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### Idaho Farmer Tapped to Lead U.S. Barley Grower Group

**Great Falls, MT** – At a summer meeting of the National Barley Growers Association (NBGA), Idaho farmer Scott Brown was unanimously elected president by the association’s board of directors comprised of farmer leaders spanning the nation’s six top barley producing states.

Brown operates a family farm in the Soda Springs area of southeastern Idaho producing primarily malt barley and wheat alongside his father Clarke, son Matthew, son-in-law Steve, and cousin Jerry Brown, a member of the Idaho Wheat Commission.

*“It’s truly an honor and great responsibility to represent the nation’s barley growers,”* said Brown. *“The U.S. barley industry is facing serious threats to production - everything from devastating weather conditions to policy issues in Congress. I look forward to doing my best to advocate for American barley farmers at home and abroad.”*

Established in 1989, the NBGA is a national barley advocacy organization with the goal of advancing national and international interests of U.S. barley producers in the six major barley-producing states of Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington.

Brown’s ascension to the top leadership post representing barley growers was partly inspired by friend and neighbor - retired Idaho farmer and NBGA past president Evan Hayes.

*“Evan was a very passionate and effective leader for the barley industry,”* said Brown. *“Now that he’s retired and has some extra time, I plan to draw on his expertise and experience in my new role.”*

Brown will serve a two-year term as president through June 2013.

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