

Technical Bulletin

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CDC Fraser 2-Row Malting Barley



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CDC Fraser is a high yielding strong strawed 2-row malting barley with large plump kernels and lower grain protein. CDC Fraser has grain protein similar to CDC Copeland, malt enzyme activity between AC Metcalfe and CDC Copeland, extract greater than both checks, malt β -glucan lower than both checks and friability greater than both checks. CDC Fraser is widely adapted across the Canadian Prairies and is presently undergoing market development trials with maltsters and brewers.

Parentage: TR04280 x SM04261

Strengths:

- 114% higher yield than AC Metcalfe (2012 & 2013 Coop Trials)
- Straw strength greater than the checks including Xena
- Grain protein 8/10% lower than AC Metcalfe, similar to CDC Copeland
- Low malt β -glucan,
- Kernel weight greater than the malt checks
- Higher % plump kernels than the checks
- Resistant to loose smut and stem rust

Neutral Traits:

- Test weight similar to CDC Copeland
- 1 day later maturing than AC Metcalfe
- Malt enzyme activity between AC Metcalfe and CDC Copeland
- FAN lower than AC Metcalfe

Weaknesses:

- Susceptible or moderately susceptible to covered smut, false smut, loose smut, scald, CRR and FHB

Breeders:

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PBR 91 Protected
PVP Granted

CMBTC Recommended List for 2025

Averaged Characteristics from 2012 & 2013 Western Cooperative Two-Row Barley Registration Trials

Variety	Yield (% of AC Metcalfe)	Maturity (days)	Grain Protein (%)	Height (cm)	Lodging 1 = best 9 = flat	Kernel Weight (mg)	% Plump	Test Weight (kg hl)
CDC Copeland	106	93.3	11.0	86.8	3.7	45.3	87.6	63.7
Xena	111	92.5	--	83.1	3.5	48.3	88.6	65.6
AC Metcalfe	100	92.6	11.6	83.9	4.1	44.3	87.7	65.2
CDC Fraser	114	93.8	10.7	82.5	2.8	46.8	91.4	64.2

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Seed Manitoba 2025 - Malting Barley Comparison

Variety	Site Years Tested	Yield bu/ac	Protein +/- check	Maturity +/- 88 days	Height +/- 89cm	Test Tw. +/- 48.7lb/bu	Rough or Smooth Awns	Lodging	Loose Smut	Surface-Borne Smut	Root Rot	Netted Net Blotch	Spotted Net Blotch	Spot Blotch	Stem Rust	Fusarium Head Blight
AC Metcalfe	201	99	13.0	0	0	0	R	F	R	I	I	S	I	I	MR	I
AAC Synergy	91	114	12.2	0	-2	-0.4	R	G	S	I	I	MR	R	R	MR	I
CDC Austenson*	91	116	12.2	+1	0	+0.5	R	G	S	R	I	MS	R	MR	I	I
CDC Bow	55	107	12.1	+1	+3	+0.5	R	G	S	I	MS	S	MR	I	MR	I
CDC Churchill	46	113	12.3	+1	-5	-0.2	R	G	MS	MR	---	MR	MR	I	MR	MS
CDC Copeland	41	102	12.3	0	+5	-0.5	R	G	MS	I	I	I	I	S	MR	I
CDC Fraser	43	109	12.1	+1	0	-0.7	R	G	R	MR	MS	MR	MR	R	MR	I

Lodging Ratings: F=Fair; G=Good; VG=Very Good Disease Ratings: R=Resistant; MR=Moderately Resistant; I=Intermediate; MS=Moderately Susceptible; S=Susceptible * Feed barley comparison

2025 Saskatchewan Varieties of Grain - Barley Comparison

Variety	Years Tested	# Rows	Awn Type	Yield (% of AAC Synergy)		Relative Maturity	Lodging	Net Form Net Blotch	Spot-Form Net Blotch	Spot Blotch	Scald	Loose Smut	Other Smuts	Root Rot	Stem Rust	FHB
				Area 1&2	Area 3&4											
AAC Synergy	7	2	R	100	100	M	F	MR	R	R	S	S	I	I	MR	I
AC Metcalfe	7	2	R	87	86	M	F	S	I	I	MS	R	I	I	MR	I
CDC Austenson*	7	2	R	102	103	M	G	MS	R	MR	S	S	R	I	I	I
CDC Bow	7	2	R	94	93	M	VG	S	MR	I	MS	S	I	MS	MR	MS
CDC Churchill	7	2	R	105	104	M	G	MR	MR	I	S	MS	MR	---	MR	MS
CDC Copeland	7	2	R	92	93	M	F	I	I	S	MS	MS	I	I	MR	I
CDC Fraser	7	2	R	100	98	M	G	MR	R	R	MS	R	R	MS	MR	I

M=Medium; L=Late; G=Good; VG=Very Good; F=Fair; P=Poor; VP=Very Poor
*Feed barley comparison

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2025 Alberta Seed Guide - Malting Barley Comparison

Variety	2 or 6 Row	Awn Type	Most Recent Year of Testing	Station Years	Yield % AAC Synergy			Maturity Days +/- AAC Synergy	Test Weight lb/bu	TKW (g)	Height (cm)	Resistance to Lodging	Disease Tolerance							
					Overall Yield	Low <113 (bu/ac)	High >113 (bu/ac)						Loose Smut	Other Smuts	Scald	Spot Form Net blotch	Net Form Net Blotch	Spot Blotch	FHB	
AAC Synergy (bu/ac)					122	85	147	93												
AAC Synergy	2	R	2024	164	100	100	100	0	53	49	81	F	S	I	S	R	MR	R	I	
AC Metcalfe	2	R	2024	122	91	89	92	0	53	46	81	F	R	I	S	I	S	I	I	
CDC Austenson*	2	R	2024	134	101	98	103	+2	54	49	81	G	S	R	S	R	MS	MR	I	
CDC Bow	2	R	2016	38	97	98	96	+1	52	45	79	VG	S	I	MS	MR	S	I	I	
CDC Churchill	2	R	2024	57	104	102	104	+2	53	46	77	G	MS	MR	S	MR	MR	I	MS	
CDC Copeland	2	R	2024	121	95	93	96	0	52	48	86	F	MS	I	S	I	I	S	I	
CDC Fraser	2	R	2017	37	102	103	101	+1	52	46	78	G	R	MR	MS	MR	MR	MR	R	I

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