



314 South 9th St. Suite #300, Boise, Idaho 83702
www.idahobarleycommission.org
Sydney.anderson@barley.idaho.gov; 208-697-7236

July 31, 2026

Contact: Sydney Anderson, Communications and Program Manager at
sydney.anderson@barley.idaho.gov

Idaho Barley Commission Welcome New Commissioner from Soda Springs

The Idaho Barley Commission (IBC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jake Ozburn as its newest commissioner. Governor Brad Little appointed Ozburn to represent District 3, serving eastern Idaho. He officially began his three-year term on July 1, 2026, succeeding Allen Young, who completed two three-year terms on the commission.

Ozburn farms north of Soda Springs, where his family has operated a dryland farming operation since 1914. Today, the Ozburn family grows primarily malt barley, along with wheat, spring green peas, winter peas and, for the first time this year, canola.

Although barley remains the foundation of the operation, Ozburn says his interest in serving on the Idaho Barley Commission stems from the support he received as a new grower.

"When I first came back to the farm as a new grower, the Idaho Barley Commission was one of the first organizations to reach out to me," Ozburn said. "The marketing resources and educational programs gave me the tools I needed to understand grain markets, read price charts and make informed marketing decisions. Those resources really paved the way for making meaningful contributions to our farm, and over the years I came to appreciate how important our commodity organizations are. I always hoped that one day I would have the opportunity to serve as a commissioner and give back to an organization that invested in me."

Ozburn believes the commission plays a critical role in ensuring the long-term success of Idaho barley growers.

"Research is one of the most important investments the Idaho Barley Commission makes," he said. "It helps provide growers with the information and innovations we need to remain productive and competitive. Supporting that work is one of the biggest reasons I wanted to serve."

In addition to farming, Ozburn has served on the Idaho Grain Producers Association (IGPA) Executive Board as a State Director, representing Caribou County since 2012. His experience as both a producer and industry advocate brings valuable perspective to the commission as it continues investing in research, market development, grower education and promotion.

314 South 9th St. Suite #300, Boise, Idaho 83702
www.idahobarleycommission.org
Sydney.anderson@barley.idaho.gov; 208-697-7236

The Idaho Barley Commission welcomes Ozburn to the board and looks forward to working alongside him to advance its mission of supporting Idaho barley growers through research, market development, education and promotion, helping ensure a strong future for Idaho's barley industry.

#

Photo Cutline: Idaho Barley Commissioner District 3 Commissioner Jake Ozburn – Soda Springs