Developing Multi-use Naked Barley for Organic Farming Systems

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NAKED BARLEY: Our goal - let’s make it an economically rewarding and sustainable alternative organic crop.

WE NEED NAKED BARLEY so we can break the mold and have single barley varieties serve multiple functions: brewing, feed, and nutritious, tasty, fiber-rich food.

NAKED BARLEYS transcend the limitations of covered barleys and don’t hide their true colors.
KEY RESOURCES

Oregon NAKED BARLEY Blend – a fun and educational blend of 753 pure lines

The diversity panel: 400 genetically diverse NAKED BARLEYS for improving barley in organic systems.

Multi-region agronomic and yield trials

On-farm production for large-scale evaluations of farm to finished product performance
ASSESSMENTS
Agronomic, food, feed, and malting and brewing performance under organic conditions.

All scales: from garden plots to on-farm trials, from home kitchens to professional food manufacturers.

Measuring the economic, environmental, and health benefits of organic NAKED BARLEY production and products.
OUTREACH
Workshops on best management practices, benefits, and processing procedures. For students, gardeners, growers, processors, and consumers.

PARTICIPATING REGIONS: Pacific Northwest (OR, WA), Upper Midwest (MN, WI) and North East (NY). ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED.