

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Western Australian Malting Barley Variety Receival Recommendations for 2016/2017 Harvest**

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The Grain Industry Association of Western Australia (GIWA) Inc. Barley Council has released the Western Australian Malting Barley Variety Receival Recommendations for the 2016/2017 harvest.

The purpose of this document is to be a guide for growers and consultants to help with the planning of the 2016 barley cropping program. It was produced in consultation with processors, exporters, breeders and members of the GIWA Barley Council.

‘The barley industry has a long term aim to rationalise the number of barley varieties segregated to two major malting varieties per port zone, with limited segregations on offer for some minor, new or niche malting varieties,’ said Steve Tilbrook, Chair, GIWA Barley Council.

Over the past few seasons, the Western Australia malting barley industry has been transitioning away from Baudin, Buloke, Gairdner and Vlamingh. The 2015/2016 harvest will be the last harvest that Buloke, Gairdner and Vlamingh are segregated. Production volumes for Baudin may not be enough to support segregation opportunities after the 2016/2017 harvest. The food variety Hindmarsh will also begin to be phased out in 2016 with limited segregation opportunities expected after the 2016/2017 harvest.

In summary, the main recommendations for the 2016/2017 harvest are:

- Bass, La Trobe and Scope CL will be the most common malt barley varieties segregated.
- Baudin and Commander will have limited segregation opportunities in line with their current production volumes.
- Flinders and Granger are new to the market with limited segregation opportunities.
- Hindmarsh segregations will be reduced due to the availability of malt varieties that have improved agronomic and/or processing capacities.

‘Our aim is to ensure that Western Australian barley remains competitive and the favoured option on the international market’ said Mr Tilbrook.

The summary and full versions of the Western Australian Malting Barley Variety Receival Recommendations for the 2016/2017 Harvest are now available from the GIWA website:  
[www.giwa.org.au](http://www.giwa.org.au)

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