

Noodle Wheat Update Western Australia

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Updated APWN segregation for ASW Blend to Japan: 90% ANW:10% APWN

- Noodle wheat varieties represent > 12.0% of total wheat plantings in Western Australia, indicating that the supply of noodle wheat is balanced against demand.
- Until September 2018, Japan imported 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 continue to replace 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.
- In September 2018, Japan requested the ASW blend be changed to 80% ANW1&ANW2 and 20% APWN
- This ratio may be altered based on a discussion between both industries in accordance with quality, supply and price scenarios.
- **In February 2019, JFMA requested the following further changes on the MAFF tender specifications from March 2019:**
 - 90% ANW 1 & ANW 2**
 - 10% APWN**
 - Min protein 9.8% max protein 11.0%**
- APWN is an allowable grade in the Grain Trade Australia wheat standards.
- 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, Japan are utilizing APWN classed varieties.
- **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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