

## Noodle Wheat Update Western Australia

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### APWN segregation for ASW Blend to Japan

- As at 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Western Australia's expected total grain production will be over 15 million tonnes this season, including an estimated 9.9m tonnes or more of wheat.
- Noodle wheat varieties represent > 12.0 percent of total wheat plantings in Western Australia, indicating that the supply of noodle wheat is balanced against demand.
- Japan imports Australian Standard White ASW blend traditionally made up of 60% ANW varieties and 40% APW varieties.
- New fit-for-purpose ANW varieties such as Ninja and Zen are replacing the older variety Calingiri and have been well received in Japan.
- In 2018 JFMA requested alternative quality solutions for the APW component of the ASW blend to address colour and elasticity in udon noodles.
- **JFMA have requested the following changes on the MAFF tender specifications for shipments from January 2019:**

**Existing:** 60% ANW 1 & ANW 2

40% APW2 and ASW1

**New:** 80% ANW 1 & ANW 2

20% APWN

**APWN is an allowable grade in the Grain Trade Australia wheat standards, with protein minimum 10%, protein maximum 11.5%, test weight 76kg/hl.**

- This ratio may be altered based on a discussion between both industries in accordance with future quality, supply and price scenarios.
- The APWN class was established 10 years ago by Wheat Quality Australia in recognition that the industry may need to protect the quality of the noodle blend. As the varietal composition grown in WA is changing, it is now an appropriate time to utilise this class and establish APWN segregations.
- **Eight varieties** accepted into APWN are Mace, Bonnie Rock, Westonia, Wyalkatchem, LRPB Scout, Envoy, Chief and King Rock <http://wheatquality.com.au/>
- Growers are encouraged to contact their marketers to confirm pricing and contract arrangements for APWN.

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