Economics of Growing Malting Barley in New York

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Summary

• Profit estimates vary -- negative to positive -- depending upon price received by the farmer for barley, yield, costs of production and other factors

• Producers can use cost and returns estimates to make decisions regarding malting barley production’s place in their cropping systems; understanding variability plays an important role

• Understanding yield, quality, price, costs, profit interactions associated with suggested changes in production practices are key moving forward
Figure 1. Estimated Cost of Production\(^1\), Conventionally Tilled Malting Barley by Year by Variety by Management Intensity, Typical Expected Yields, NY

- Spring Variety, Standard Management, 50 bu./ac.
- Spring Variety, Intensive Management, 65 bu./ac.
- Winter Variety, Standard Management, 70 bu./ac.
- Winter Variety, Intensive Management, 80 bu./ac.

\(^1\) Cost excludes a charge for the operator’s management input, but includes costs of all other variable and fixed inputs.
Figure 2. Estimated Cost of Production\(^1\), Conventionally Tilled Malting Barley by Year by Variety by Management Intensity, Below Average Expected Yields, NY

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