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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*.

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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*.

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