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Only yashan grain should be used. Yashan means one of the Five Grains that was planted at least three days before Passover and has now passed the first day of chol ha'moed of Passover. Grain planted after one Passover that has not passed the first day of chol ha'moed of the following Passover is known as "chadash."

Grains Subject to Yashan

Wheat, barley, oats, rye, and spelt are subject to yashan.

Where Yashan Applies

Yashan applies to grain grown anywhere in the world.

NOTE Although yashan is from the Torah, some people outside of Eretz Yisrael are lenient about yashan with regard to grain that was grown outside of Eretz Yisrael.

YASHAN: HALACHOT

When Grain Becomes Yashan

You may use grain as "yashan" after the first day of chol ha'moed Passover. "After" means the third day of Passover in Eretz Yisrael and the fourth day outside of Eretz Yisrael.

Yashan and Matza

Matza is normally made from winter wheat and so does not normally have a question of being chadash.