

Abib Report: Friday February 24, 2017

Hi Folks,

Lots to say but not much to talk about.

For those of you who receive your own copy of the reports via email there will be a delay. Not sure how long. My Outlook 2010 on my laptop crashed again last night. It has been an existing problem for about 2 years but there has been a Microsoft fix for it but is not correcting the problem any longer. The story is the abib email list is in it, and it is not opening for retrieval. Never a dull moment!

Today we covered a lot of territory in the Northern, Western, and Central Negev. Lots and lots of barley, but most of it is in what we can call the "grass looking" stages which are 3-4 and some 5 in Zadoks Scale. All the traditionally early fields are no better off this year. We did see a few heads emerging in the volunteer barley and only one field in the head of the domestic barley which was located all the way down on Route 222 west of Tse'elim Junction. There has been a lot of recent rains the past 10 days with lots of water still on the surface.

Our traditional early vineyards were barren in most cases. The older ones had not even been pruned yet.

You will see from some of the pictures how high the domestic barley is because of the amount of water and they have no heads emerging. You will also see a familiar field from last year which produced aviv barley and took pictures on the hood of the car. We did the same thing this year at the same location with a representative sample of a volunteer/wild barley plant. Notice the length of the stem, its thickness, and we had to peel back the boot to see the awns just about ready to emerge.

There is no need to do any follow ups to any fields this trip while we are here. No chance of harvestable grain for this to be a normal year in our opinion. Adding Adar 2 is a very simple conclusion for us.

Becca, Gisela, Linda, and Brian





Notice the size in height and stock of this field without it even out of the boot yet.



This vineyard is familiar to most that have followed the reports in past years. No abib indicator here this year.