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AB Advantage 6-Row Feed & Forage Barley



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Description:

AB Advantage is a dual purpose smooth awned 6-row barley with excellent grain and forage yield potential. AB Advantage is a full height 6-row that stands very well and has large plump kernels. With a smooth awn, and high biomass AB Advantage is well suited to forage/silage/ feed for western Canada.

Parentage: H97098003/Sundre

Strengths:

- Grain yield 105% of Vivar and 102% of CDC Austenson in registration cooperative trials
- Forage yield 102% of Vivar and CDC Austenson in forage barely registration trials
- **Smooth awned**
- High % plump and heavy TKW and bushel weight compared to Vivar and AC Ranger
- Better lodging tolerance than AC Ranger and slightly weaker than Vivar in registration trials

Neutral Traits:

- Full height - +18cm compared to Vivar
- Intermediate resistance to surface-borne smuts, loose smut, stem rust, scald, spot blotch and spotted form net blotch
- Medium-Late maturity, +2 days later than Vivar
- Forage quality similar to the checks Vivar and AC Ranger

Weaknesses:

- Moderately susceptible to netted net blotch
- Susceptible to FHB

Breeder:

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2016 and 2017 Western Cooperative Six-Row Barley Registration Trials

Variety	Grain Yield % AC Ranger	Heading (days)	Maturity (days)	Height (cm)	Lodging 1 = erect 9 = flat	1000 Kernel Weight (gm)	Test Weight (g/hl)	% Plump
AC Ranger	100	56.3	91.8	85.5	5.2	40.3	61.0	79.7
Vivar	101	56.9	90.5	79.8	3.4	40.8	61.1	83.3
CDC Mayfair	94	54.9	89.6	84.8	4.3	38.5	61.1	89.9
Celebration	97	54.6	88.2	86.0	4.1	36.7	62.9	88.0
AB Advantage	106	57.4	92.4	97.8	3.6	45.0	62.5	89.8

2016 and 2017 Western Cooperative Forage Barley Registration Trials

Variety	Forage Yield % AC Ranger	Height (cm)	Lodging 1 = erect 9 = flat	Crude Protein %	NDF %	ADF %	IVTD %	Starch %	CC (cow d/ha)	ADG (kg/d)	NDF 30-NDF
AC Ranger	100	83.6	2.3	9.3	44.5	28.5	75.5	25.0	695	0.90	44.7
CDC Austenson	104	81.9	1.6	8.8	44.3	27.9	75.6	24.2	724	0.93	44.6
CDC Cowboy	107	103.7	2.2	8.4	46.4	30.0	73.4	23.2	753	0.75	42.3
Vivar	104	79.6	1.5	8.6	44.2	29.0	75.6	27.1	724	0.90	44.8
AB Advantage	107	96.3	1.9	8.9	45.3	28.7	73.7	23.3	747	0.86	41.6

NDF = neutral detergent fibre, ADF = acid detergent fibre, IVTD = in-vitro true digestibility, CC = carrying capacity, ADG = average daily gain

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Seed Manitoba 2025 - Barley Comparison

Variety	Site Years Tested	Yield bu/ac	Protein %	Relative Maturity +/- 88 days	Height +/- 89cm	Test Weight +/- 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	FHB
AAC Stockton (2R)	17	117	12.4	+1	-2	0	R	G	R	R	---	I	I	I	R	MR
AB Tofield	29	111	12.1	+1	+5	+1	S	VG	MS	MR	---	I	MS	I	R	S
CDC Austenson (2R)	91	116	12.2	+1	0	+0.5	R	G	S	R	I	MS	R	MR	I	I
CDC Durango (2R)	29	113	12.4	+2	-3	+0.1	R	G	S	R	---	MR	MS	I	I	I
CDC Renegade (2R)	29	107	12.6	+1	+7	-0.3	S	F	I	MR	---	MS	MR	MS	MR	MR
Esma (2R) VUA	30	114	12.1	+1	-10	-0.4	---	G	R	NT	---	MS	MS	MS	NT	I
KWS Kellie (2R) VUA	29	106	12.0	1	-11	-1.5	---	P	R	NT	---	MS	MS	MS	NT	I
AB Advantage (6R)	30	108	13.2	+1	+15	0	S	VG	MR	I	---	MS	I	I	I	S

Lodging Ratings: F=Fair; G=Good; VG=Very Good Disease Ratings: R=Resistant; MR=Moderately Resistant; I=Intermediate; MS=Moderately Susceptible; S=Susceptible, NT = Not tested

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
AAC Stockton	4	2	R	99	103	M	F	I	I	I	S	R	R	---	R	MR
AB Tofield	7	6	S	102	103	L	G	MS	I	I	I	---	MR	---	R	S
CDC Austenson	7	2	R	102	103	M	G	MS	R	MR	S	S	R	I	I	I
CDC Durango	6	2	R	106	107	M	VG	MR	MS	I	MS	S	MR	---	I	I
CDC Renegade	5	2	S	103	96	M	F	I	MR	MS	S	MS	MR	---	MR	MR
Esma VUA	5	2	R	103	98	M	G	MS	MS	MS	S	R	---	---	---	I
KWS Kellie VUA	5	2	R	102	96	L	G	MS	MS	MS	I	R	---	---	---	I
AB Advantage	7	6	S	103	100	VL	VG	MS	I	I	I	MR	I	---	I	S

M=Medium; L=Late; F=Fair; G=Good; VG=Very Good; P=Poor; VP=Very Poor Disease Ratings: R=Resistant; MR=Moderately Resistant; I=Intermediate; MS=Moderately Susceptible; S=Susceptible

2025 Alberta Seed Guide – Feed and Food 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
AAC Stockton	2	R	2024	31	102	102	104	0	53	50	80	F	R	R	S	I	I	I	MR
AB Tofield	6	S	2021	24	104	102	105	+1	52	43	84	G	MR	MR	I	I	MS	I	S
CDC Austenson	2	R	2024	101	100	98	103	+2	54	49	81	G	S	R	S	R	MS	MR	I
CDC Churchill*	2	R	2024	57	104	102	104	+2	53	46	77	G	MS	MR	S	MR	MR	I	MS
CDC Durango	2	R	2023	45	107	101	110	+2	54	50	79	VG	S	R	MS	MS	MR	I	I
CDC Renegade	2	S	2022	26	102	109	97	+4	52	52	90	F	I	MR	S	MR	I	MS	MR
Esma VUA	2	R	2022	26	110	114	107	+3	52	51	69	VG	R	XX	S	MS	MS	MS	I
KWS Kellie VUA	2	R	2022	26	114	121	110	+5	52	50	66	VG	R	XX	I	MS	MS	MS	I
AB Advantage	6	S	2020	32	104	100	106	+2	52	48	102	G	MR	I	I	I	MS	I	S

R=Rough; VG=Very Good, G=Good, F=Fair; P=Poor; VP=Very Poor; Disease Ratings: R=Resistant; MR=Moderately Resistant; I=Intermediate; MS=Moderately Susceptible; S=Susceptible, NT = Not tested

*Malting barley for comparison

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