

Barley

Grass Family - Poaceae



Planted in front of you is a Canadian cultivar of barley, *Hordeum vulgare* 'AC Lacombe'.

Did You Know?

Canada is one of the largest commercial producers of barley, producing over 11 million tons per year!

Barley originated in Ethiopia and Southeast Asia. It has been cultivated as a food source for humans and livestock for more than 10,000 years.

In ancient Greek culture, barley was essential as a bread-making grain, especially since wheat was expensive and not widely available.

Spanish explorers introduced barley to South America in the 16th century. Later, in the 17th



century, English and Dutch settlers brought it with them to the United States.

Today, barley is used as an ingredient in cereals, muesli, soups, breads and pastas. Malt barley is used to make beer, single malt scotch and other alcoholic beverages.



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