aleurone, long rachilla hairs, and an adhering, finely wrinkled hull. The kernel shape is shorter in relation to width than Betzes, otherwise it is similar to Betzes.

Erbet yields about the same as Betzes in a 34 station year comparison in Montana. In 99 station year tests in the Western and Great Plains areas of the U.S., Erbet yielded 7% less than Betzes. However, when the yield level was below 2,240 kg/ha (2,000 lb/acre), yield was equal and plumpness 20% greater for Erbet compared to Betzes. Erbet is similar to Betzes in disease reaction and malting quality, but lodges less.

Erbet is recommended for production where the growing season is short, moisture is limited, or late planting is desirable. If approved as a malting barley, it should extend production of "Betzes" quality into the dryer areas of Montana.

Three classes of seed, namely, foundation, registered, and certified, will be produced from breeder seed. Breeder seed will be maintained by the Foundation Seed Stocks Committee, Department of Plant and Soil Science, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana.