REGISTRATION OF EARLY WONG BARLEY

(Reg. No. 79)

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'EARLY WONG' (Hordeum vulgare L., emend. Lam.), C.I. 9171, was selected from 'Wong' (C.I. 6728). The original selection was made by J. W. Taylor at Beltsville, Maryland. It was thought to be a mutant for earliness since it did not segregate for this or other characters.

Early Wong is an early, 6-rowed winter barley, mid-tall with moderately good winter hardiness (Table 1). The spike is dense and the kernels are awnless or awnleted and have a light blue aleurone.

This variety is similar to Wong except that it is about 5 days earlier in heading and has a higher bushel weight (Table 1).

Early Wong has stiff straw, is resistant to powdery mildew (Erysiphe graminis DC. f. sp. hordei En. Marchal), but it is susceptible to scald (Rhynchosporium secalis (L.) and the prevalent races of loose smut (Ustilago nuda (Jens.) Rostr.).

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