering; almost no phytosanitary issues	Amidala, Lexy, RGT Planet, LG Caruso, KWS Donau, Avalon
Brandenburg	6.000	6.000										
Hesse	1.200	14.300	15.500	Last week of October until the beginning of December, good soil conditions for sowing	February 10 to mid-March, good soil conditions for sowing	none	Winter good, currently still ok, tends to be dry, it must rain soon.	12 to 31	800	Mid-September to mid-October, good conditions	EC 31	Lexy, Amidala, Leandra = main varieties, and Somerset, Avalon, Sting
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	5.000	3.500	Favorable conditions end October/early November; wetter & cooler starting second half of November	Plantings mid- to end March	none known	Precip. until end Januray similar to long-term average; two months of February & March among the driest ever recorded; brief break last weekend of March; unusually dry top soil esp. for spring barley; emergence delayed because of large temp variations between day & night	Tillering phase	1.500	Mid-September; good soil condition	none	Tillering-phase	Preliminary; many fields still unknown Winter barley: KWS Donau, KWS Somerset Spring barley: Lexy, Amidala (fall), RGT Planet
Lower Saxony	31.000	36.000	End November @ excellent soil conditions	Starting end Feb @ partially good soil conditions; current status approx. 95%	none	Between very good and too wet; some waterlogged soils (5%)	Good; start of emergence	3.000-3.500	on time; good soil conditions	None	Partially lush stocks; mostly fairly healthy; in some locations fertilizer ineffective because of lack of precipitation.	Lexy, LG Caruso, KWS Donau, Faro
North-Rhine-Westphalia	8,000 Spring Barley, including 1,400 Fall-Planted	2.000	End October to early November; good conditions	80% mid-March; good conditions	none	After winter, good moisture supply; currently declining fast because of lack of precipitation.	Fall plantings well developed & fairly healthy; Spring plantings mostly good progress; currently leaves unfolding (EC 11-13)	1.000	Early October; good soil conditions	None	stem elongation; 1st node detectable (EC 30-31); relatively healthy	Leandra 33%, Lexy 33%, KWS Donau 33%
Rhineland-Palatinate	approx. 29,700	approx. 32,700	No fall planting at higher elevations; warmer regions ended November; conditions generally good; but some wet soils as reason for delays	At elevations: calendar week 12; excellent conditions; urgent need for precipitation.	none	Fall was generally too wet; too much precipitation, some as downpours (logged soil); January & February plenty of precipitation; March & April too dry, except for subsoil; urgent need for rain; heavy soils are at an advantage	Heterogeneous stocks ranging from very good to very weak, because of fractured planting time frame and wide window; fall plantings generally in better shape; spring plantings esp. in February have difficulties because of dryness	Same or slight increase compared to last year; 800 to 1,000 ha	At elevation, early plantings (end September); no problems; subsequently, fractured planting windows because of continuous rains until end October; lighter soils: good conditions, no wetness; warmer areas: difficult windows; soils too wet for equipment	At elevation: no frost damage but severe snail infestation (requiring 3 applications); snails did not use to be a problem in barley; Warmer locations: no damage	At elevation: very heterogeneous stocks; only little root formation; currently also dryness. Warmer locations: stocks are generally in good shape	Spring barley: Leandra, Lexy, Amidala Winter barley: KWS Somerset, KWS Donau
Saxony	22.000	23.000	Mid-October to mid-November	Calendar weeks 10 to 14 KW; conditions good; soil dried out fast	none of significance	Fall wet; winter too little snow; since Feb not enough rain; currently no problems	Emerging	4.000	September; good planting conditions	none	Tillering; healthy stocks; little virus infestation	Amidala, Lexy, Leandra, LG Caruso, Prospekt
Saxony-Anhalt	10.000	10.000										
Schleswig-Holstein												
Thuringia	40.000	41.000	Mid-November; normal conditions	Early March; optimal planting conditions; overall too dry	none	Since October 24, not a single month with more than 40 mm rain. February 1 to 25: 18.4 mm; March 1 to 24: 11.6 mm. Overall too dry; not enough precipitation in winter; bottom soil mostly still moist; top soil lacks water	Leaves unfolding; early tillering (BBCH 19-21)	7.500	End September; very wet conditions	none	Start of growth to end of tillering; no molds; healthy stocks	LG Caruso, Amidala, Lexy, Leandra, Ostara, Sting, Prospekt
GERMANY	298.700	296.000										

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