

# A Statement by American Brewers on BEER AND GRAIN CONSUMPTION

**BEER** contains about  
 92 per cent water and about  
 5 per cent of extract derived from hops and cereals,  
 principally barley-malt and only about  
 3 to 4 per cent alcohol

All of the malt and much of the barley that America is now exporting is used by our allies for beer.

None of the European countries even after two and one-half years of war has stopped the brewing of beer.

The British Liquor Control Commission has not attempted to deprive the people of their beer. Aside from its use for brewing, barley is seldom used for human food—but principally for feeding cattle.

## Sorensen, the Great Danish Authority on Pure Food, States That There is No Waste of Cereals in Brewing Beer

He has recently demonstrated that when barley is fed to cattle for producing beef only 51 per cent of the food value is retained—on the other hand when converted into beer 61 per cent of the food value of barley is retained in the most easily digested form.

The ignorant or wilful statement as to the amount of grain used for alcoholic beverages is enormously exaggerated. The facts regarding the quantity consumed for that purpose are so readily obtainable from the United States Internal Revenue Department that the failure to produce them points to a deliberate suppression of the truth.

This is what the brewers of the United States used last year [Government figures]:

	BUSHEL		BUSHEL
Wheat	None	Barley	52,439,973
Oats	None	Corn Products	15,711,515
Rye	None	Rice	2,354,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>70,505,488</b>
Thirty-five per cent of the material is returned to the farmer as a better milk producing feed than in its original state			<b>24,676,920</b>
This leaves			<b>45,828,568</b>

**bushels actually consumed in beer---BEING LESS THAN 3-4 OF ONE PER CENT of the grain production of the country.**