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Farm Brewery Legislation: What's the Current Status of the Supply Chain?

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Malting Barley

How much do we have?

2017: ~50 growers,2,000 acres

How much do we need?

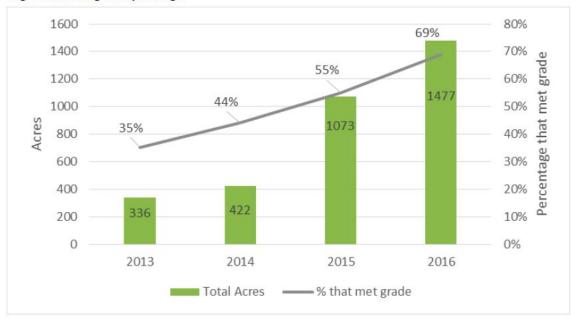
 492 acres to meet 20% threshold of FB in 2016

 1,475 to meet 60% threshold



Malting Barley: Did We Have Enough?

Figure 2. Malting Barley Acreage



YES! In 2016, with only 2/3's of growers accounted for, we had 1,019 acres of MB that met grade



Hops

How much do we have?

2017: 400 acres

How much do we need?

- 21 acres to meet 20%
- 62 acres to meet 60%
- 94 acres to meet 90%

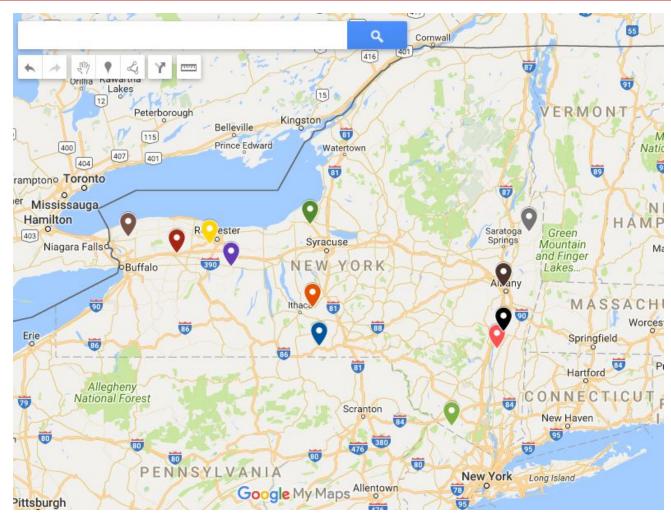
Did we have enough?

YES!



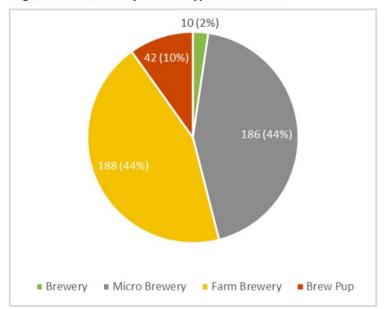
Malt Houses

- 12 active
- 1 coming online
 - New York Craft Malt
 - PEast Coast Malts
 - Pioneer Malting, Inc.
 - 1886 Malt House
 - The FarmHouse Brewery
 - Murmuration Malt
 - Onvergence Craft Malt
 - Hudson Valley Malt
 - Niagara Malt
 - Argyle Craft Malt
 - Black Dirt Malt
 - Subversive Malt

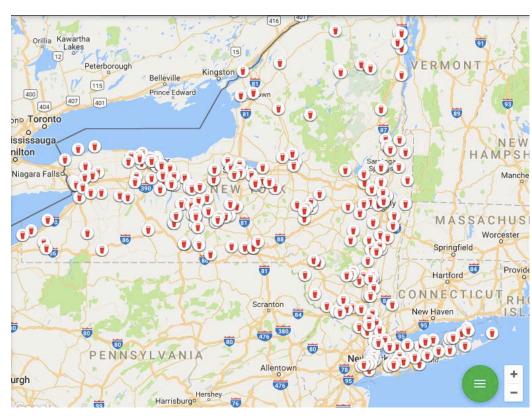


Breweries

Figure 9. Breweries by License Type in New York



- 384 breweries holding 426 licenses
- 286% growth since 2012



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The Opportunity

- Favorable legislation
- Significant improvements in grain quality year after year
- Significant opportunity to improve grain quality through new plant varieties suitable to NY
- Sizable projected increase in barrel production amongst all breweries
- An increasing demand for NYS hops and malt among all license types

The Challenges: Grower

Malting barley that meets grade isn't always making it to market

- Grain quality challenges persist, despite significant improvements
- Storage remains a challenge
- Collectively, these challenges affect the farmers ability to grow this crop profitably

The Challenges: Brewer

NYS Malt Concerns

Price

- Quality
- Quantity
- Availability of specialty malts

NYS Hops Concerns

- Access to desired varieties
- Quality
- Price
- Quantity

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