

AWTA Ltd purchases Agrifood Technology

On 1st February 2008 AWTA Ltd acquired Werribee based grain and food testing business Agrifood Technology from AWB Ltd.

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Agrifood Technology provides a range of services to the Australian grain, food and feed industries for physical, chemical and end-product testing. Their services include:

- Grain Quality
- Milling Services
- Food Safety
- Microbiological Analysis
- Pesticide Residues
- Mycotoxin Analysis
- Food & Feed Nutrition
- Research & Development
- Pilot Scale Pasta, Noodle, and Bread Production

The purchase of Agrifood by AWTA Ltd will hasten the transition of Agrifood from being a provider of grain industry quality assurance testing to that of a more independent and commercial provider of feed and grain testing services.



As a consequence of the decline in Australian wool production over the past decade, AWTA Ltd has adopted a policy of expanding its operations by diversifying into similar testing markets. This policy has led to the acquisition of the New Zealand Wool Testing Authority Ltd, the establishment of JinAo Testing Co Ltd in China (a joint venture testing laboratory) and the ongoing expansion of the testing capabilities of its Product Testing Division in Australia.

The purchase of Agrifood Technology is a further example of AWTA Ltd's commitment to expansion of its business into the independent testing of commodities.



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