



UPDATE ON MALTING BARLEY EVALUATIONS

The Board of Barley Australia has met to consider the recommendations from the Malting and Brewing Industry Barley Technical Committee (MBIBTC) for the various varieties currently under evaluation.

Rattler (SYN 937-5): This line has been withdrawn by the promoter.

Litmus (WABAR 2625): This line is held over at Stage One pending further advice from InterGrain, as was no tonnage available from the 2016 crop for trials in 2017.

Compass (WI 4593): Compass has successfully completed Stage One evaluation and will now proceed into Stage Two trials in 2017.

Spartacus (IGB 1334T): Spartacus has successfully completed Stage One evaluation and will now proceed into Stage Two trials in 2017.

It is anticipated that there will be sufficient in-specification grain available from the 2016/17 harvest for both Compass and Spartacus and they would be assessed in February 2018 by the MBIBTC and a final recommendation made to Barley Australia at its March 2018 Meeting.

PREFERRED VARIETIES

The Board also reviewed the market demand for various malting barley varieties and has released the following chart on its website: [www. barleyaustralia.com.au](http://www.barleyaustralia.com.au)

	Variety	Domestic Demand	Export Demand
Victoria	Baudin	-	Medium
	Commander	Medium	Low
	Gairdner	Low	Medium
	LaTrobe	-	High
	Scope	-	Medium
	Westminster	High	High

New South Wales	Baudin	-	Medium
	Buloke	-	Low
	Commander	High	Medium
	Gairdner	Medium	Low
	LaTrobe	-	High
	Navigator	Low	-
	Scope	-	Medium
Queensland	Commander	Medium	Medium
	Westminster	High	-
South Australia	Buloke	Low	Low
	Commander	High	High
	LaTrobe	Low	High
	Scope	Low	High
	Westminster	Medium	Medium
Western Australia	Bass	Low	High
	Baudin	High	High
	Flinders	Low	Low
	Gairdner	-	Low
	LaTrobe	-	Medium
	Scope	-	Medium

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