2nd German 2025 Brewing Barley Crop Report												
Spring Barley							Winter Barley			Varieties		
State	Est. Spring-Sown Spring Barley Acreage	Est. Acreage of Barley Intended for Malting & Brewing	Timing & Conditions at Fall Plantings	Timing & Conditions at 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	EC 28-31	5.000	Early to mid-October; good sowing conditions	none	EC 31	Amidala, Lexy, Leandra, RGT Planet, KWS Somerset
Bavaria	82.800	87.300	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, moist	none	Tillering; hardly any diseases	Amidala, Lexy, RGT Planet, LG Caruso, KWS Donau, Avalon
Brandenburg	6.000	6.000										
Hesse	14.300	15.500	Last week in October to early December; good soil conditions at sowing	February 10 to mid-March; good soil conditions at sowing	none	Long periods of water deficit; partial reduction in flag leaf development; currently rains, but may not be enough until harvest time; some irrigation	EC 12 -31 BBCH 55-61	800	Mid-September to mid-October; good conditions	none	Good plant health everywhere	Main varieties: Lexy, Amidala, Leandra; additionally: KWS Somerset, Avalon, Sting
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	4.800	3.500	Favorable conditions end October/ early November; wetter & coder starting second half of November	Plantings mid- to end March	none known	Precipitation until and Jenuary similar to large-free manage, two months of February & March among the driest ever recorded; currently sufficient rain; favorable conditions for com filling phase	Fall planting: flowering to com filing phase (increase in thychosporium because of precipitation). Inflorescence/heading (to date almost no diseases)	1.500	Mid September; favorable soil conditions	none	Corn filling phase; minor disease infestations because of dryness until roughly mid-May	Winter brewing barley. KWS Donau, KWS Somerset: Spring barley: Law, Amidala (fall plantings), RGT Planet
Lower Saxony	37.400	38.000	End November at excellent soil conditions	Starting end February at partially good soil conditions; current status approximately 95%	none	Because of intensive precipitation (average 3 rain events at 20-30 Im ²) situation continues to be positive. Rains up to 30-40mm provided some relief, but more rain needed, because soits are still too dry and available amounts of rain have been used up	Crops are healthy and generally look good; overall relatively low density stocks	3,000-3,500	On time under good soil conditions	none	Partially lush crops; relatively healthy; regionally, fertilization ineffective because of lack of precipitation	Winter brewing barley: KWS Donau and Faro Summer barley: Lexy und LG Caruso
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 conditions	none	EC 30-31; relatively healthy	33% Leandra, 33% Lexy, 33% KWS Donau
Rhineland-Palatinate	est. 29,700	est. 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	Lack of precipitation apparent; reduced density, inequiler growth; early-plained crop no longer wheat of later crops, single-plained crop benefit from current rains, while rains are too late for fall-plained crops	Warmer locations: fall plantings at BBCH 75-85; spring plantings at BBCH 55-95; at elevations: BBCH 55-96; at elevations: BBCH 55-96; to elevations: Lexy for fall plantings: increasing ramulatics; spring plantings: healthy to date	Same as previous year or slight increase: 800-1,000	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	In Palatinate, sporadic winter damage resulting from late frosts	BBCH: 81-85; partially strong rhychosporium infestations in top flag leaves; some problems with lodging	Winter barley; KWS Somerset, KWS Donau, Contesse; Spring barley: Leandra, Lexy, Amidala
Saxony	21.500	23.000	Mid-October to mid-November	Calendar weeks 10 to 14; 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 conditions	none	Emergence; healthy stocks; only little virus	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	April to May almost no rain; end of May rain, but regionally varied.	61 (Flowering)	7.500	End September; very wet conditions	none	71 (corn filling)	LG Caruso, Amidala, Lexy, Leandra, Ostara, Sting, Prospekt
GERMANY Current as of June 12, 2025	310.500	298.200						32.300				