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This month shall be the beginning of months for you;  
it is to be the first month of the year to you. (Exodus 12:2)

# BARLEY INSPECTION REPORT

## *3rd Inspection - 7 April 2024*

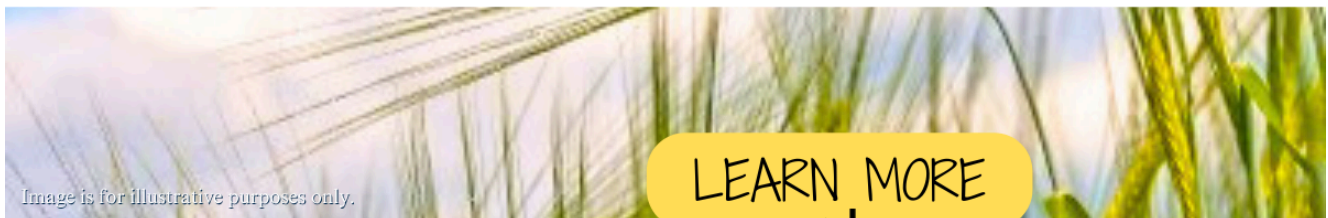


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Dear Friends,

We're glad to be back from our 3rd Barley Inspection of the season, which we carried out on 7 April 2024, and want to thank the Creator for His protection, and all of you, for your heartfelt prayers and support.

We carry out these Barley Inspections, in order to know when to begin the year. Remember, we're instructed to begin the year with Chodesh HaAviv (Ex 12:2, Ex13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18, Dt 16:1), which is the month in which the barley fields become Aviv in time for the men to bring their omer to the Priest when they go up to the Temple for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened) (Lev 23:10).

We concentrate our inspections in the Plains of Jericho, what is today referred to as the Jordan Valley, because this is where the Creator brought us into The Land, and we know the barley becomes Aviv just before Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) in this region (Joshua 5:10-12). Remember, we didn't expand until other regions, with their various climates and weather patterns, until much later, so it can't be that the beginning of the year is based on them.

Aviv Barley (what modern agronomists refer to as “Soft Dough”), is the earliest stage a grain can be harvested (Ex9:31, Ex 23:15, Lev 23:10, Lev 23:14, Dt 16:9, Dt 16:16-17, Joshua 5:10-12). At this stage, the seeds have just finished developing, and therefore still contain a lot of moisture. Therefore, the stalks either need to be swathed, which means cut and left on the ground so the seeds can continue drying out, or the seeds can be dried immediately by parching the heads with fire (Lev 2:14, Lev23:14, Joshua 5:10-12, Rut 2:14, 1 Samuel 17:17, 1 Samuel 25:18, 2 Samuel 17:28).

We focus our inspections on the more natural strains of barley, and on this inspection, we found that the planted fields were Aviv and either waiting to be cut or had recently been swathed, and that the volunteer fields, which by their nature are under more stress, had shattered and new tillers had come up which were Aviv. We are pleased to provide you with the following summary of our survey, along with this accompanying [video](#) of our inspection. We don't inspect the field prior to the filming, so you are literally discovering what's in the field, right along with us.

00:11 Field #1 - Planted

This planted field was Aviv+.

03:18 Field #2 - Planted

This planted field had been swathed, which is usually done when it becomes Aviv.

04:15 Field #3 - Volunteer

This is volunteer field was Aviv+.

06:50 Field #4 - Planted

This planted field was Aviv+.

10:22 Field #5 - Volunteer

This is volunteer field was Aviv+.

13:27 Field #6 - Planted

The barley in this planted wheat field was either Aviv or Aviv+.

17:28 Field #7 Volunteer

This volunteer field was beyond ripe.

21:26 Field #8 Planted

This planted field had been swathed, which is usually done when it becomes Aviv.

We hope this report has been helpful to you in deciding when to begin the year, and remember, it's important to begin the year in the month which you believe to be Chodesh HaAviv (Ex 13:3-4, Ex 23:15, Ex 34:18, Dt16:1), regardless of what month you may currently be in. Also, those of us who began last year according to Scenario #3, and decide to begin this year also according to Scenario #3, aren't doing back-to-back 13th months, it's simply a 12-month

year. And lastly, for those who may be interested, I'm planning on beginning the year with the upcoming New Moon Observation on April 9, 2024(April 10th if the New Moon isn't sighted).

| 2024   |  |  |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> MONTH <sup>potential</sup> HOLIDAY DATES<br>according to the Biblical Calendar |  |  |
| 1st Month Holidays   | Scenario #1<br><i>New Moon sighted on<br/>11-March-2024</i>  | Scenario #2<br><i>New Moon sighted on<br/>12-March-2024</i>  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot  | <i>Healthy Fields in<br/>Jordan Valley not Aviv</i>  | <i>New Moon Sighted<br/>11-March-2024</i>  |
| Yom HaNafat HaOmer   |  |  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot  |  |  |
| Chag HaShavuot   |  |  |
| 1st Month Holidays   | Scenario #3<br><i>New Moon sighted on<br/>9-April-2024</i>   | Scenario #4<br><i>New Moon sighted on<br/>10-April-2024</i>  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot  | <i>sunset Apr 23 - sunset Apr 24<br/>Passover Sacrifice would be<br/>brought on Apr 23 at sunset</i> | <i>sunset Apr 24 - sunset Apr 25<br/>Passover Sacrifice would be<br/>brought on Apr 24 at sunset</i> |
| Yom HaNafat HaOmer   | <i>April 28, 2024</i>  | <i>April 28, 2024</i>  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Chag HaMatzot  | <i>sunset Apr 29 - sunset Apr 30</i>   | <i>sunset Apr 30 - sunset May 1</i>  |
| Chag HaShavuot   | <i>sunset Jun 15 - sunset Jun 16</i>   | <i>sunset Jun 15 - sunset Jun 16</i>   |

*The above dates are based on finding healthy Aviv fields in the Plains of Jericho (Joshua 5:10-12), in time for the men to bring an omer of their harvest to the Priest when they go up to the Temple for Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened) (Lev 23:10), that Yom HaNafat HaOmer (The Day of the Wave Sheaf Offering) is the Sunday during Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread) (Joshua 5:10-12), and that the crescent New Moon (Gen 1:14, Ps 104:19) has been sighted from the Land of Israel (Dt 6:1). Please partner with us to provide reliable first hand-hand reports from Israel. We could really use your support to carry out this important work!*

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