



Premium and Standard budwood factsheet

Auscitrus budwood is classified into two categories: **Premium** and **Standard**.

The category is specified when you order the budwood and is listed on the bag labels.

Premium variety source trees have been propagated from high health budwood sourced from trees in the Australian Citrus Foundation Repository and are routinely tested for the major graft transmissible diseases. They have usually undergone formal evaluation for trueness to type in an independent evaluation project run by NSW DPIRD.

Premium budwood also includes **Rapid multiplication budwood**, where source trees are propagated from high health foundation trees but the budwood is grown under cover in a screenhouse, therefore the budwood trees are not routinely fruited for trueness to type.

Note: Despite adopting world's best practice in our testing systems (in fact our team at EMAI are often setting the standard for others to follow), there is no way to guarantee freedom from virus and viroids. We take all steps practicable to supply budwood of the highest health status possible, and in most cases this is effectively clean of all known pathogens, but we can't categorically say they are 100% pathogen free (no-one can).

Standard varieties are supplied as the "best available" budwood. Where possible they are from tested sources, but where a "clean" source is not available we may supply budwood that isn't fully tested. We recommend you keep Standard varieties separate from Premium varieties in your nursery.

Preventing cross-infection

It is strongly recommended that you sterilise your cutting equipment (snips, knives etc) before use and between every variety and batch of trees, to prevent any cross-infection in the nursery. **The only reliable way to eliminate all citrus pathogens on tools is a 10 second dip in sodium hypochlorite** (liquid swimming pool chlorine diluted 1:10 in clean water).

Please call the Auscitrus Manager if you have any questions on 0417570065.