

Goulburn Valley apple and pear maturity testing program – 2026

Weekly Report – Wednesday, February 4, 2026

The *Goulburn Valley apple and pear maturity testing program* is delivered by Fruit Growers Victoria Ltd as part of the industry *Apple and pear quality program* and is co-funded by Apple and Pear Australia (APAL) for the 2026 season.

FGVL is pleased to be working collaboratively with APAL on this important on-farm fruit maturity monitoring work towards delivering the best eating experience for the customer and driving market growth.



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS
KYABRAM WBC		KYABRAM WBC		4/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	71.0	7.9	7.5		12.2	Background colour changing
2	70.0	7.7	8.3		11.4	
3	72.0	7.9	8.1		10.4	
4	69.0	8.3	7.8		11.4	
5	69.0	8.0	7.9		10.7	
6	70.0	7.1	7.8		10.9	
7	71.0	7.2	7.1		10.7	
8	65.0	7.8	7.6		10.6	
9	66.0	7.5	7.2		12.6	
10	65.0	7.7	7.5		12.0	
AVG	68.8	7.7			11.3	
ALL BLOCKS	68.8	7.7			11.3	

STORAGE TERM	LIMIT	STARCH RANGE		SUGAR RANGE		PRESSURE RANGE		STORAGE
		MIN PLATE	MAX PLATE	MIN BRIX	MAX BRIX	MIN KG	MAX KG	
LONG	MAY			10.0	14.5	7.9	10.1	DO NOT STORE
MEDIUM	APRIL			11.0	14.5	7.1	8.0	OK TO STORE
SHORT	MARCH			11.5	14.5	5.6	7.6	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			12.0		4.5	7.0	DO NOT STORE



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS
TATURA WBC		TATURA WBC		4/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	72.0	8.5	10.3		9.9	Different block to last week
2	71.0	8.8	9.1		10.0	
3	70.0	8.5	8.7		10.1	
4	70.0	8.3	8.0		9.5	
5	73.0	8.1	7.9		10.5	
6	70.0	8.6	8.1		10.3	
7	66.0	8.3	9.3		9.6	
8	65.0	8.3	8.1		10.2	
9	67.0	7.9	7.9		10.7	
10	65.0	7.7	8.5		10.7	
AVG	68.9	8.4			10.2	
ALL BLOCKS	68.9	8.1			10.7	

STORAGE TERM	LIMIT	STARCH RANGE		SUGAR RANGE		PRESSURE RANGE		STORAGE
		MIN PLATE	MAX PLATE	MIN BRIX	MAX BRIX	MIN KG	MAX KG	
LONG	MAY			10.0	14.5	7.9	10.1	OK TO STORE
MEDIUM	APRIL			11.0	14.5	7.1	8.0	DO NOT STORE
SHORT	MARCH			11.5	14.5	5.6	7.6	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			12.0		4.5	7.0	DO NOT STORE



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS
SHEPP EAST WBC		SHEPP EAST WBC		4/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	73.0	8.1	8.2		10.1	
2	69.0	7.7	7.9		12.9	
3	71.0	7.8	7.2		12.6	
4	67.0	7.3	7.9		12.3	
5	71.0	7.6	6.9		12.3	
6	70.0	11.0	10.0		11.7	
7	69.0	8.1	7.7		12.4	
8	66.0	8.9	8.6		12.5	
9	68.0	6.9	8.1		13.4	
10	63.0	8.8	9.4		11.2	
AVG	68.7	8.2			12.1	
ALL BLOCKS	68.8	8.1			11.2	

STORAGE TERM	LIMIT	STARCH RANGE		SUGAR RANGE		PRESSURE RANGE		STORAGE
		MIN PLATE	MAX PLATE	MIN BRIX	MAX BRIX	MIN KG	MAX KG	
LONG	MAY			10.9	14.5	7.9	10.1	OK TO STORE
MEDIUM	APRIL			11.5	14.5	7.1	8.0	DO NOT STORE
SHORT	MARCH			11.5	14.5	5.6	7.6	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			12.0		4.5	7.0	DO NOT STORE



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS
KYABRAM GALA		KYABRAM GALA		4/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	74.0	6.9	6.6	5.0	13.1	No cooling
2	69.0	7.4	7.6	3.5	12.4	
3	70.0	7.6	7.6	3.0	12.7	
4	69.0	9.2	8.5	1.5	12.4	
5	69.0	8.5	8.0	1.5	12.0	
6	66.0	7.3	7.1	4.0	12.7	
7	70.0	8.9	9.2	2.5	11.8	
8	66.0	7.8	7.9	3.5	11.7	
9	67.0	8.4	8.8	4.0	11.6	
10	66.0	9.2	8.5	3.5	11.3	
AVG	68.6	8.0		3.2	12.2	
ALL BLOCKS	67.9	8.8		2.1	11.5	

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		MIN PLATE	MAX PLATE	MIN BRIX	MAX BRIX	MIN KG	MAX KG	
LONG	NOVEMBER	1.5	2.5	11.3	14.5	7.0	11.0	DO NOT STORE
MEDIUM	SEPTEMBER	2.5	4.0	11.3	14.5	6.5	11.0	OK TO STORE
SHORT	JULY	4.0	5.0	11.3	14.5	6.5	11.0	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			12.5		6.9	11.0	DO NOT STORE



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TATURA DORMEX GALA		TATURA DORMEX GALA		4/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	74.0	8.9	8.6	2.5	10.5	2 nd Pick, overhead cooling
2	73.0	9.2	9.6	1.0	10.6	
3	69.0	8.9	8.9	1.5	11.3	
4	69.0	8.9	9.6	2.0	12.4	
5	70.0	8.7	9.6	2.0	12.5	
6	69.0	9.1	9.3	1.0	11.0	
7	68.0	8.8	8.7	2.0	11.2	
8	69.0	10.1	10.3	1.0	11.3	
9	68.0	7.7	8.0	2.0	11.6	
10	67.0	10.0	9.5	1.0	11.0	
AVG	69.6	9.1		1.6	11.3	
ALL BLOCKS	67.9	8.8		2.1	11.5	

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MEDIUM	SEPTEMBER	2.5	4.0	11.3	14.5	6.5	11.0	DO NOT STORE
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	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	68.0	8.8	9.2	3.0	11.8	No cooling
2	66.0	9.6	9.7	1.0	10.6	
3	64.0	9.2	9.0	1.5	11.0	
4	66.0	10.0	8.7	1.0	10.0	
5	68.0	7.8	7.9	3.0	12.0	
6	66.0	9.8	9.4	1.0	10.5	
7	67.0	9.1	9.6	2.0	12.1	
8	63.0	9.0	9.0	1.0	10.0	
9	65.0	9.1	9.3	1.0	10.7	
10	62.0	10.0	10.2	1.0	10.2	
AVG	65.5	9.2		1.6	10.9	
ALL BLOCKS	67.9	8.8		2.1	11.5	

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MEDIUM	SEPTEMBER	2.5	4.0	11.3	14.5	6.5	11.0	DO NOT STORE
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