

CY26 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 to SunRice this season.

CY26 Pricing Structure & Quality Score Update

As outlined in your contract, rather than SunRice comparing your crop quality with 'industry averages', you'll be paid directly in line with the PaddyVision® Quality Score for each load you deliver.

Paddy Quality Scores are aligned to milling yields to help optimise your paddy prices and operational efficiencies. This year we are also moving to PaddyVision® Quality Scores with a scale of 0.5, which better reflects how AGS and SunRice use PaddyVision® data for storage and milling.

To do this PaddyVision has been calibrated so that scores at 0.25 or below are rounded down, while scores above 0.25 are rounded up. For example, last year a score of 8.25 rounds to 8.0, while 8.26 rounds to 8.5. This season you will only see scores presented in 0.5 increments.

With the implementation of PaddyVision®, you can receive feedback on the quality from every load delivered in the form of a quality score. Sign up to receive SMS harvest delivery alerts by clicking the purple button on the top right-hand corner on the home page of the grower portal. Please note you need to opt-in to SMS alerts every harvest. The score will also be available in your Grower Portal.

The score informs you of how your quality is progressing during harvest, and the accompanying images and results files are digitally stored for future reference. The percentage of cracked and immature grains are useful indicators of crop quality, while pearled grain, gives an indication of header set up giving you greater detail to make informed harvest decisions.

For CY26, the price payable per tonne for specialty varieties is outlined below. The amount depends on the specific variety and your PaddyVision® Quality Score, and already includes the specialty variety premium.

PaddyVision® Quality Score	Matilda (V071)	Sherpa	Langi	Topaz	Opus	Koshihikari	Doongara
9.5+	\$542	\$542	\$652	\$671	\$634	\$826	\$627
9.0	\$521	\$521	\$631	\$650	\$613	\$805	\$606
8.5	\$500	\$500	\$610	\$629	\$592	\$784	\$585
8.0	\$479	\$479	\$589	\$608	\$571	\$763	\$564
7.5	\$458	\$458	\$568	\$587	\$550	\$742	\$543
7.0	\$437	\$437	\$547	\$566	\$529	\$721	\$522
6.5	\$416	\$416	\$526	\$545	\$508	\$700	\$501
6.0	\$395	\$395	\$505	\$524	\$487	\$679	\$480
5.5	\$374	\$374	\$484	\$503	\$466	\$658	\$459
5.0	\$353	\$353	\$463	\$482	\$445	\$637	\$438
4.5	\$332	\$332	\$442	\$461	\$424	\$616	\$417
4.0	\$311	\$311	\$421	\$440	\$403	\$595	\$396
3.5	\$290	\$290	\$400	\$419	\$382	\$574	\$375
3.0	\$269	\$269	\$379	\$398	\$361	\$553	\$354
2.5	\$248	\$248	\$358	\$377	\$340	\$532	\$333
2.0	\$227	\$227	\$337	\$356	\$319	\$511	\$312

NB: Some varieties have different scales for Quality Scores due to their varietal characteristics. The variation in Quality Scores ensures that regardless of what variety is grown you have the same opportunity to achieve a like for like premium.

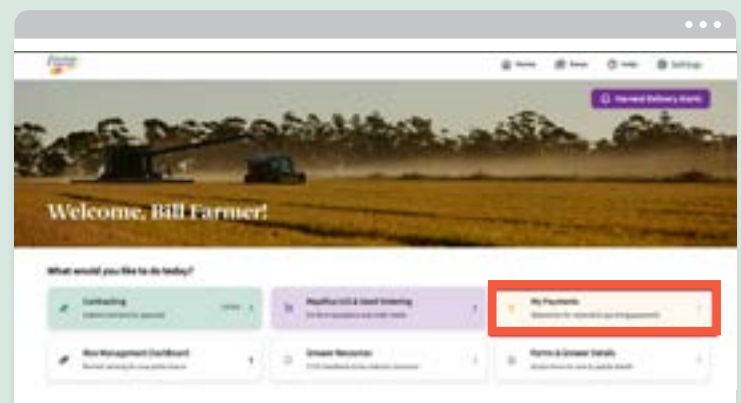


CY26 Payments

For CY26, the price payable per tonne for specialty varieties is set out above and depends on the variety and the PaddyVision® Quality Score and is inclusive of the specialty variety premium.

100% of the Contract Price is payable 21 days after the end of the week of delivery. PaddyPay through Rabo will also be available allowing 100% payment to be made 5 days end of week of delivery.

The deferred payment option will be available again this year meaning you can defer your payment to be paid on 1 July 2026. You must notify Grower Services that you wish to defer your payment when you are notified to complete your harvest declaration and payment options prior to commencing harvest. This is completed per farm - giving you flexibility.



Specifications

Specifications required to be met are set out below including details of incentives and discounts applicable where the specification is exceeded or not achieved.

Quality	Threshold	Deduction Rate
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/T for each 0.1% above the maximum moisture limit applies. - For subsequent deliveries of that variety from that farm, a discount of \$3/T 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 of \$10/T per 0.05% applies. If not declared at delivery, a minimum discount of \$20/T per 0.05% will be made, based on the commercial value of Paddy.
Mixed Paddy		The specification for mixed paddy varies by variety and is set out below: - For the varieties Koshihikari and OpusA 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, 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.
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 three 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/T applies. - If not declared at delivery, a discount of \$7/T 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 load that when tested has more than three 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/T per piece applies. - If not declared at delivery, a discount of \$100/T per piece applies.
Paddy Contaminated with Foreign Matter (seeds, fertiliser, stones, metal)	The specification is NIL contamination with foreign material.	If found at delivery, a discount of \$5/T for the first two pieces and \$1/T thereafter to a maximum of \$30/T applies.

Specifications (continued)

Quality	Threshold	Deduction Rate
Paddy Contaminated with Foreign Matter (burrs, mud, dirt, stored grain insects)	The specification is NIL contamination with foreign material.	If found at delivery, a discount of \$1/T for the first two pieces and \$1/T thereafter to a maximum of \$5/T applies.
Excessive Trash	The specification for trash in paddy is no more than 5.5% on the Model M.	- For each 0.1% above 5.5% trash, a discount of \$0.10 will apply (\$1.00/1% per tonne). - For each 0.1% above 15% trash, a discount of \$0.20 will apply thereafter (\$2.00/1% per tonne).
Crop Protection Products		All use of crop protection products must be used in accordance with both the label registration and as advised by SunRice to ensure that we are not exceeding the required Maximum Residue Levels (MRL) for export purposes. If excessive MRLs are detected in your load, it may be deemed as unmerchantable or subject to a discount at SunRice's reasonable discretion. Please note MRL's could change throughout the growing season depending on updates from countries where Australian rice is exported. We will communicate with you and your agronomist if this occurs
Merchantable Quality/ Subject to Appraisal		Please note your AGS Supervisor / Coordinator on behalf of SunRice has the authority to deem paddy as unmerchantable and reject the load.

Request a review

If you believe there is an error with your PaddyVision quality score, you can request a review for any specific load.

AGS have remote monitoring in place for all PaddyVision machines this year to ensure machine performance.

For every load delivered, the PaddyVision score and corresponding image are stored by SunRice and can be accessed by the AGS team for review.

You may request a review at any stage throughout harvest by contacting the Grower Services team.

Looking for support or more information

All SunRice growers and advisors have access to the Rice Extension Program.

Contact

Mark (0419 174 772) or visit riceextension.com.au

Contact SunRice

At SunRice, rice – and the farmers who grow it – are at our heart. For any questions or if you require assistance, please contact Grower Services on 1800 654 557.