



# The Barley Forecast

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As previously reported, combining of the English malting barley crop is all but complete now. Nitrogen and yields variable depending on how exposed land was to the extreme hot and dry weather this season. Growers now gearing up to drill Winter crops for 2019 harvest.

The rain has finally arrived for Scotland which must mean it's harvest time! As at time of writing, overall the Scottish barley area will be approximately 20% complete on combining progress, with all of our intakes up and running now. The Moray coast / Inverness areas are well ahead with ~75% of the crop harvested in those two areas. Nitrogen so far is looking slightly higher than normal, but good grain size on the whole. Yields so far range from average to below-average which is what was expected given the growing season. All eyes on the weather forecasts now for the next wave of cutting.

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