

SECTOR PROFILE AT A GLANCE

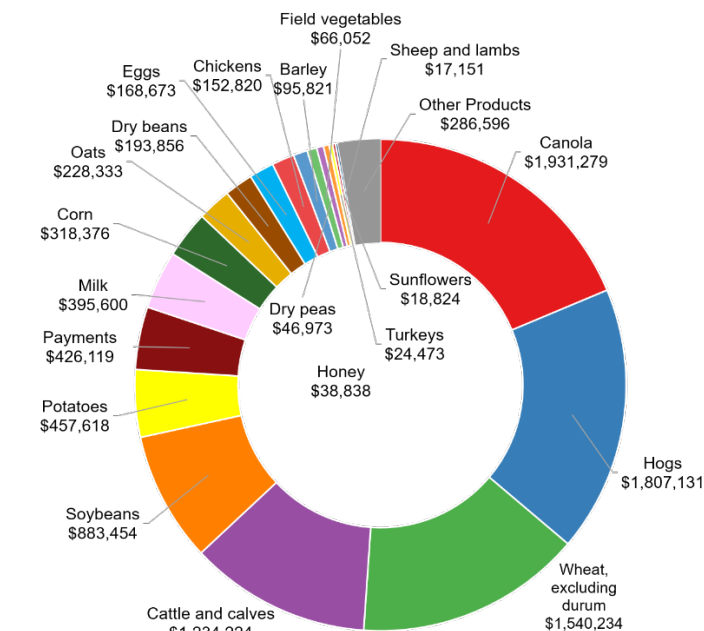
Barley



Highlights

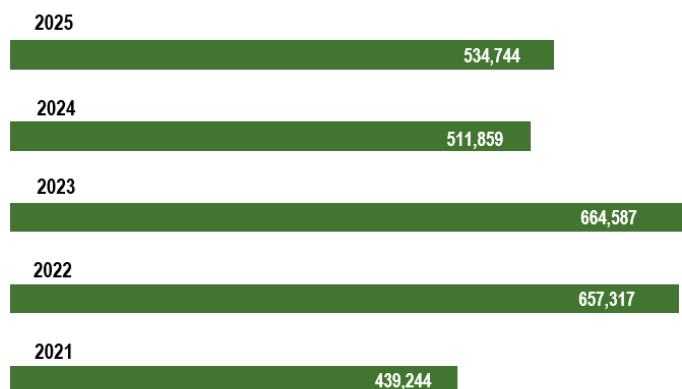
- Manitoba planted 238,200 acres of barley in 2026, positioning it as the sixth-largest crop by seeded area.
- In 2025, Manitoba accounted for 5.5 per cent of Canada's barley, with Alberta producing 54.7 per cent and 36.2 per cent from Saskatchewan.
- Manitoba achieved a record barley yield of 85.0 bushels per acre in 2025.
- More than half of Manitoba's barley production is used locally for livestock feed. The remaining production is roughly split between provincial malt production and exports for international malting markets.
- In 2025, China was the largest destination of Manitoba's barley and malt exports, followed closely by the United States (U.S.).

Farm Cash Receipts (2025, '000 of dollars)



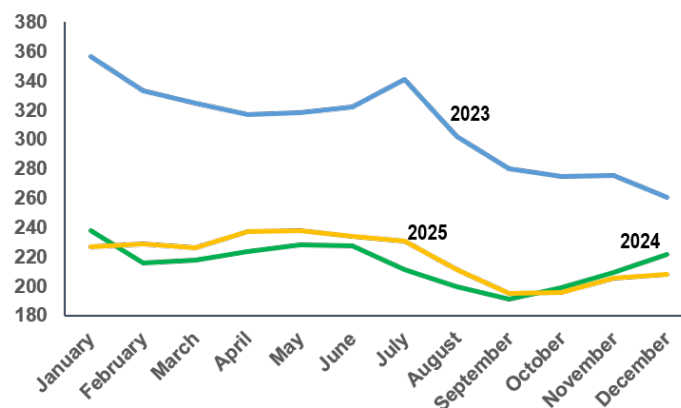
Source: Statistics Canada

Production (metric tonnes)



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Prices (dollars per metric tonne)



Source: Foresight and Analysis

Processing

- Barley is processed into malt, a key ingredient in beer production. The malting process can be adjusted to achieve specific flavour profiles.
- Malteurop Canada Ltd. operates a malt processing facility just east of Winnipeg.
- Manitoba is home to over two dozen local craft breweries, many of which use locally produced barley and malt.
- The Manitoba Brewers Association is a collaborative group of craft brewers that promote and celebrate Manitoba's local craft beers.
- Barley is a highly digestible and nutritious feed source for all livestock species, making Manitoba's livestock sector the primary domestic market for barley.
- Barley is also a food ingredient, commonly used in soups in the form of pearled barley. It may be consumed whole or ground into flour for use in baked goods. Barley is rich in vitamins and minerals, along with soluble and insoluble fibre and antioxidants.

Marketing and Trade

- Barley prices were slightly higher in 2025, averaging about \$220 per tonne, compared with \$215 per tonne in 2024.
- In 2025, Manitoba exported \$103 million worth of barley and barley products. Most of these exports went to the China (41 per cent), followed by the U.S. (39 per cent) and Japan (15 per cent).

DID YOU KNOW?

- Manitoba's barley is primarily used for two purposes: malting to make beer and as feed for all species of livestock.
- By seeded area, barley ranks as Manitoba's sixth-largest crop in 2025.
- Barley is a traditional crop in Manitoba as it is well-suited to the province's cooler climate and shorter growing season.
- Pearled barley is a popular ingredient in hearty soups.
- Manitoba's barley producers are represented by the Manitoba Crop Alliance and Cereals Canada, both of which focus on profitability, sustainability and market promotion.
- The Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre (CMBTC) supports the malting sector by providing technical expertise and marketing assistance.
- The Brewing and Malting Barley Research Institute (BMBRI) focuses on research aimed at improved malting barley agronomics and malting characteristics.

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