

2020/21 Paddy Quality Specifications & Discounts

This document sets out the paddy quality specifications that need to be met or exceeded to maximise the payment for paddy supplied.

Growers' attention is drawn to the premium scale for the upcoming 2020/21 season to provide additional incentive to produce paddy with the highest possible whole grain yield (wgy).

The main features of the quality appraisal system are:

- The grower's wgy result is compared to the seasonal average for the variety. Seasonal averages will be calculated for each individual variety - there will be no grouping into grain type classes
- A premium of \$2.00 per tonne per percent variation from the seasonal average for the variety will be applied in a linear scale commencing at 1% above the average.
- A discount of \$2.00 per tonne per percent variation from the seasonal average for the variety will be applied in a linear scale commencing at 2.5% below the average.

Specifications required to be met to receive the standard pool payment and fixed price contract price are set out below. Details of incentives and discounts applicable where the specification is exceeded or not achieved are also indicated.

Moisture Limits

- The specification for paddy moisture at delivery is 22% or lower. No discount applies for deliveries up to and including that level.
- Where paddy moisture exceeds 22% (unless prior arrangements made with AGS or Grower Services):
 - For the first 100 tonnes delivered of a variety from a farm, a discount of \$1 per tonne for each 0.1% above the maximum moisture limit applies
 - For subsequent deliveries of that variety from that farm, a discount of \$3 per tonne for each 0.1% above the maximum moisture limit applies

Stackburnt Paddy

- The specification for stackburnt paddy is NIL.
- If declared at delivery, a discount \$10.00 per tonne per 0.05% applies.
- If not declared at delivery, a minimum discount of \$20.00 per tonne per 0.05% with actual payment based on the commercial value of paddy and applied in the September Payment.

Mixed Paddy

- The specification for mixed paddy varies by variety and is set out below:
 - For the varieties Koshihikari and Opus admixtures with other varieties is not to exceed 0.02%. If admixture exceeding this level is detected, the price will be discounted to the lowest grain price applicable to the variety/s contaminating the paddy
 - For other varieties with the exception of Reiziq, admixture is not to exceed 2.0%. If admixture exceeding this level is detected, the price will be discounted to the lowest grain price applicable to the variety/s contaminating the paddy
 - Deliveries designated as Reiziq that subsequent testing proves to be Sherpa or another variety will be subject to payment terms outlined under the heading "Another Variety Delivered as Reiziq"

Another Variety Delivered as Reiziq

- If a delivery declared to be Reiziq is shown by testing to be Sherpa or another variety, or to contain another variety claimed to be Reiziq, a commercially based price discount may apply to all the Reiziq tonnes delivered by the grower (including Reiziq tonnes from other farms controlled by the grower).
- The discount will reduce the price paid to \$21/t below the price applying to Sherpa.
- Special identification measures (including DNA testing) will be used to distinguish Reiziq from Sherpa and other varieties.

Mildly Shot and Sprung Paddy

- The specification is NIL contamination with shot and sprung paddy.

- Mildly shot and sprung paddy is defined as loads that when tested have more than 3 grains in a 25 gram sample that have a dark coloured embryo with or without small desiccated sprouts that are no longer than half the length of the grain.
- If declared at delivery, a discount of \$3 per tonne applies.
- If not declared at delivery, a discount of \$7 per tonne applies.

Seriously Shot and Sprung Paddy

- The specification is NIL contamination with shot and sprung paddy.
- Seriously shot and sprung paddy is defined as a loads that when tested have more than 3 grains in a 25 gram sample that have a dark coloured embryo with desiccated sprouts that are longer than half the length of the grain.
- If declared at delivery, growers will receive a price that results from AGS achieving the best possible price for a product that is at the low end of the stockfeed quality and price range.
- If not declared at delivery, the price will be at a 10% discount to the price paid for loads that are declared at delivery.

Paddy Contaminated with Glass

- The specification is NIL contamination with glass.
- If declared at delivery, a discount of \$50 per tonne per piece applies.
- If not declared at delivery, a discount of \$100 per tonne per piece applies.

Paddy Contaminated with Foreign Matter (seeds, fertiliser, stones, metal)

- The specification is NIL contamination with foreign material.
- If declared at delivery, a discount of \$5 per tonne for the first two pieces and \$1 per tonne thereafter to a maximum of \$30 per tonne applies.
- If not declared at delivery, a discount of \$10 per tonne for the first two pieces and \$3 per tonne thereafter to a maximum of \$100 per tonne applies.

Paddy Contaminated with Foreign Matter (burrs, mud, dirt, stored grain insects)

- The specification is NIL contamination with foreign material.
- If declared at delivery, a discount of \$1 per tonne for the first two pieces and \$1 per tonne thereafter to a maximum of \$5 per tonne applies.
- If not declared at delivery, a discount of \$3 per tonne for the first two pieces and \$2 per tonne thereafter to a maximum of \$10 per tonne applies.

Excessive Trash

- The specification for trash in paddy is no more than 1.5%.
- For each 0.1% above 1.5%, a discount of \$0.20 per tonne applies.

Wholegrain Yield of Paddy

- The specification is the seasonal average wgy for the variety.
- A premium of \$2.00 per tonne per percent (or part thereof) variation from the seasonal average for the variety will be applied in a linear scale commencing at 1.0% above the average. For example, if the variety average for Wholegrain Yield is 60%, premiums will commence at 61%.
- A discount of \$2.00 per tonne per percent (or part thereof) variation from the seasonal average for the variety will be applied in a linear scale commencing at 2.5% below the average. For example, if the variety average for Wholegrain Yield is 60%, discounts will commence for that variety at 57.5%.

Colour of White Milled Rice

- The specification for milled rice colour is that the rice meets the white colour standard.
- For slightly grey milled rice, a discount of \$7 per tonne applies.
- For very grey milled rice, a discount of \$14 per tonne applies.

Discoloured Brown Rice

- The specification for brown rice colour is that the de-husked paddy contains no more than 4.0% stained kernels.
- For each 1.0% above 4.0% a discount of \$2.50 per tonne applies to a maximum of \$13.00 per tonne.