



New Proso Millet Grading Standards

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New proso millet grades and trading standards released by the North American Millets Alliance (NAMA) are now available for farmers, elevators, shippers, processors, and exporters. Around seven hundred million pounds of proso millet are produced in the U.S. each year with no uniform grain trading standards.

Many millets are available in the U.S., but proso has the largest quantity of millet grain.

United States proso grading standards have not been updated since threshing machines were used in the early 1950s (Minnesota) and combines of the early 1960s (Colorado), with various buyers today using a hodgepodge of trading standards depending on geography and eventual use.

Farmers have not segregated good proso from low quality proso because there have been no uniform standards or premiums for quality. New trading standards will allow buyers and processors to pay premiums for high quality proso, and consumers to be assured of high quality end products.

Proso is finding new uses in consumer and culinary foods, snacks, beverages, essential oils, biofuels, mushroom production, and other unique markets since 2023 when the United Nations launched the International Year of Millets.

How could food-grade, or beverage buyers expect to get truckloads or rail cars of quality proso grain using six-decade old trading grades originally developed for the bird food industry?

They can now with NAMA's new Proso Millet Quality Grading Standards.

You can investigate the new Proso Millet Quality Grading Standards at <https://millets2023.space/ProsoStandards.html>

“With new, uniform proso grading standards and work by the North American Millets Alliance, exciting things are happening in the millet industry,” says Joni Kindwall-Moore owner of Snacktivist Foods, of Coeur D’ Alene, Idaho.

Today, local health food stores, ethnic groceries, and on-line specialty retailers are leading mainline processors to North American millet products.

(For more information about NAMA, see <https://millets2023.space/>)

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