

Bowers Spring Barley

Genetic Information

Bowers is high yielding feed barley developed at Michigan State University. It is a six row spring barley with a heading date around June 17, giving it a medium maturity length. Bowers average height is 34 inches, allowing for good lodging resistance. It has good test weight, with some resistance to mildew, spot blotch, net blotch, and stem rust.

Agronomic Information

Bowers spring barley combines a high tiller number with large heads resulting in consistently high yields. Barley can be grown profitable on many farms if high yields are obtained. Barley contains approximately the same feeding value as corn. In addition, barley usually has a high protein percentage. The average value being about 14%, contrasted to about 10% for corn. Barley responds well to good management, producing over 1.5 tons of grain per acre.

2008 E Lansing Barley Yields

Bowers	89.8
Excel	72.0
Kewaunee	71.5

2005 E Lansing Barley Yields

Bowers	62.7
Excel	79.9
Kewaunee	90.7

Marketing Information

Bowers is a public variety available from certified seed producers in Michigan. Seed of this variety will be sold by variety name as a class of certified seed. Authorized seed classes will be Breeder, Foundation, and Certified.

For more information or a list of producers, please contact your local seed dealer or the MCIA office at:

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