



KNOW
YOUR FOOD

WHEAT & BARLEY



BY THE NUMBERS – 2023

24,500+	11,789,600	14,045,755	\$3.12 BILLION
farm families	acres seeded	tons produced	to the provincial economy

FUN FACTS

Wheat kernels are called wheat berries.



DID YOU KNOW?

Wheat is largely used for food products, and barley is used for animal feed and malting.



Largest overall export markets are Indonesia, China, Japan, and the United States.



Humans eat both wheat and barley, but we see wheat more often in our diet with products like bread and pasta.

ENVIRONMENT

In modern agriculture, many farmers have adopted a four-crop rotation sequence. In Alberta, this rotation often includes wheat, barley, pulses and canola. Rotating crops every year helps to promote soil health and interrupt disease cycles.

MEET A PRODUCER

Dean Hubbard, Alberta Grains

Dean Hubbard is a wheat, barley, oilseed and pulse grower near Claresholm, Alberta, who is also a Region 1 Director for Alberta Grains. Dean has been involved in farming research for over a decade, and loves learning about new and efficient ways to farm. On top of his role with Alberta Grains, Dean supports other agriculture groups like the Agri-Environmental Partnership of Alberta, the Canadian Wheat Research Coalition and the Alberta Plastics Recycling Group. Recently, Dean travelled to Algeria, Morocco, Italy and the United Kingdom to promote Canadian durum wheat with Cereals Canada.



Barley is one of the world's oldest crops.



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