

DANISH MALTING BARLEY

Catalogue 2025

Introduction

The Danish Preferred Committee welcomes you to the Danish Malting Barley Catalogue. In this catalogue, you will find a short presentation on the varieties which have finished industrial testing.

Further information on the program and full dataset for both Stress- and Industry Test can be accessed via <https://danishpreferred.com/>

Danish Preferred approved varieties

Danish Preferred Approved Varieties			
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*Pre-approved variety – well known and accepted by malting and brewing industry

Short description of program

Preconditions for application:

- Two years results from either Danish Official Testing or Farmer Union Trials.
- Two years of micro malting performed at VLB with samples and application through the Tystofte Foundation.
- Minimum 5 tons of seed available at application.

Stress Test:

- Micro malting from three locations under variable conditions: Steeping degree 45%, 43%, 41%; germination temp. 18/14,5°C; 5 days germination; isothermal mashing at 65 °C.
- The applicants will be invited to present the candidate varieties for the committee and comment on the results from stress test/micro malting.

Industry Test:

- Large scale malting at the two Danish malting companies (Viking Malt and Fuglsang) and one large scale malting at one of the other partners in the program (currently: Avangard Malz, Cargill, Crips Malting Group, Holland Malt, Malteurop, Soufflet)
- Brewing test at three breweries in Denmark or abroad.
- The industry step will have to be completed during either one or two growing seasons.

Final approval:

- Before final approval, a multiplication acreage of 500 hectares is required.

VARIETY NAME: LAUREATE

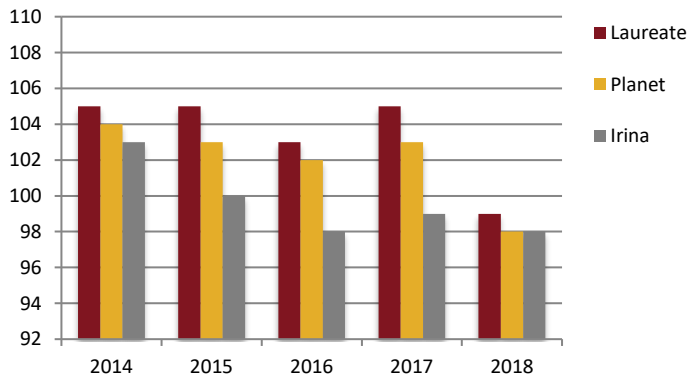


GENERAL INFORMATION

Variety: Laureate, Non GN variety
 Type: Two row spring malting barley
 Breeder: Syngenta, Germany
 Representative: Sejet, Denmark
 Distributer: DLG
 Pedigree: Sanette x Concerto
 Status: 7.007 ha multiplication in DK in 2024
 Geography: DK, UK, SE, FR, PL, DE, IR and LT

AGRONOMY

Data from Danish Official and National trials.
 Relative yield index.



Data from Danish National Trials 2014-2018	Irina/Planet	Laureate
Relative yield %	101	104
Protein %	10,7	10,6
Grading >2,5mm %	97	97
Grading >2,8mm %	86	89
Specific weight (hl/kg)	66,7	66,4
Maturity	02 Aug	02 Aug
Straw length in cm	60	61
Lodging (0-10, 1 is best):	0,6	0,7
Straw breaking (0-10, 1 is best)	3,1	4,1
Mildew (% coverage)	0	0
Barley rust (% coverage)	12	6
Skald (% coverage)	3,4	1,7
Net Blotch (% coverage)	1,3	0,04

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VLB MICRO MALTING

Stress test crop 2017 at 41%, 43% and 45% steeping degree. Tested variety is compared to the two largest malting barley varieties in Denmark for crop 2017.

	KWS Irina_45	KWS Irina_43	KWS Irina_41	RGT Planet_45	RGT Planet_43	RGT Planet_41	Laureate_45	Laureate_43	Laureate_41
Extract	3	3	3	3	4	4	1	1	3
Friability	3	4	5	2	3	5	2	3	5
Beta-Glucan	2	4	5	2	3	5	2	3	5
Viscosity	2	3	5	1	2	4	1	2	3
FAN	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3
Soluble N	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3
Kolbach	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	3
Alpha-Amylase	4	4	4	1	2	3	1	2	3
Beta-Amylase	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2
Limit Dextrinase	1	2	3	1	2	2	2	3	4
Attenuation	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	5
Turbidity	1	2	1	3	4	3	2	2	1

Positive:

- Good extract level at all steeping levels
- Good malt modification values

Negative:

- Low attenuation at steeping degree 41%

INDUSTRY MALTING

Comments to malted barley lots:

- No comments to appearance of barley and low level of Skinned Grains compared to general level of crop 2017
- High Germination Energy in all malted barley lots
- Very good screening >2,8 mm
- High Water Sensitivity noticed

Malt results - Positive:

- Generally high extract levels in all trials
- Very high alpha-amylase activity found in one of the trials and better than average beta amylase levels found generally
- High Attenuation

Malt results - Negative:

- Below average malt modification expressed by betaglucan level and friability values

INDUSTRY BREWING

Brew house:

- Very good wort collection reported - Good laureating behavior
- Good extract yield in the brew house reported

Fermentation and filtration:

- As normal

Packaged beer:

- As normal

RECOMMENDATION

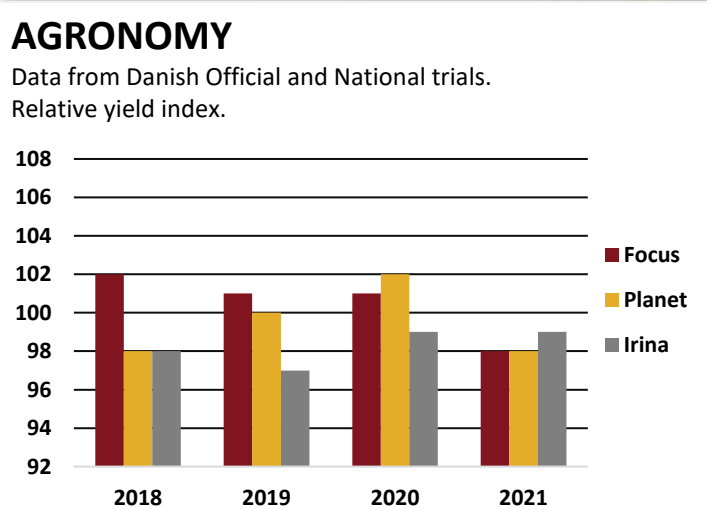
Laureate is a very high yielding malting barley variety with good agronomic features. Barley grading in terms of grain fraction >2,8 mm is good. Laureate was found to be slightly difficult regarding malt modification. Notice that Laureate is a Non-GN variety! Very high enzymatic level and high Attenuation in produced malt. Good brewery performance found through all trials.

VARIETY NAME: FOCUS



GENERAL INFORMATION

Variety: Focus
 Type: Two row spring malting barley
 Breeder: Secobra Recherches S.A., FR
 Representative: Nielsen & Smith, DK
 Distributer: Hornsyld
 Pedigree: Graze x Zeppelin
 Status: 63 ha multiplication in DK in 2024
 Geography: DK, FI, FR, CZ, GB, UA



Data from Danish National Trials 2018-2021	Irina/Planet	Focus
Relative yield %	99	101
Protein %	11,1	11,3
Grading >2,5mm %	97	97
Grading >2,8mm %	85	83
Specific weight (hl/kg)	68,3	70,3
Maturity	27-jul	26-jul
Straw length (cm)	67	69
Lodging (0-10, 0 is best)	0,1	1,3
Mildew (% coverage)	0	0,9
Barley rust (% coverage)	11,3	4,4
Skald (% coverage)	3,9	0,7
Net blotch (% coverage)	8,4	0,3

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VLB MICRO MALTING

Stress test crop 2018 at 41%, 43% and 45% steeping degree. Tested variety is compared to the two largest malting barley varieties in Denmark for crop 2018.

	KWS Irina_45	KWS Irina_43	KWS Irina_41	RGT Planet_45	RGT Planet_43	RGT Planet_41	Focus_45	Focus_43	Focus_41
Extract	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2
Friability	4	4	5	3	4	5	2	3	3
Beta-Glucan	4	5	5	2	4	4	1	1	2
Viscosity	3	4	5	2	4	4	1	1	1
FAN, diff. *	3	5	8	-2	-3	1	3	0	-2
Soluble N, diff. *	20	25	45	5	5	30	40	15	5
Kolback, diff. *	1	1	2	-1	0	2	0	-1	-1
Alpha-Amylase	5	5	4	1	1	3	2	2	2
Beta-Amylase	1	1	1	2	1	2	5	5	5
Limit Dextrinase	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attenuation	2	4	3	2	4	4	5	5	5
Turbidity	1	1	1	4	4	5	2	1	1
Index **	19	23	22	19	25	27	20	19	19
Index mean ***	41			45			39		

Positive:

- Good extract level at all steeping degrees.
- Very good malt modification
- Low Turbidity/Haze values

Negative:

- Very low Beta Amylase Activity
- Noticeable low attenuation!

INDUSTRY MALTING

Comments to malted barley lots:

- Low levels of skinned grains in malted barley lots
- Good Germination Energy
- Good screening >2,8 mm

Malt results - Positive:

- Very high extract in all malted lots
- Well modified malt with low Beta-glucan levels

Malt results - Negative:

- Average/low Diastatic Power
- Low Beta Amylase activity as seen also for the stress test
- Low Attenuation seen in one of the trials

INDUSTRY BREWING

Brew house:

- Normal to good brewhouse yield

Fermentation and filtration:

- Significantly lower RDF generally seen!
- Normal beer filtration

Packaged beer:

- As normal

RECOMMENDATION

Focus is an average yielding malting barley variety with good agronomic features and good disease resistance. Malted barley lots of average quality. Focus produces an average malt with good malt modification and a high extract. Malt produced from Focus was found to have a significantly low Beta Amylase level and a noticeable low attenuation.

VARIETY NAME: PROSPECT

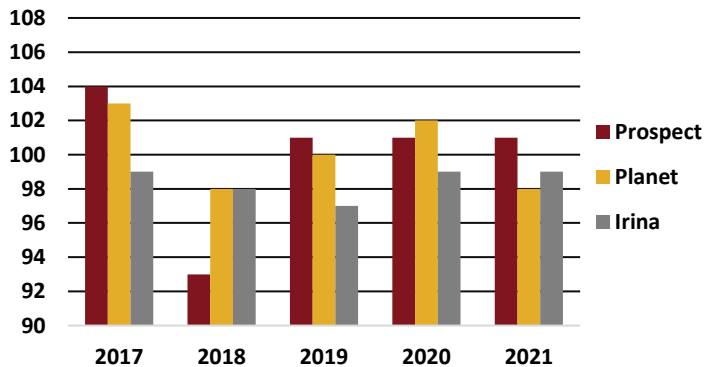


GENERAL INFORMATION

Variety: Prospect, Non GN variety
 Type: Two row spring malting barley
 Breeder: SEJET
 Representative: SEJET
 Distributer: DLG
 Pedigree: KWS Irina x Overture
 Status: 2.209 ha multiplication in DK in 2024
 Geography: DK, DE, SE, FI, FR, UA

AGRONOMY

Data from Danish Official and National trials.
 Relative yield index.



Data from Danish National Trials 2017-2021	Irina/Planet	Prospect
Relative yield %	99	100
Protein %	11	11
Grading >2,5mm %	97	97
Grading >2,8mm %	85	86
Specific weight (hl/kg)	68	69
Maturity	29-jul	29-jul
Straw length (cm)	65	67
Lodging (0-10, 1 is best)	0,5	0,5
Mildew (% coverage)	0	0
Barley rust (% coverage)	12,4	11,8
Skald (% coverage)	3,0	1,9
Net blotch (% coverage)	6,8	1,1

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VLB MICRO MALTING

Stress test crop 2017 at 41%, 43% and 45% steeping degree. Tested variety is compared to the two largest malting barley varieties in Denmark for crop 2017.

	KWS Irina_45	KWS Irina_43	KWS Irina_41	RGT Planet_45	RGT Planet_43	RGT Planet_41	Prospect_45	Prospect_43	Prospect_41
Extract	3	3	3	3	4	4	2	2	4
Friability	3	4	5	2	3	5	2	3	5
Beta-Glucan	2	4	5	2	3	5	2	3	4
Viscosity	2	3	5	1	2	4	2	2	3
FAN	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	3
Soluble N	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2
Kolbach	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	2
Alpha-Amylase	4	4	4	1	2	3	2	2	3
Beta-Amylase	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	4
Limit Dextrinase	1	2	3	1	2	2	2	4	5
Attenuation	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	4	5
Turbidity	1	2	1	3	4	3	2	4	2

Positive:

- Average Extract level and Modification values

Negative:

- Low level of Beta Amylase and Limit Dextranase activity
- Low Attenuation level seen at low steeping degrees

INDUSTRY MALTING

Comments to malted barley lots:

- Impressively high Germination Energy in all malted barley lots
- No comments to visual appearance of barley
- Low to average level of skinned grains seen

Malt results - Positive:

- Good high extract levels in all malted lots
- Good malt Modification seen
- Very good Alpha-Amylase Activity
- Beta-Amylase on acceptable level and not low as seen in the stress test
- Nice low Haze in wort

Malt results - Negative:

- No significant negative values found for tested parameters

INDUSTRY BREWING

Brew house:

- Good lautering/wort collection
- Normal to very good brewhouse yield seen

Fermentation and filtration:

- Normal / good fermentation and beer filtration reported
- Final Attenuation normal to high

Packaged beer:

- As Normal

RECOMMENDATION

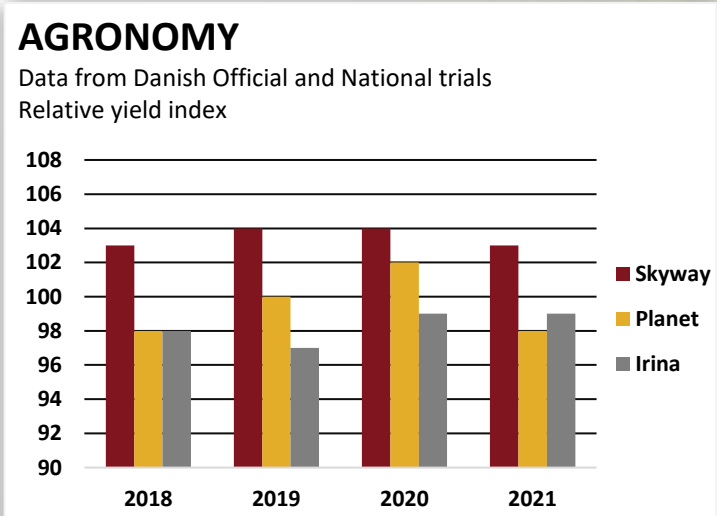
Prospect is an average yielding malting barley variety with good agronomic features and good disease resistance. All malted barley lots were of good quality especially in terms of Germination Energy. Beta Amylase and Final Attenuation were low in stress test. - However, this was not confirmed in full scale industry test.

VARIETY NAME: SKYWAY



GENERAL INFORMATION

Variety: Skyway
 Type: Two row spring malting barley
 Breeder: Nordic Seed
 Representative: Nordic Seed
 Distributer: DLA Agro/Danish Agro
 Pedigree: RGT Planet * NOS 2105-11
 Status: 2.428 ha multiplication in DK in 2024
 Geography: AT, DK, SE, FI, UK, UA, IR, Baltics



Data from Danish National Trials 2018-2021	Irina/Planet	Skyway
Relative yield %	99	104
Protein %	11,1	10,8
Grading >2,5mm %	97	98
Grading >2,8mm %	85	91
Specific weight (hl/kg)	68,3	69,7
Maturity	28/7	28/7
Straw length (cm)	65	67
Lodging (0-10, 1 is best)	0,5	0,5
Mildew (% coverage)	0	0
Barley rust (% coverage)	11,3	16,8
Skald (% coverage)	2,9	5,6
Net blotch (% coverage)	8,4	1,5

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VLB MICRO MALTING

Stress test crop 2019 at 41%, 43% and 45% steeping degree. Tested variety is compared to the two largest malting barley varieties in Denmark for crop 2019.

	KWS Irina_45	KWS Irina_43	KWS Irina_41	RGT Planet_45	RGT Planet_43	RGT Planet_41	Skyway_45	Skyway_43	Skyway_41
Extract	3	5	5	1	4	4	1	2	4
Friability	3	4	5	1	2	4	1	2	5
Beta-Glucan	2	4	5	1	2	4	1	3	5
Viscosity	2	3	4	1	1	4	1	3	5
FAN, diff.*	35	27	25	31	25	23	16	14	5
Soluble N, diff.*	33	31	40	24	23	22	-37	-21	-36
Kolback, diff.*	0	0	1	2	2	1	-3	-1	-3
Alpha-Amylase	4	4	5	1	1	2	3	2	4
Beta-Amylase	3	2	3	3	4	3	1	2	2
Limit Dextrinase	1	2	3	2	1	3	1	1	2
Attenuation	3	3	3	3	3	4	1	2	3
Turbidity	1	1	1	2	5	5	1	1	2
Index **	18	23	25	13	23	28	8	13	24
Index mean ***	42			38			26		

Positive:

- Good extract – with low level of skinned grains
- Good levels of beta-amylase and limit dextrinase at all steeping degrees
- Good final attenuation at all steeping degrees

Negative:

- Somewhat low level of alpha-amylase
- Low proteolytic activity observed

INDUSTRY MALTING

Comments to malted barley lots:

- All lots reported to be healthy and good looking
- Good germination energy

Malt results - Positive:

- Average to high extract levels in all malted lots
- Nice low haze in wort
- Good modification

Malt results - Negative:

- Low alpha-amylase activity
- Average to low final attenuation found on lab fermentation
- Slightly low proteolytic activity

INDUSTRY BREWING

Brew house:

- Normal to good brewhouse yield seen

Fermentation and filtration:

- Good / very good fermentation time and beer filtration reported
- End-fermentation reported to be normal to good

Packaged beer:

- As Normal

RECOMMENDATION

Skyway is a high yielding malting barley variety with good grading and average agronomic features. Skyway had high extract in all malted lots and a good modification. Skyway is slightly low in alpha-amylase activity. Final attenuation was found to be on the lower side, however end-fermentation in final full-scale product was normal to good. Malting plants need to be aware of low proteolytic activity when malting Skyway.

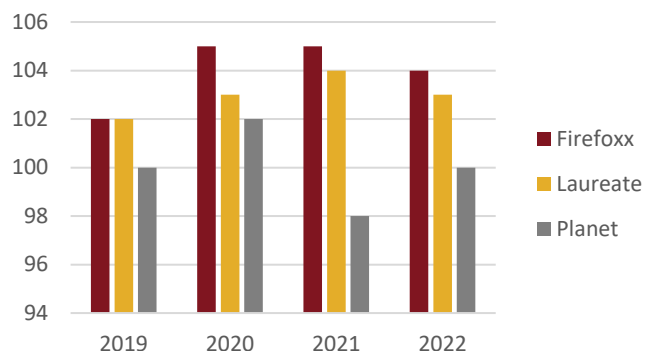
VARIETY NAME: FIREFOXX

GENERAL INFORMATION

Variety: Firefoxx, Non-GN variety
 Type: Two row spring malting barley
 Breeder: Ackermann Saatzzucht GmbH & Co. KG
 Representative: Nordic Seed A/S
 Distributer: Nordic Seed A/S
 Pedigree: Chanson*Acorn
 Status: 1.993 ha. multiplication in DK 2024
 Geography: DK, SE, UK, NL, LT, PL, RU

AGRONOMY

Data from Danish Official and National trials
 Relative yield index



Data from Danish National Trials 2019-2022	Laureate/Planet	Firefoxx
Relative yield %	102	104
Protein %	10,4	10,3
Grading >2,5mm %	97,0	96,3
Grading >2,8mm %	87,6	86,3
Specific weight (hl/kg)	67,8	67,2
Maturity	30/7	29/7
Straw length (cm)	72	69
Lodging (0-10, 1 is best)	0,5	0,6
Mildew (% coverage)	0	0
Barley rust (% coverage)	10,9	14,8
Skald (% coverage)	4,5	5,1
Net blotch (% coverage)	9,3	0,1

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VLB MICRO MALTING

Stress test crop 2019 at 41%, 43% and 45% steeping degree. Tested variety is compared to the two largest malting barley varieties in Denmark for crop 2019.

	KWS Irina_45	KWS Irina_43	KWS Irina_41	RGT Planet_45	RGT Planet_43	RGT Planet_41	Firefoxx_45	Firefoxx_43	Firefoxx_41
Extract	3	5	5	1	4	4	1	1	3
Friability	3	4	5	1	2	4	1	3	4
Beta-Glucan	2	4	5	1	2	4	1	3	4
Viscosity	2	3	4	1	1	4	1	2	4
FAN, diff. *	35	27	25	31	25	23	27	20	13
Soluble N, diff. *	33	31	40	24	23	22	9	2	4
Kolback, diff. *	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	0
Alpha-Amylase	4	4	5	1	1	2	5	5	5
Beta-Amylase	3	2	3	3	4	3	5	5	5
Limit Dextrinase	1	2	3	2	1	3	3	2	3
Attenuation	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	5
Turbidity	1	1	1	2	5	5	1	1	1
Index **	18	23	25	13	23	28	14	16	25
Index mean ***	42			38			35		

Positive:

- Good extract levels at all steeping degrees
- Good final attenuation at 45 and 43 steeping degree
- Excellent turbidity at all steeping degrees

Negative:

- Very low level of alpha-amylase and beta-amylase

RECOMMENDATION

Firefoxx is a high yielding malting barley variety, with good agronomic features. Firefoxx is a Non-GN variety ((dual-purpose)) fit for distilling. Firefoxx showed high extract values in all malted lots. The variety showed very low level of alpha- and beta-amylase in the stress test however this was not confirmed in the industry test where Firefoxx showed a normal enzyme activity and a normal to good level of final attenuation.

INDUSTRY MALTING

Comments to malted barley lots:

- All lots reported to be healthy and good looking
- Good Germination Energy

Malt results - Positive:

- High extract levels in all malted lots
- Compared to stress test results two of three full scale malted lots showed high alpha-amylase

Malt results - Negative:

- One malting showed several bad results, but this is due to the malting process not taking origin into account.

INDUSTRY BREWING

Brew house:

- Normal brewhouse yield seen

Fermentation and filtration:

- Slightly faster fermentation speed than normal
- Good yeast sedimentation/cropping seen

Packaged beer:

- As Normal

VARIETY NAME: CB-Score



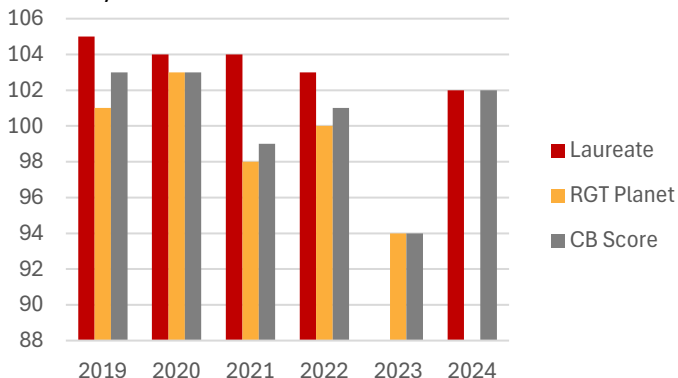
GENERAL INFORMATION

Variety: CB Score
 Type: Two row spring malting barley 4G-type:
 No DMS, Double Null-LOX, and Proant free
 Breeder: Carlsberg
 Representative: Sejet
 Distributer: DLG
 Pedigree: (China x RGT Planet) x (Lauxana x Laureate)
 Status: 1.140 ha. multiplication in EU 2024
 Geography: DK, UK, FR, UA

AGRONOMY

Data from Danish Official and National trials

Relative yield index



Data from Danish National Trials 2019-2024	Laureate/Planet	CB Score
Relative yield %	101,4	100,3
Protein %	10,3	10,5
Grading >2,5mm %	96,0	95,0
Grading >2,8mm %	86,0	84,0
Specific weight (hl/kg)	67,3	66,6
Maturity	31/7	2/8
Straw length (cm)	70,0	67,0
Lodging (0-10, 1 is best)	0,5	0,7
Mildew (% coverage)	0,0	0,0
Barley rust (% coverage)	10,2	10,7
Scald (% coverage)	4,9	2,7
Net blotch (% coverage)	9,0	0,1

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VLB MICRO MALTING

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	KWS Irina_45	KWS Irina_43	KWS Irina_41	RGT Planet_45	RGT Planet_43	RGT Planet_41	CB Score_45	CB Score_43	CB Score_41
Extract	3	5	4	3	3	5	2	1	2
Friability	1	4	5	1	2	5	2	4	5
Beta-Glucan	2	4	5	1	2	4	2	4	5
Viscosity	2	3	5	1	2	4	2	3	4
FAN	2	3	4	1	3	4	2	3	4
Soluble N	3	4	5	1	3	4	1	2	3
Kolback	3	3	4	1	3	4	1	2	3
Alpha-Amylase	5	5	5	3	4	3	2	2	1
Beta-Amylase	1	2	3	2	2	1	4	4	4
Limit Dextrinase	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	4
Attenuation	2	5	4	1	2	5	2	4	3
Turbidity	5	3	1	5	3	4	1	1	1
Index **	15	24	22	13	15	24	14	16	18
Index mean ***	38			32			31		

Positive:

- Good extract levels at all steeping degrees
- Good final attenuation at 45% and 41% steeping degree
- Excellent turbidity at all steeping degrees, especially 45%

Negative:

- Very low-level beta-amylase

INDUSTRY MALTING

Comments to malted barley lots:

- All barley lots reported to be healthy and good looking
- Good Germination Energy seen

Malt results - Positive:

- High extract levels in all malted lots
- Above average alpha-amylase activity in both tests
- Low haze in wort
- Relatively low levels of beta-glucan.
- 4G-type: No DMS, no Lipoxygenase activity and Proant free.
- PUG (partly unmodified grains) above average level.
- Potential less intensive killing due to no DMS to be explored.

Malt results - Negative:

- Both tests had a low level of Beta-amylase activity, which was also seen in the VLB micro malting.

INDUSTRY BREWING

Brew house:

- Normal brewhouse yield seen
- Normal mashing performance and wort collecting time.
- Brewhouse performance data, confirmed potential for reduced wort boiling.

Fermentation and filtration:

- Normal fermentation time, yeast sedimentation and beer-filtration performance.
- No need for beer stabilization resulting in crystal clear beer.

Packaged beer:

- Normal Flavor and Foam Stability

RECOMMENDATION

CB Score is an average yielding malting barley. Micro malting, industrial malting and industrial brewing showed good results. Very low level of beta-amylase could be observed. CB Score has unique characteristics: no DMS enables energy savings in both malting and brewing, Double Null-LOX characteristics enhanced better flavor stability and Proant free enables beer filtration without the use of stabilizing agents.