

MEDIA RELEASE

GIWA annual review of receival standards completed for 2025

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The Grain Industry Association of Western Australia (GIWA) has finalised its annual review of Western Australian grain receival standards.

As a service to the WA grain industry, the Grain Industry Association of Western Australia (GIWA) acts as caretaker of WA's grain receival standards and reviews these on an annual basis to ensure receival standards are fit for purpose to meet end use customer requirements.

GIWA called for industry submissions on receival standards (excluding wheat standards which are managed by Grain Trade Australia) in March and again in April and received no submissions.

However, Peter Nash, GIWA CEO says that GIWA's Standards Review Committee has resolved one oat receival standard matter this year and is continuing to work on a submission received in 2024 concerning weed seeds in barley.

"When the responsibility for oat classification recently transitioned from GIWA to Grains Australia, it resulted in some differences in nomenclature for milling oats.

"In WA, oat varieties are listed as OAT1, OAT2, OWAN, or not suitable for delivery to the bulk handling system, but varieties accredited by Grains Australia carry the term 'milling oat'. Following consultation by the Standards Review Committee with Grains Australia, CBH and domestic oat processors, I can now advise industry that there will be no change to WA's use of the OAT1, OAT2 and OWAN nomenclature and that all new varieties classified by Grains Australia as milling oats will be automatically approved for receival into OAT1," said Mr. Nash.

Following the implementation of the Grains Australia new oat classification system, the Committee also took the opportunity to consider the status of Durack, which is currently eligible for receival into OAT2, and Wandering, which is currently eligible for receival into OAT2 and OWAN. The Committee determined that effective from the coming 2025/26 harvest, Durack will be accepted into OAT1. Wandering will continue to be eligible for receival into OAT2 and OWAN, and there are no other changes to Oat Receival standards.

The Committee has also continued its consideration of the 2024 submission received on malt and feed barley weed seed receival standards to determine if any changes are required to meet current market requirements, and the practicality of growers to meet current tolerances.

The Committee sought data on weed seed detections in barley receivals over a range of seasons from both CBH and Bunge, reviewed this in 2024 and determined that additional data was required to determine whether there is any need to change weed seed categories and tolerances in malt and feed barley grades. The Committee requested this additional data from CBH and Bunge and has now reviewed that data.

"Given its complexity, the Committee was not able to arrive at any firm conclusions, so this review is ongoing. Therefore, there will be no change to the existing tolerances within the Barley Receival standards

for the 2025/26 harvest and standards will remain the same as per the 2024/25 Barley Receival standards,” said Mr. Nash.

For more information on the GIWA Standards Review, please visit www.giwa.org.au/industry-projects/grain-standards/

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GIWA Receival Standards Review Committee

The Grain Industry Association of Western Australia (GIWA) is the caretaker of coarse grain receival standards in Western Australia and reviews the Western Australian grain receival standards on an annual basis to ensure standards are fit for purpose to meet end use customer requirements.

Documentation and Terms of Reference for the GIWA Standards Review 2024, the current CBH and Bunge Public Receival Standards for Western Australia, and GIWA Standards Review outcomes for previous years can be found at GIWA Grain Standards.

GIWA is a member of Grain Trade Australia and the Australian Oilseeds Federation and supports the grain industry’s national self-regulated Grain Trade Australia Standards Submissions process.

The Standards Review Committee is reviewed and reappointed each December by the GIWA Board. To ensure transparency in the process and meaningful input, GIWA welcomes individuals with a strong interest in the WA grain industry to express their interest in being on the GIWA Receival Standards Review Committee.

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