

## **BCBS Fall 2023 Bulk Grain Buy FAQ**

**Q. What is this “Bulk Grain Buy” you speak of?**

A. BCBS is testing a “bulk grain purchase” in partnership with Municipal Brew Works. We have selected seven base grains available through BSG and that we hope would be perfect for your upcoming brews.

**Q. Cool! What grains are available?**

A. For this initial bulk grain purchase, we are making the following available:

- Weyermann Barke Munich
- Dingemans Pilsner
- Rahr 2-Row
- Simpson’s Golden Promise
- Crisp No. 19 Floor-Malted Maris Otter
- Crisp Wheat Malt
- Crisp Dark Munich

We tried to select base malts that are versatile and geared to styles that we’ve seen club members brew on a regular basis. And while we love our friendly local homebrew stores, many of these specific grains are hard to find. Full details on each grain are available online.

**Q. Very cool! Am I eligible to get in on this?**

A. The Bulk Grain Buy is open to all Active BCBS Members. Please attend a monthly Membership Meeting or contact [brewers@butlercountybrewing.org](mailto:brewers@butlercountybrewing.org) for information about joining.

**Q. OK, I’m a member. How do I place my order?**

A. Members can submit orders using this [Google Form](#). Grain must be ordered in 5 pound increments, cuz grain bags are 55 pounds total weight and math with decimals is hard.

**Q. So, if I place an order for a specific grain, but the club doesn’t hit the full 55 pounds, does that mean my order will not be placed?**

A. Correct; the club cannot absorb the extra cost of “unclaimed” grain, so orders for partial bags will not be placed. When the order window is closed, we will contact everyone that submitted an order to let them know whether we are proceeding with that particular

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grain and to collect payment. The order form will show the total pounds that have been requested, to help you keep track and so you can talk up your favorites. If a grain you like is close to a full bag, you can always submit another order to push it over the top.

**Q. Cool... cool... cool. What's my deadline to submit an order?**

A. The order window will be kept open until the end of October. At that point, we will do the math and place the club order for full bags.

**Q. How often are you planning to do this?**

A. Consider this a trial run. If it proves popular and runs smoothly, we will certainly offer again next year, perhaps as often as quarterly.

**Q. Bottom line it for me. How much cheddar are we talking?**

A. Unfortunately, we will not know the final cost per pound until the order is placed, but we estimate that the cost per pound will be similar to what you see online for full bags, approximately \$8-\$9 per five pound order. At the least, you'll be getting bulk pricing without having to commit to a full 55 pound bag yourself, and there will be no additional shipping costs, because MBW is allowing us to add our grain bags to one of their scheduled deliveries.

**Q. My order is in! When will I get that sweet, sweet malt?**

A. We are estimating delivery in late November. Once the window for individuals to submit orders closes at the end of October, the Board will confirm which grains hit the 55-pound threshold and place the club order as part of MBW's next scheduled BSG shipment. When the grain is received at MBW, we will divvy up for individual members to claim.

**Q. OK, last question. I swear. Will the grain be whole or milled?**

A. Your choice. The order form allows you to specify milled or unmilled. All grain will arrive unmilled, but when separated into individual orders, we can mill to a standard setting.

**Q. What if I have other questions?**

A. Too bad; you said the previous question was your last question. 😊 But seriously, if you have any other questions, just contact one of the BCBS board members.