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#### SORGHUM MALTING

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#### **DEFINITION OF MALTING**

Malting is defined as the germination of grain in moist air under controlled conditions

#### **OBJECTIVES OF MALTING**

Main objectives of malting sorghum

To mobilise (develop) the endogenous amylase, protease and other enzymes of the grain

# Objective cont,.... By means of these enzymes

☐ To modify (alter) the constituents of the grain during malting so that the constituents are readily solubilised. ... E.g. during souring and mashing processes of opaque beer brewing in order to produce a fermentable medium (wort).

#### Objective Cont,....

By means of these enzymes to solubilise the unmalted cereal grain (starchy adjunct) during the mashing process of opaque beer brewing.

#### **Malting Process**

## Malting as consisting of three stages:

- 1. Steeping (soaking)
- 2. Germination
- 3. Drying or kilning

## Steeping

The cleaned and graded grain is immersed in water until an appropriate grain moisture content is reached, then the excess water is drained away.

#### Germination

The steeped grain is allowed to germinate under controlled conditions.

#### Drying

The germinated grain is dried at 50°C, so that growth is stopped. The germ dies and a shelf-stable product is produced

#### Milling

Sorghum malt is milled coarsely after removing shoots and roots

## Distinction between malt and grain

Sorghum malt	Sorghum grain
High in alpha- amylase and relatively high in beta-amylase activity (Diastatic Power)	No alpha- or beta- amylase activity
Moderately high in protease activity	Low protease activity
Starch modified and more readily solubilised during brewing	Starch not modified
High in free amino nitrogen (FAN) and fermentable sugars	Very low FAN and low fermentable sugars
Malt flavour	Grain flavour

Malt	Grain
High in free amino	Very low FAN
nitrogen (FAN)	
Moderately high in	Very low
fermentable sugars	fermentable sugars
Vitamins and	Vitamins and
minerals more	minerals less readily
readily solubilised	solubilised during
during brewing	brewing
Malt flavour	Grain flavour

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