

## Noodle Wheat Update Western Australia

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### Updated APWN segregation for ASW Blend to Japan: 80% ANW:20% APWN

- The blend ratio has been reviewed in January 2020. This change is a result of customer feedback and tighter Noodle wheat supply after a poor harvest.
- **The following blend ratio for ASWJ will apply from February tender and April 2020 shipment:**
  - 80% ANW 1 & ANW 2**
  - 20% APWN**
  - Min protein 10% / max protein 11.0%**
  - (Min protein changed from previous 9.8%)**
- 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.
- 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/>.

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