

**Project Title:** Evaluation of spring barley cultivar performance under continuous-crop and crop-crop-fallow systems in central Montana

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**Objective:**  
Evaluate the performance of spring barley cultivars in central Montana environments.

**Results:**  
The 2013 NTCC spring barley performance trials were conducted at CARC-Moccasin, two seeding dates, Denton and Geraldine. Barley grain yields were much higher at Moccasin and Geraldine than near Denton (Tables 1-4). 2013 yields in Denton were roughly 4.5 bu/a lower than the site's 5-year average (Table 6). Moccasin contained two trials, involving different seeding dates. The highest yielding cultivar in the earlier seeded Moccasin trail was line MT070158, while the highest yield in the later seeded trial was line MT090180. Development line MT080279 was the highest yielding entry at the Denton and Geraldine locations. Haxby, Champion, Gallatin and line MT070159 were other entries that yielded well.

2013 Barley test weight and protein levels were near or above the 5-year averages for the three locations (Tables 8-10 and 11-13, respectively). The test weights have been above the 48 lbs/bu. While continuous crop barley often has heavier test weights, the drier early post seeding conditions appear to contribute to even higher test weights, possibly through reduced yield potential during early development stages. Haxby had high test weight for all four trials. The Moccasin locations protein was above the five average. A combination of remnant rooting zone N from the drought stress yellow mustard crop and more effective use of urea N due to application closer to significant precipitation events. The Denton and Geraldine 2013 protein levels were closer levels preferred for malt barley and less than the five year average (Tables 12-13). A high level of winter wheat residue, at Geraldine, may have caused some urease induced urea N volatilization. The malt cultivar Conrad and the feed barley CDC Cowboy were both ranked in the highest quartile for multi-year protein percentage at all three locations. Harrington, Metcalfe and Eslick were ranked high for grain protein in specific trials. Haxby, Hockett and Champion ranked low for grain protein (Tables 11-13).

**Summary:**  
For ease of assessment, Haxby is used as a standard for multi-year yield, test weight and protein performance, the performance of entries is compared to Haxby for the same years. Haxby generally has the highest mean yield and test weight. For grain protein, Haxby is often near the bottom in multi-year comparisons.

MSU-MAES Barley breeder coordinates the selection of entries and the preparation and distribution of seed for these trials.

**Funding Summary:**  
Expenditure information to be provided by OSP. No other grant support was provided.

**MWBC FY2011 Grant Submission Plans:**  
It is planned to submit this project for funding consideration in the next fiscal year.

Table 1 2013 Mid-April barley performance in no-till continuous crop near Moccasin.  
 Exp. 133670 Central Agricultural Research Center. Moccasin, Montana

Entry	Head Date	Plant Ht	Yield	Yield	Test Wt	Plump	Protein
	Julian	"	lbs/a	bu/a	lb/bu.	%	%
MT070158	180.0	27	2914	60.7	45.0	65	15.7
MT080279	180.3	28	2814	58.6	46.5	52	15.5
MT070159	180.3	25	2798	58.3	46.0	33	17.1
Haxby	179.7	28	2783	58.0	49.0	49	15.4
MT090180	182.3	28	2706	56.4	48.5	74	14.9
Champion	181.0	28	2661	55.4	47.0	26	16.0
Eslick	182.3	25	2584	53.8	50.0	30	17.2
MT090190	182.0	29	2581	53.8	48.0	47	15.2
Hockett	181.0	28	2573	53.6	48.5	61	15.5
Tradtion	181.3	28	2557	53.3	44.0	27	15.6
Harrington	182.0	27	2547	53.1	45.0	52	16.4
Geraldine	182.3	26	2437	50.8	47.0	17	17.4
Conrad	182.3	25	2426	50.5	46.0	42	18.2
Gallatin	181.3	27	2361	49.2	48.5	31	17.6
Metcalfe	182.0	27	2287	47.6	47.5	40	18.1
CDC Cowboy	182.7	32	2007	41.8	47.5	39	18.5
Mean	181.4	27.4	2565	53.4	47.13	42.8	16.56
P-Value	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.02	0.00	0.00
CV 1	0.4	5.9	7.8		2.8	0.0	0.0
LSD(0.05)	1.21	2.70	335.00		2.86	0.00	0.00

Seed Date: 4/19/2013 Soil: 2"Temp.: 6C Moist depth: 18 "  
 Fertilizer: 10-10-10-05 NPKS w/sd 60 lbs N preplant top dress  
 Harvest: 8-Aug-13  
 Comments: The yellow mustard stubble provided a good seed bed for no-till  
 continous cropping. Post plant glyphosate application was used to control  
 a scattering of weeds. Primarily volunteer cereal plants.

Table 2 Early May seeded barley performance in no-till continuous crop near Moccasin.  
Exp 1336702 Central Agricultural Research Center. Moccasin, Montana

Entry	Headdate	Plant Ht	Yield	Yield	Test Wt	Plump	Protein
	Julian	"	lbs/a	bu/a	lb/bu	%	%
MT090180	185	26.4	2924	60.9	52.0	85	14.5
Metcalfe	185	26.8	2635	54.9	51.5	68	16.3
MT080279	184	28.4	2584	53.8	48.5	71	15.8
Champion	184	28.0	2575	53.6	52.0	69	14.9
MT070158	184	27.2	2522	52.5	50.5	66	15.9
Geraldine	185	25.2	2488	51.8	49.5	23	18.1
Conrad	186	25.2	2424	50.5	49.5	73	19.6
Haxby	185	28.8	2390	49.8	52.0	24	18.7
MT070159	184	26.0	2317	48.3	49.5	29	18.3
Tradition	184	29.2	2246	46.8	48.0	37	18.2
Eslick	185	24.8	2132	44.4	52.0	10	20.6
CDC Cowboy	187	29.2	2115	44.1	51.0	41	18.0
MT090190	184	28.4	2057	42.9	52.0	62	18.2
Hockett	184	28.0	2051	42.7	49.5	34	18.1
Harrington	185	27.2	1997	41.6	50.0	58	20.1
Gallatin	185	26.0	1966	41.0	49.0	29	19.0
Mean	184.8	27.2	2339	48.7	50.41	48.7	17.81
P-Value			0.09		0.01		
CV 1			15.3		2.1		
LSD(0.05)			596	12.4	2.22		

Seed Date: 5/7/2013 Soil: 2"Temp.: 19C Moist depth: 18 "  
 Fertilizer: 10-10-10-05 NPKS w/sd 60 lbs N preplant top dress  
 Harvest: 23-Aug-13  
 Comments: This trial was seeded in same strip as the April 19 seeding, about 200 ft away.  
 Above average June precipitation and late July-early August humidity reduced seed fill stress.

Table 3 2013 Barley performance in no-till continuous crop near Denton  
Exp 133671 Central Agricultural Research Center. Moccasin Montana.

Rep	Plant Ht	Yield	Yield	Test Wt	Plump	Protein
	in.	lbs.	bu/a	lb/bu	%	%
MT080279	17	1929	40.2	54.0	90.5	12.5
MT070159	15	1746	36.4	53.0	77.9	12.2
Harrington	17	1738	36.2	53.5	89.3	12.6
Champion	20	1683	35.1	54.0	82.0	11.6
Haxby	19	1682	35.0	56.0	82.6	12.4
Gallatin	19	1681	35.0	53.5	81.9	12.3
Eslick	17	1658	34.6	53.0	62.4	12.5
Metcalfe	21	1620	33.7	54.0	86.9	12.1
MT070158	18	1595	33.2	55.0	93.0	13.0
MT090180	19	1576	32.8	54.0	83.0	11.3
Conrad	19	1557	32.5	53.0	91.8	14.1
Geraldine	16	1536	32.0	54.0	82.2	12.2
MT090190	23	1488	31.0	54.5	93.3	11.6
Hockett	20	1426	29.7	54.0	91.8	12.2
Tradition	22	1316	27.4	52.5	87.0	13.3
CDC Cowboy	26	1270	26.5	54.0	92.2	13.7
Mean	19.25	1594	33.21	53.88	85.5	12.5
P-Value	0.00	0.06	0.06	0.13		
CV 1	0	12.98	12.96	1.66		
LSD(0.05)	0	345.00	7.18	1.91		

Seed Date: 4/26/2013 NTCC afte Soil: 2"Temp.: 8C Moist depth: 18 "

Fertilizer: 10-10-10-05 NPKS w/seed + 60 N top dress as urea.

Harvest: 22-Aug-13

Comments: While the untilled lentil stubble provided a good seedbed, the lack of good surface soil moisture, combined with delayed abundant spring moisture contributed to poor tillering and lower yields.

Table 4 2013 Barley performance in no-till recrop near Geraldine.  
 Exp 133672 Central Agricultural Research Center. Moccasin Montana.

Rep	Plant Ht.	Yield	Yield	Test Wt	Plump	Protein
		lbs.	bu/a	lb/bu	%	%
MT080279		2819	60.6	54.9	90.1	11.7
MT070159		2657	55.4	55.7	92.5	11.3
Gallatin		2567	53.5	54.7	86.6	11.9
MT070158		2566	53.5	54.9	92.1	11.2
Eslick		2557	53.3	54.4	82.0	10.9
Geraldine		2552	53.2	54.7	80.8	11.2
Hockett		2521	52.5	56.0	93.7	10.7
Conrad		2490	51.9	53.1	87.9	11.6
Metcalfe		2487	51.8	55.5	91.1	10.9
Tradition		2481	51.7	54.6	91.1	11.0
Harrington		2480	51.7	53.6	89.0	11.6
Champion		2474	51.6	55.1	90.4	10.9
Haxby		2467	51.4	55.8	84.4	10.4
MT090180		2457	51.2	54.4	89.7	10.2
MT090190		2413	50.3	54.6	92.5	10.3
CDC Cowboy		2355	49.1	54.4	94.8	13.0
Mean		2522	52.65	54.74	89.29	11.17
P-Value		0.12	0.04	0.00		
CV 1		5.67	5.89	0.96		
LSD(0.05)		238.40	5.17	1.12		

Seed Date: 06-May -13 NTCCF winter wht stubble.  
 Soil: Soil: 2"Temp.: 18C Moisture Probe depth: 24 "  
 Fertilizer: 10-10-10-05 w/sd 60 lbs N preplant top dress.  
 Harvest: 23-Aug-13 Field: strip by east fence  
 Comments: Heavy straw residue interfered with obtaining the ideal stand.  
 However, the stands were uniform across treatments. Feed barley was seeded around the trial site.

Table 5 Moccasin multi-year spring barley variety grain yields in no-till CC.  
Exp 133670 Central Agricultural Research Center. Moccasin, Montana

Selected Entries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 Early	2013 Late	Average	Haxby same yrs
	(bu/a)							
<b>Champion</b>	49.2	51.1		27.4	55.4	53.6	47.3	50.5
<b>Conrad</b>	50.9	55.9	36.1	30.0	50.5	50.5	45.6	48.2
<b>Cowboy</b>				23.2	41.8	44.1	36.4	48.5
<b>Eslick</b>				29.5	53.8	44.4	42.6	48.5
<b>Gallatin</b>	46.1	59.6	30.8	29.3	49.2	41.0	42.7	48.2
<b>Harrington</b>	46.1	39.7	28.4	22.4	53.1	41.6	38.6	48.2
<b>Haxby</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>48.2</b>	48.2
<b>Hockett</b>	40.8	56.4	32.4	25.0	53.6	42.7	41.8	48.2
<b>Metcalfe</b>	41.6	45.7	28.7	24.5	47.6	54.9	40.5	48.2
<b>Tradition</b>			31.1	28.1	53.3	46.8	39.8	45.4
Yearly Mean	46.2	52.5	32.0	27.7	51.6	46.9	42.3	48.2

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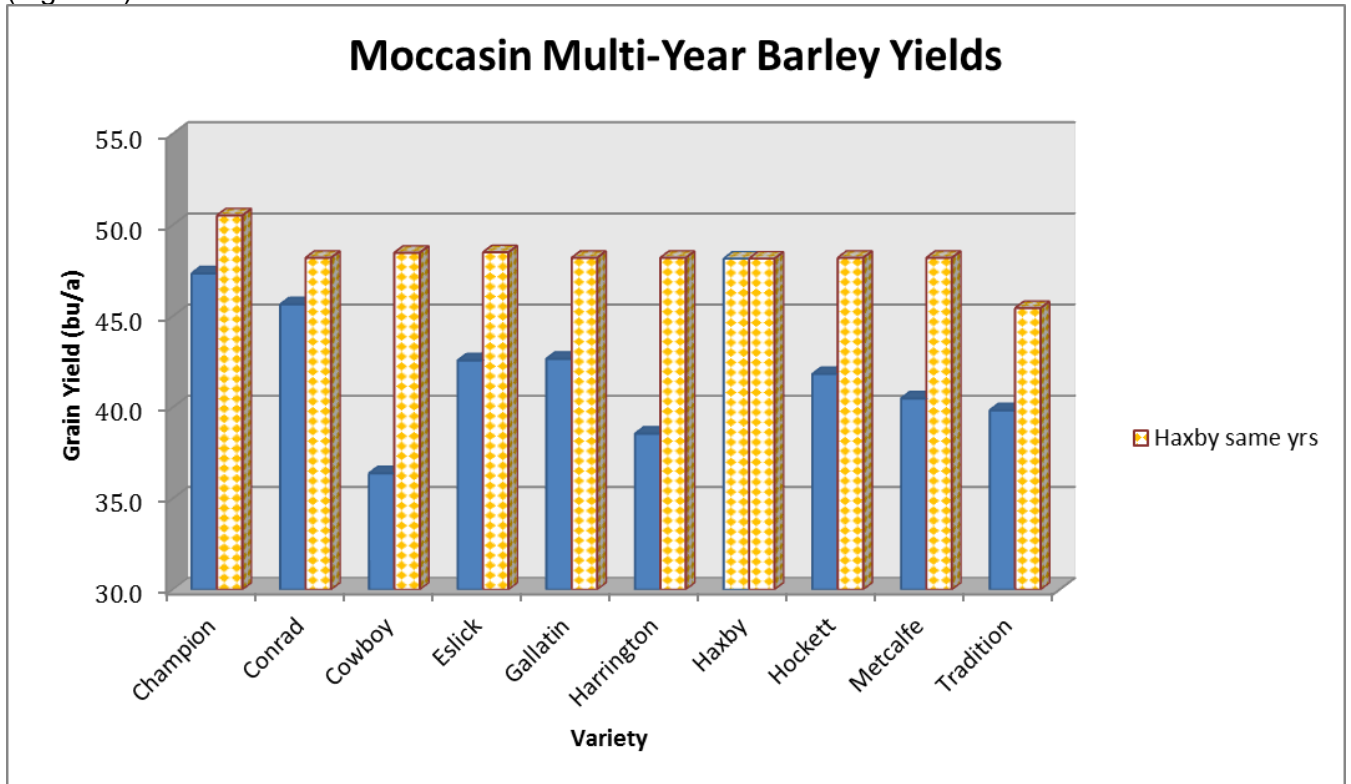


Table 6 Denton multi-year spring barley variety grain yields in no-till CC.  
Exp 133671 Central Agricultural Research Center, Moccasin, Montana

Selected Entries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average	Haxby same yrs
			(bu/a)				
<b>Champion</b>	58.0	50.0		44.5	35.1	46.9	44.6
<b>Conrad</b>	40.8	56.1	20.7	44.8	32.5	39.0	39.9
<b>Cowboy</b>				38.0	26.5	32.2	40.1
<b>Eslick</b>				38.9	34.6	36.7	40.1
<b>Gallatin</b>	42.3	51.5	20.8	40.2	35.0	38.0	39.9
<b>Harrington</b>	37.7	47.2	19.7	35.6	36.2	35.3	39.9
<b>Haxby</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>39.9</b>	39.9
<b>Hockett</b>	45.9	46.7	22.6	40.6	29.7	37.1	39.9
<b>Metcalfe</b>	42.1	48.6	18.6	39.3	33.7	36.5	39.9
<b>Tradition</b>			21.2	39.1	27.4	29.2	33.8
Yearly Mean	43.8	51.2	20.7	40.6	32.6	37.1	39.8

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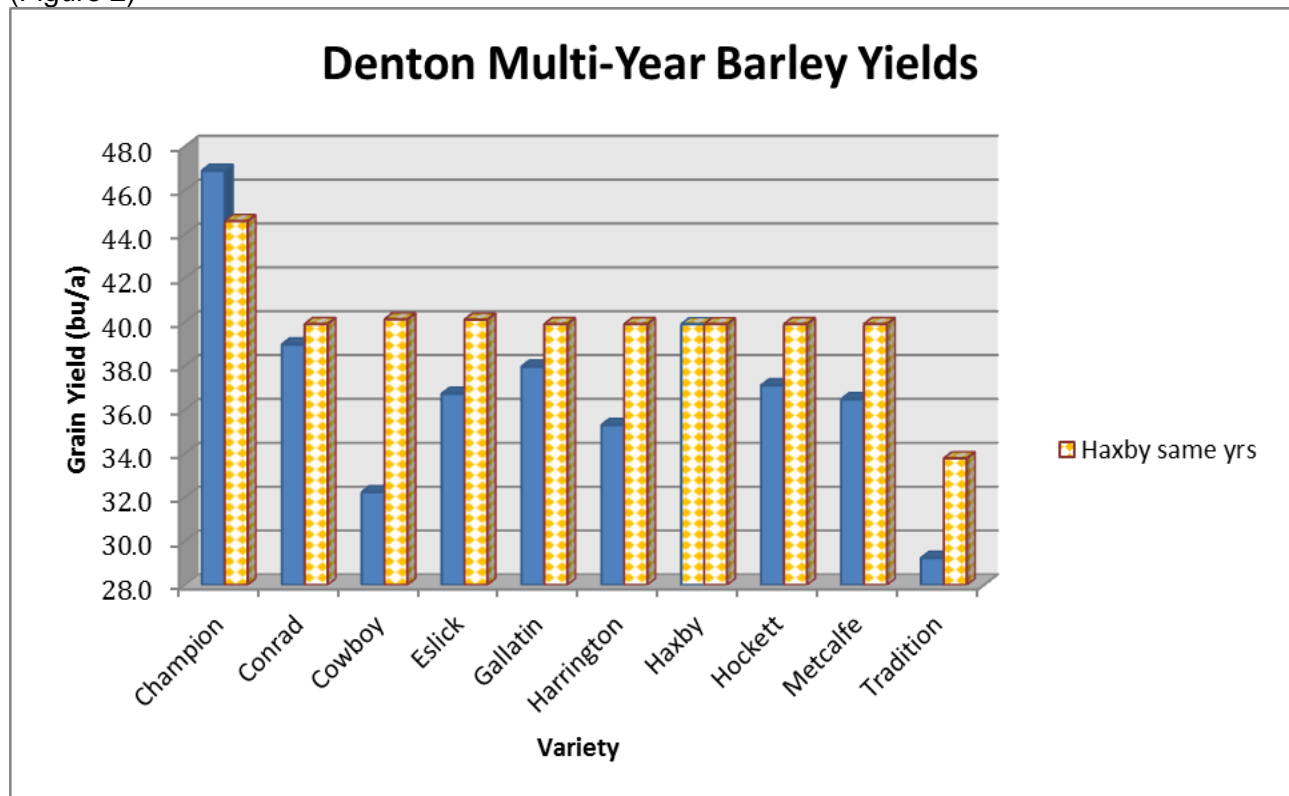


Table 7 Geraldine multi-year spring barley variety grain yields in no-till CC.  
Exp 133672 Central Agricultural Research Center. Moccasin, Montana

<b>Selected Entries</b>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average	Haxby same yrs	
	(bu/a)							
<b>Champion</b>				59.7	51.6	55.7	58.0	
<b>Conrad</b>				57.3	51.9	54.6	58.0	
<b>Cowboy</b>				48.0	49.1	48.5	58.0	
<b>Eslick</b>				49.9	53.3	51.6	58.0	
<b>Gallatin</b>				50.4	53.5	51.9	58.0	
<b>Harrington</b>				53.0	51.7	52.3	58.0	
<b>Haxby</b>				<b>64.6</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>58.0</b>	58.0	
<b>Hockett</b>				53.7	52.5	53.1	58.0	
<b>Metcalfe</b>				51.1	51.8	51.5	58.0	
<b>Tradition</b>				56.5	51.7	54.1	58.0	
Yearly Mean				54.4	51.8	53.1	58.0	

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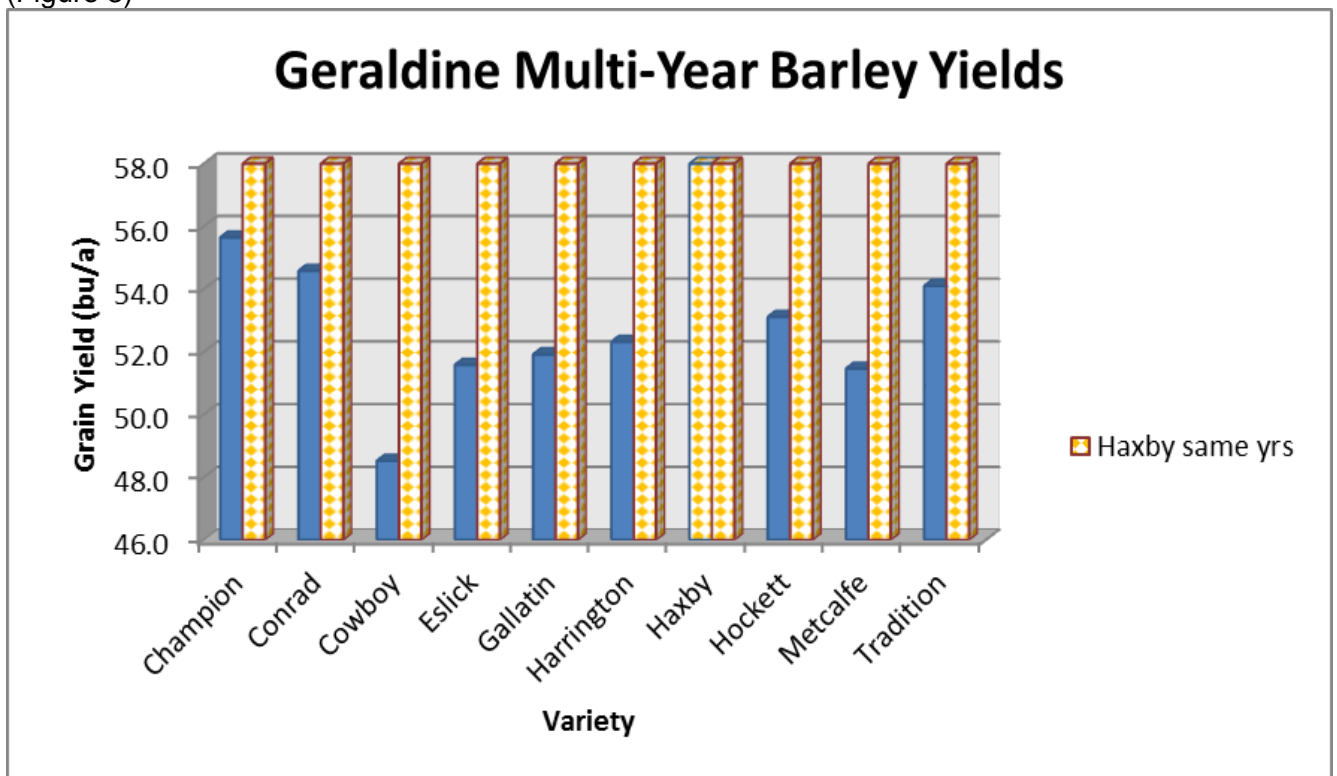


Table 8 Moccasin multi-year barley variety grain test weights on no-till CC.  
 Exp 133670 Central Agricultural Research Center. Moccasin, Montana

Selected Entries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 Early	2013 Late	Average	Haxby same yrs
	(lb/bu)							
<b>Champion</b>	54.2	51.3		52.7	47.0	52.0	51.4	52.4
<b>Conrad</b>	52.9	50.5	50.7	51.8	46.0	49.5	50.2	52.7
<b>Cowboy</b>				52.7	47.5	51.0	50.4	51.5
<b>Eslick</b>				51.4	50.0	52.0	51.1	51.5
<b>Gallatin</b>	53.3	51.1	52.8	51.2	48.5	49.0	51.0	52.7
<b>Harrington</b>	53.1	50.5	50.6	51.3	45.0	50.0	50.1	52.7
<b>Haxby</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>52.7</b>	52.7
<b>Hockett</b>	54.3	52.4	52.6	51.6	48.5	49.5	51.5	52.7
<b>Metcalfe</b>	54.1	50.7	51.8	51.7	47.5	51.5	51.2	52.7
<b>Tradition</b>			50.9	49.7	44.0	48.0	48.2	52.1
Yearly Mean	53.8	51.4	51.9	51.7	47.3	50.5	50.8	52.4

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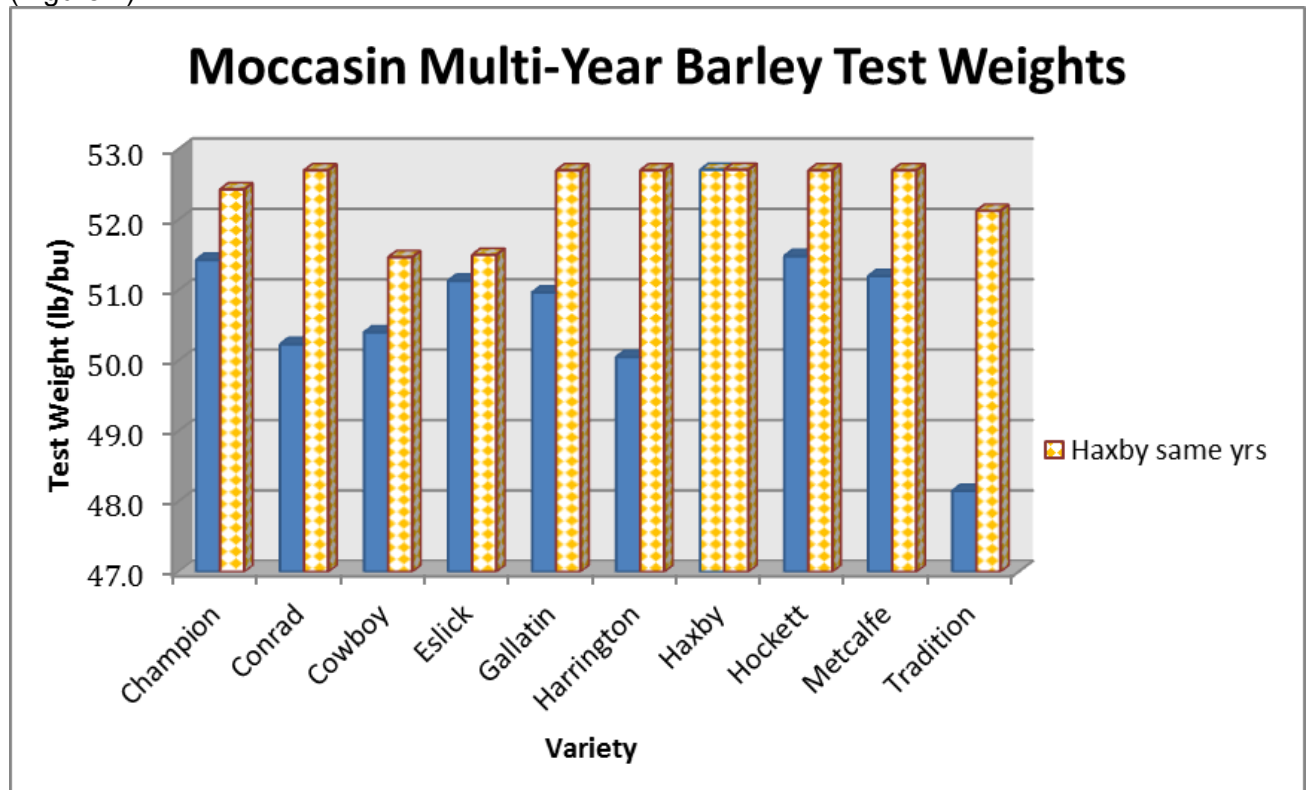


Table 9 Denton multi-year spring barley variety grain test weights in no-till CC.  
 Exp 133671 Central Agricultural Research Center. Moccasin, Montana

Selected Entries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average	Haxby same yrs
			(lb/bu)				
<b>Champion</b>	56.5	54.9		49.4	54.0	53.7	53.8
<b>Conrad</b>	55.0	53.0	53.0	49.1	53.0	52.6	53.4
<b>Cowboy</b>				48.6	54.0	51.3	53.1
<b>Eslick</b>				47.1	53.0	50.0	53.1
<b>Gallatin</b>	55.1	53.5	52.5	49.7	53.5	52.9	53.4
<b>Harrington</b>	55.4	53.1	53.5	44.9	53.5	52.1	53.4
<b>Haxby</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>53.4</b>	53.4
<b>Hockett</b>	55.8	53.9	54.0	49.1	54.0	53.4	53.4
<b>Metcalfe</b>	55.6	52.8	53.0	46.5	54.0	52.4	53.4
<b>Tradition</b>			51.0	50.3	52.5	51.3	52.6
Yearly Mean	55.5	53.6	52.6	48.5	53.8	52.3	53.3

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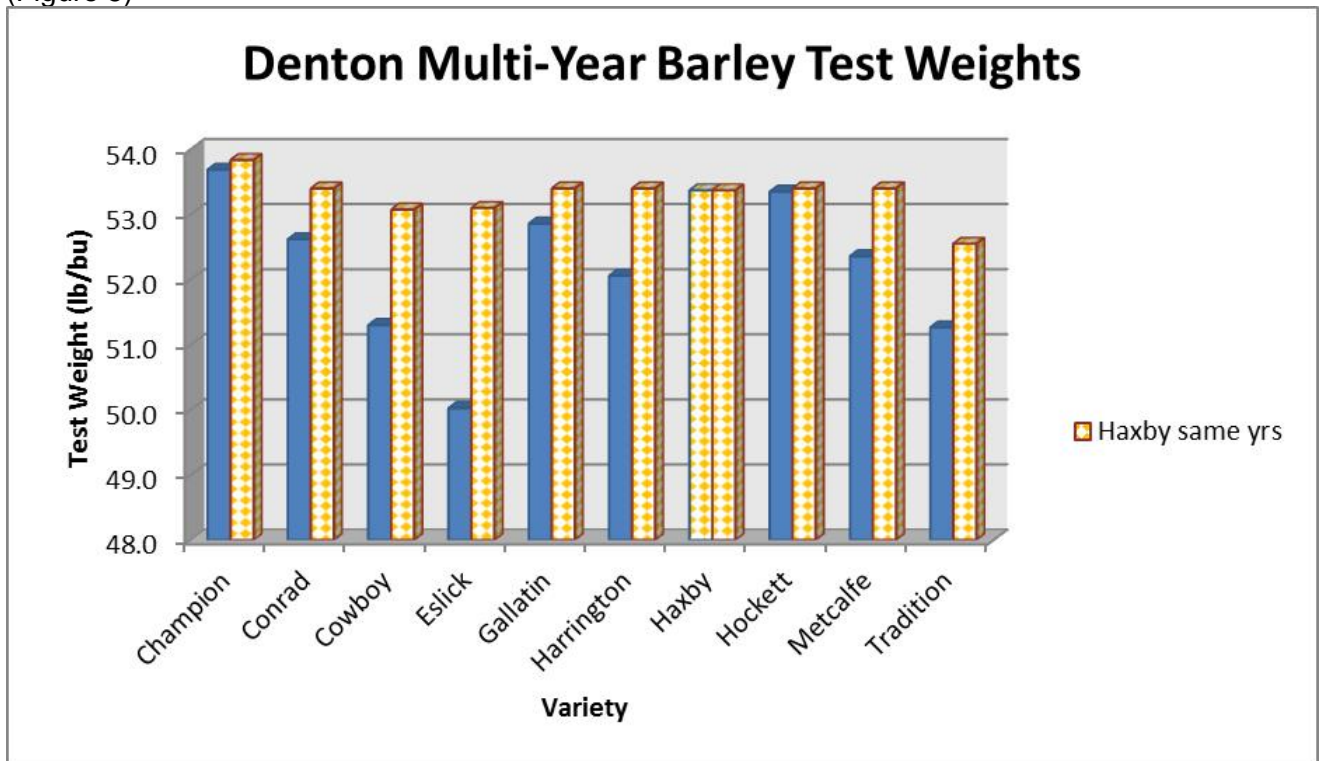


Table 10 Geraldine multi-year spring barley variety grain test weights in no-till CC.  
Exp 133672 Central Agricultural Research Center. Moccasin, Montana

Selected Entries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average	Haxby same yrs	
	(lb/bu)							
<b>Champion</b>				54.1	55.1	54.6	56.0	
<b>Conrad</b>				51.4	53.1	52.2	56.0	
<b>Cowboy</b>				53.8	54.4	54.1	56.0	
<b>Eslick</b>				52.7	54.4	53.5	56.0	
<b>Gallatin</b>				51.9	54.7	53.3	56.0	
<b>Harrington</b>				52.1	53.6	52.8	56.0	
<b>Haxby</b>				<b>56.1</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>56.0</b>	56.0	
<b>Hockett</b>				54.2	56.0	55.1	56.0	
<b>Metcalfe</b>				52.7	55.5	54.1	56.0	
<b>Tradition</b>				51.4	54.6	53.0	56.0	
Yearly Mean				53.0	54.7	53.8	56.0	

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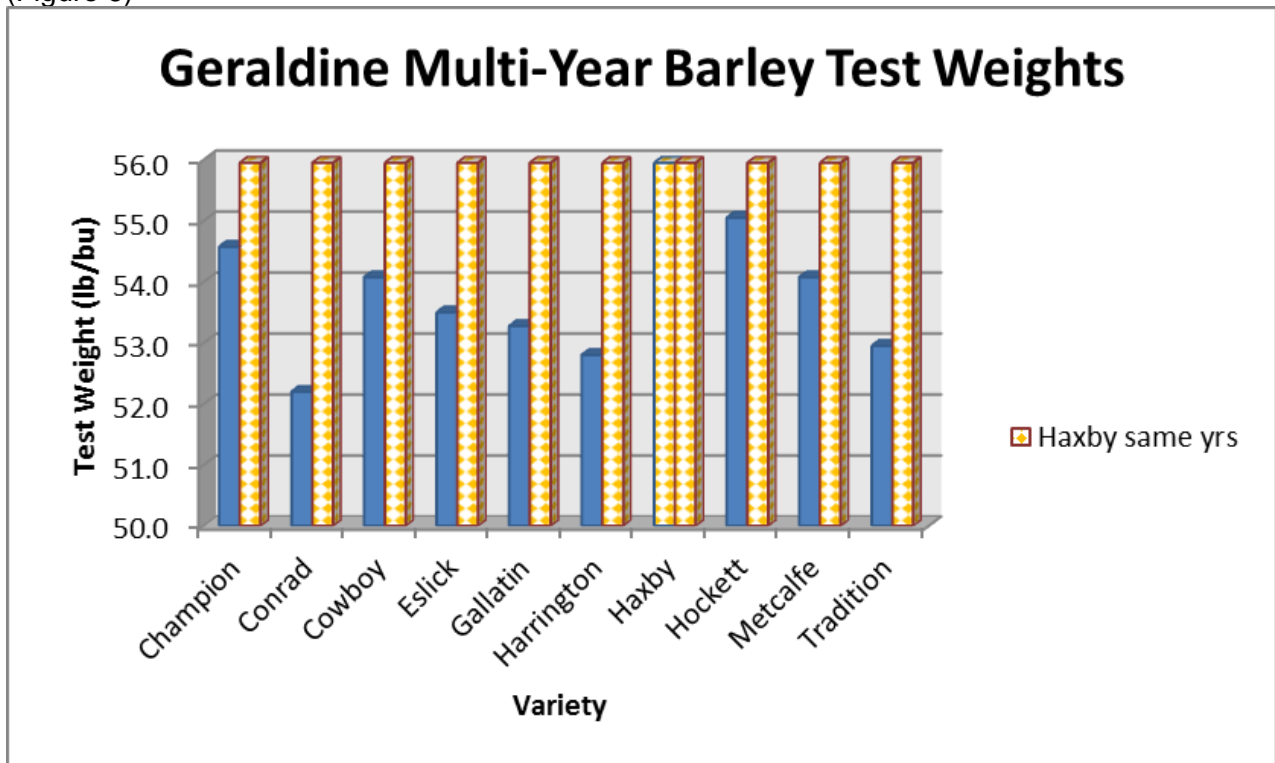


Table 11 Moccasin multi-year barley variety grain protein on no-till CC.  
 Exp 133670 Central Agricultural Research Center. Moccasin, Montana

Selected Entries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 Early	2013 Late	Average	Haxby same yrs
			(%)					
<b>Champion</b>	14.2	11.1		16.6	16.0	14.9	14.6	15.3
<b>Conrad</b>	16.1	12.8	15.5	17.9	18.2	19.6	16.7	15.1
<b>Cowboy</b>				17.8	18.5	18.0	18.1	16.9
<b>Eslick</b>				17.4	17.2	20.6	18.4	16.9
<b>Gallatin</b>	15.1	10.9	15.6	17.1	17.6	19.0	15.9	15.1
<b>Harrington</b>	15.0	12.1	16.2	17.9	16.4	20.1	16.3	15.1
<b>Haxby</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>15.1</b>	15.1
<b>Hockett</b>	14.4	12.0	15.1	16.6	15.5	18.1	15.3	15.1
<b>Metcalfe</b>	15.5	11.6	16.1	18.6	18.1	16.3	16.0	15.1
<b>Tradition</b>			14.6	17.1	15.6	18.2	16.4	16.3
Yearly Mean	15.0	11.6	15.3	17.4	16.9	18.4	16.3	15.6

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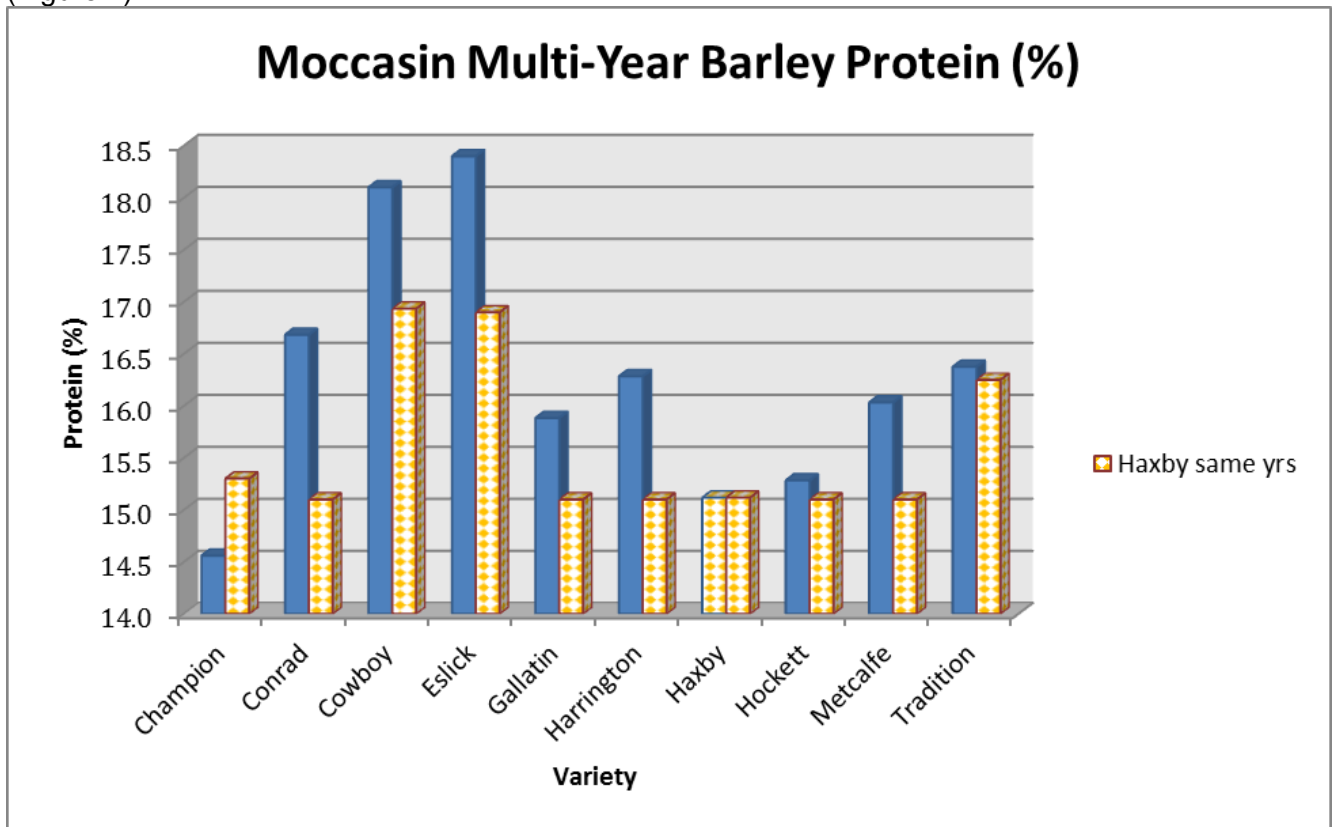


Table 12 Denton multi-year spring barley variety grain protein in no-till CC.  
Exp 133671 Central Agricultural Research Center, Moccasin, Montana

Selected Entries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average	Haxby same yrs
			(%)				
<b>Champion</b>	13.4	12.4		14.3	11.6	12.9	13.2
<b>Conrad</b>	15.0	12.5	14.4	15.7	14.1	14.3	13.5
<b>Cowboy</b>				15.9	13.7	14.8	13.5
<b>Eslick</b>				16.5	12.5	14.5	13.5
<b>Gallatin</b>	14.4	12.7	14.8	15.4	12.3	13.9	13.5
<b>Harrington</b>	14.4	13.9	17.0	16.7	12.6	14.9	13.5
<b>Haxby</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>13.5</b>	13.5
<b>Hockett</b>	13.5	12.2	14.1	14.8	12.2	13.4	13.5
<b>Metcalfe</b>	14.9	13.4	15.1	17.9	12.1	14.7	13.5
<b>Tradition</b>			13.3	13.8	13.3	13.5	13.8
Yearly Mean	14.2	12.7	14.8	15.6	12.7	14.0	13.5

(Figure 8)

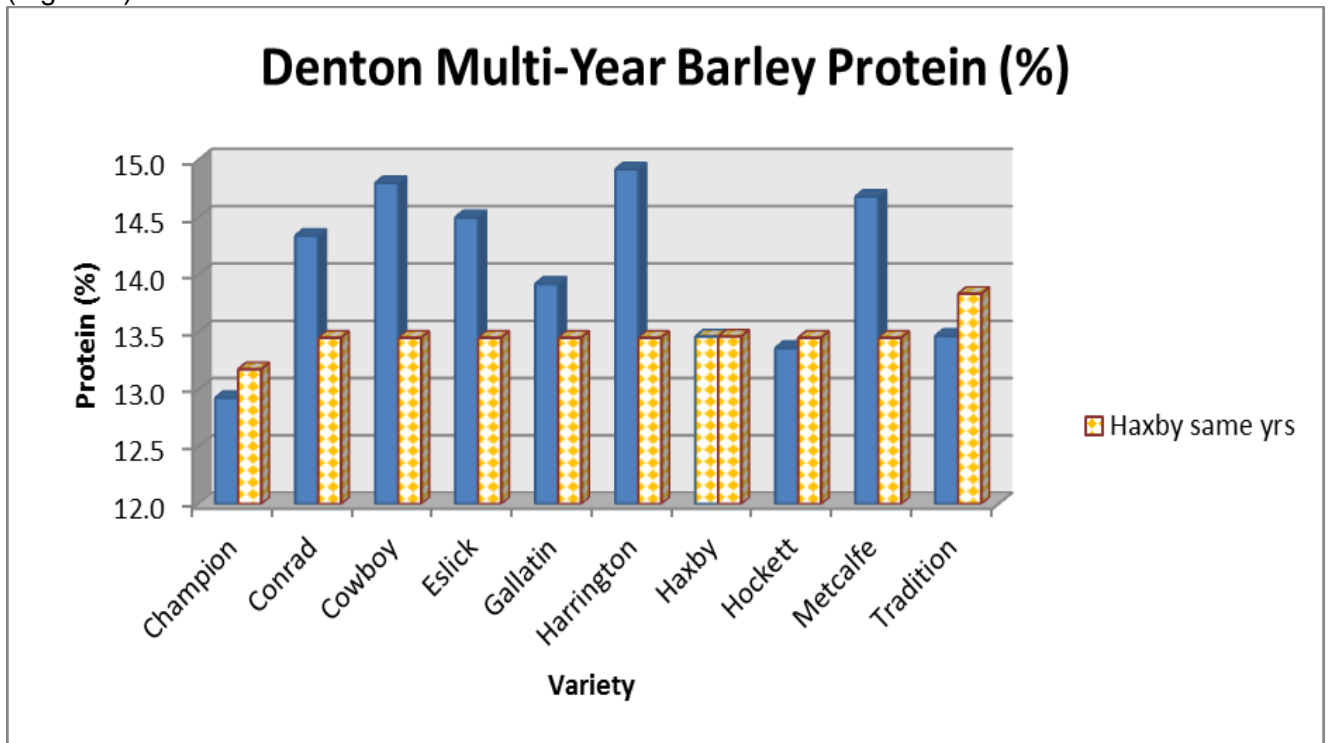


Table 13 Geraldine multi-year spring barley variety grain protein in no-till CC.  
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Selected Entries	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Average	Haxby same yrs
			(%)				
<b>Champion</b>				11.4	10.9	11.2	11.3
<b>Conrad</b>				13.5	11.6	12.6	11.3
<b>Cowboy</b>				13.3	13.0	13.2	11.3
<b>Eslick</b>				12.9	10.9	11.9	11.3
<b>Gallatin</b>				12.6	11.9	12.3	11.3
<b>Harrington</b>				13.0	11.6	12.3	11.3
<b>Haxby</b>				<b>12.1</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>11.3</b>	11.3
<b>Hockett</b>				11.3	10.7	11.0	11.3
<b>Metcalfe</b>				13.8	10.9	12.4	11.3
<b>Tradition</b>				12.8	11.0	11.9	11.3
Yearly Mean				12.7	11.3	12.0	11.3

(Figure 9)

