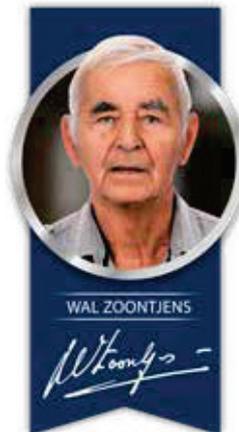# PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW

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50 YEARS OF PIGEON RACING AT THE TOP LEVEL!

WAL ZOONTJENS

From the day in 1968 when **Wal Zoontjens** began pigeon racing as an independent entrant in Riel (NL), he has always held a position among the champions.

His father Jan Zoontjens had been looking into better husbandry methods from as early as the 1930's. The book Nutrition, Vitamins and Pigeons by Arie van den Hoek served as his guide. And his research led him to the idea of sieving the feed mixtures that were commercially available at the time. He fed the finer feed at the beginning of the week and the coarser part, comprising various types of maize and legumes during the last days before basketing.

His vision formed the basis for the mixtures that Wal Zoontjens developed in collaboration with **BEYERS** Technical Consultants, and which they released in 1989 for use by pigeon fanciers all around the World, **BEYERS PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW and BEYERS ZOONTJENS BLUE** 'The unique and authentic one with the grand master's signature!' Le seul, le vrai! with the signature of the grand master. Many are still trying to imitate Zoontjens Yellow. Many others continue trying to imitate Zoontjens Yellow but they never come close to the original, which combines a selection of the best quality and perfectly cleaned grains in an ideally balanced mixture.

Time doesn't stand still and the nutrition requirements set by modern pigeon racing has changed tremendously since 1989. Certainly for fanciers who play their pigeons every week, alternating between middle distances and long distance flights. For that reason and in consultation with Wal, a decision was made in 2011 to take Zoontjens Blue off the market and to replace it in the feed plan with racing mixtures that are richer in fats. **BEYERS PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW** remains an ideal basic feed mixture for use with every feed plan.

20 KG - 44 LBS

BEYERS PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW

- Ideal basis for feeding systems in combination with the more rich in fat **BEYERS** mixtures.
- **Middle and long distance:** in combination with **PREMIUM SUPER WIDOWHOOD** (optionally supplemented with **PREMIUM BRILLIANT**) so that the pigeons are able to bear a greater burden and can also be basketed between the biweekly day-long flights.
- **Long distance:** a perfect mixture for the rest period between two long distance flights and can be combined with the **GALAXY LONG DISTANCE TT** in preparation of the flight.
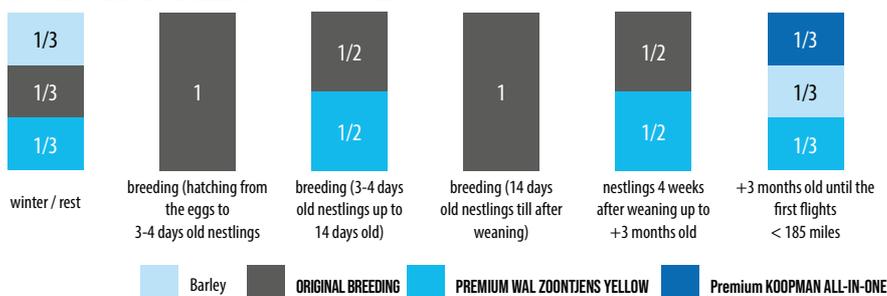
Ingredients: sorghum white, wheat white, safflower seed, lentils, mungbeans, sorghum red, brown rice, buckwheat.

Carbohydrates	58,00%
Crude protein	13,80%
Crude fat	6,60%
Crude fibre	8,00%
Crude ash	2,00%

During the transition from porridge to grain, youngsters (nestlings between 3-4 days up to 2 weeks old) get **WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW** added to **ORIGINAL breeding** in order to have this transition go smoother. The focus with the youngsters, as with the old hens, is on longer distances (up to 300 miles). They are kept under blackout for six weeks from the beginning of April, to keep their plumage in good condition. They are fed in a communal feed trough set on the ground. On the day of basketing, they get **WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW** in the morning (approx. 15 gr/ pigeon) and in the afternoon they don't get any more feed.

WINTER PERIOD - BREEDING - YOUNGSTERS

winter / rest	breeding (hatching from the eggs to 3-4 days old nestlings)	breeding (3-4 days old nestlings up to 14 days old)	breeding (14 days old nestlings till after weaning)	nestlings 4 weeks after weaning up to +3 months old	+3 months old until the first flights < 185 miles
1/3 Barley		1/2 ORIGINAL BREEDING		1/2 ORIGINAL BREEDING	1/3 Premium KOOPMAN ALL-IN-ONE
1/3 ORIGINAL BREEDING	1 ORIGINAL BREEDING		1 ORIGINAL BREEDING		1/3 Barley
1/3 PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW		1/2 PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW		1/2 PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW	1/3 PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW

Legend: Barley · ORIGINAL BREEDING · PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW · Premium KOOPMAN ALL-IN-ONE

During the week, they get a mixture consisting of equal parts of barley, **KOOPMAN ALL-IN-ONE** and **WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW**. For youngsters flights of > 185 miles, part of the barley is omitted the last days before basketing. During the first flights, the youngsters are kept together, so that many couples form that will start to nest in the straw. Then the youngsters are raced using the sliding door system.

FEEDING SCHEDULE - RACING SYSTEM
WAL ZOONTJENS

FEEDING SCHEDULE

The following feed schemes show how Wal feeds and cares for his pigeons to ensure that they perform well under his racing system focused on one-day races with widowers, both in preparation for and during the racing season. The hen pigeons stay in the widowhood run during the week, and they are only basketed at the time of preparatory short sprint (vitesse) flights. Like most top pigeon fanciers, he observes the pigeons daily and balances the feed to their needs.
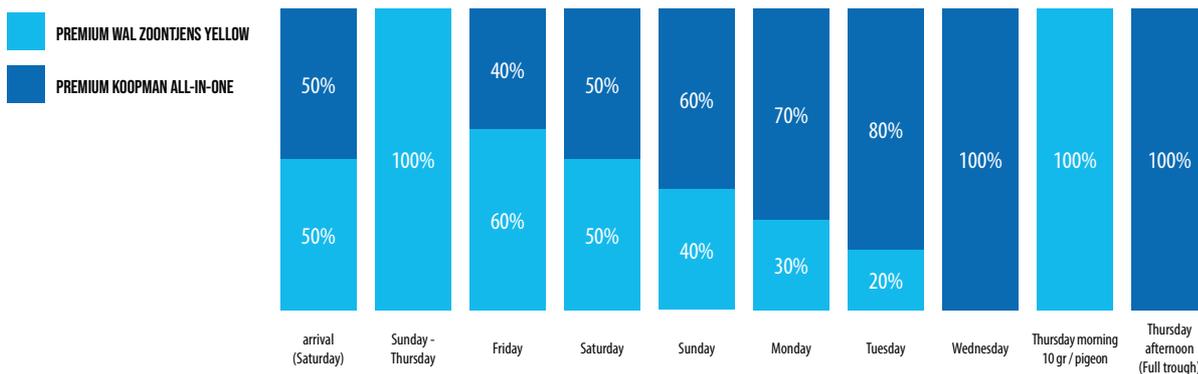
RACING SYSTEM: FOCUS AT LONG DISTANCE AND NORMAL WIDOWHOOD

Upon arrival, the feed is in a communal feed trough; on the rest of the days the widowers are fed 2x per day in their own trough. If cocks are still hungry during the week, they get a supplement of small amounts of barley on the floor until they are satisfied.

Wal prefers to basket the cocks with their crops three-quarters full. If they do not eat enough food in the afternoon of the basketing day, the feeding system was not optimal that week and the cocks reached their peak too early. The cocks should be in their peak condition on the Saturday, when they are released. That is the reason why Wal wants them to have a three-quarter filled crop.
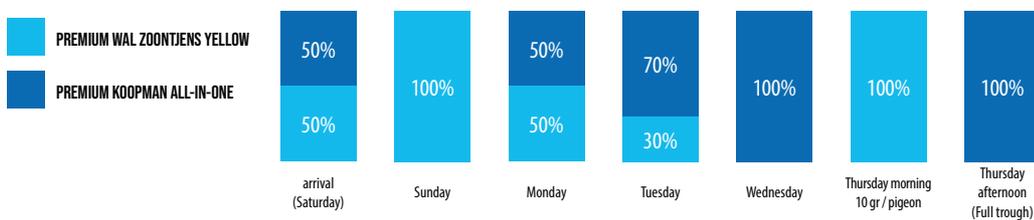
Long Distance (weekly with 2 nights in basket, > 310 miles & < 435 miles)

During the resting week in preparation for a distance flight, the widowers get 100% **WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW**. Starting from Friday, the **WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW** part is reduced up to the basketing, the **KOOPMAN ALL-IN-ONE** part is then increased. On the day of basketing (Thursday), the widowers get 10 gr of **WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW** per pigeon in the morning and in the afternoon around 16:00, a full trough of **KOOPMAN ALL-IN-ONE**, which is removed after 15 minutes.

PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW
PREMIUM KOOPMAN ALL-IN-ONE

	arrival (Saturday)	Sunday - Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday morning 10 gr / pigeon	Thursday afternoon (Full trough)
Koopman	50%		40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	100%	100%	100%
Yellow	50%	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%			

For the shorter flights (middle distance & short distance) the widowers get the same combination of mixtures as for the long-distance flights. The increase of **KOOPMAN ALL-IN-ONE** starts later towards basketing and on the day of basketing itself, the widowers also get **WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW** in the morning.

Short & Heavy Middle Distance (weekly with 2 nights in basket, > 185 miles & < 310 miles).

PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW
PREMIUM KOOPMAN ALL-IN-ONE

	arrival (Saturday)	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday morning 10 gr / pigeon	Thursday afternoon (Full trough)
Koopman	50%		50%	70%	100%	100%	100%
Yellow	50%	100%	50%	30%			

Short Distance / Speed (weekly with 1 night in basket, > 50 miles & <185 miles).

PREMIUM WAL ZOONTJENS YELLOW
PREMIUM KOOPMAN ALL-IN-ONE

	arrival (Saturday)	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday morning 10 gr / pigeon	Friday afternoon 10 gr / pigeon
Koopman	50%			20%	60%	80%	100%	100%
Yellow	50%	100%	100%	80%	40%	20%		