

Noodle Wheat Update Western Australia

This industry update is provided by the Wheat Council of the Grain Industry Association of Western Australia Inc (GIWA) under the Noodle Wheat Industry Communications Protocol between Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) and the Japan Flour Millers' Association (JFMA), and the Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre (AEGIC), CBH Group and GIWA, as at Tuesday, 8th October 2019.

Updated APWN segregation for ASW Blend to Japan: 80% ANW:20% 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 advised the ASW blend be changed to 80% ANW1&ANW2 and 20% APWN; in March 2019 MAFF/JFMA confirmed a blend of 90% ANW and 10% APWN
- **The following ratio is a guide and will be reviewed in December 2019 based on further discussion between both industries in accordance with supply, quality and price scenarios.**
- **In September 2019, JFMA indicated their intention for the following changes on the MAFF tender specifications from February 2020:**
 - 80% ANW 1 & ANW 2**
 - 20% APWN**
 - Min protein 9.8% max protein 11.0%**
 - (protein unchanged from March 2019)**
- 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.
- **Twelve varieties** accepted into APWN are Mace, Bonnie Rock, Westonia, Wyalkatchem, LRPB Scout, Envoy, Chief, Devil, Havoc, Cutlass, Trojan and King Rock <http://wheatquality.com.au/>.
- Growers are encouraged to contact their marketers **and** contact CBH regarding their nearest harvest segregation.

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