9. Storage and Throughput Capacity

Grain Import Capacity by Port

Year: 1981

Name of Port	Grain Storage Capacity	Annual Throughput Capacity*
	- - thousands of tonnes - -	
Dublin	60	440
Cork	90	475
Waterford	20	180
Total Capacity	170	1,045

* tonnes per hour

II. MALT AND MALTING BARLEY

1. Domestic Production of barley by type, 1983/84 estimate:

	2-Row Winter	2-Row Spring	6-Row Winter	6-Row Spring	Total
	- - thousands of tonnes - -				
All Barley		Not	Available		1, 354
Suitable for malting		Not	Available		210

Although total production of barley has declined from 1982/83 (1,406,000) the amount suitable for malting has increased by 3,000 tonnes.

2. Imports, Calendar year 1983 estimated, previous year in brackets:

	Tonnes	Principal supplier(s)
Malt	1,148 (268)	Britain
Malting barley	N/A	

Change in malting capacity: There has been no real change within the industry.

Malt exports (1983):		
United Kingdom	8,620	tonnes
Nigeria	13,719	"
Cameroon	1,137	"
Phillipines	8,056	"
Japan	2,230	"
Other	3,171	"

Trend in beer consumption: The total beer market has declined from 1.23 million kegs in 1982/83 to 1.18 million kegs in 1983/84. While ale sales fell by 12% and stout sales by 4%, lager sales were up by 20%. Heavy excise duty and VAT rates have brought about falling sales.

Market potential for Canadian malt and/or malting barley: Negligible. Most of Ireland's malting barley is grown on contract between the brewers and the National Grain Committee of the Irish Farmers Association. The brewers are also associated with the main malsters.