

# Goulburn Valley apple and pear maturity testing program – 2026

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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 PINK LADY		KYABRAM PINK LADY		8/04/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	74.0	8.9	9.9	3.0	12.7	
2	70.0	9.7	9.3	1.0	12.1	
3	70.0	8.1	9.0	3.0	11.9	
4	67.0	9.2	9.3	2.5	12.7	
5	69.0	9.0	8.5	2.0	12.3	
6	68.0	9.5	9.7	2.0	12.0	
7	68.0	8.2	8.4	2.0	11.2	
8	66.0	8.6	9.3	2.5	12.1	
9	65.0	9.1	8.4	2.5	11.3	
10	61.0	9.7	8.0	2.0	11.4	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>9.0</b>		<b>2.3</b>	<b>12.0</b>	
ALL BLOCKS	68.3	9.2		1.7	12.5	

STORAGE TERM	LIMIT	STARCH RANGE		SUGAR RANGE		PRESSURE RANGE		STORAGE
		MIN PLATE	MAX PLATE	MIN BRIX	MAX BRIX	MIN KG	MAX KG	
LONG	DECEMBER	2.0	3.0	11.9	19.0	6.8	9.9	OK TO STORE
MEDIUM	OCTOBER	3.0	4.0	12.0	19.0	6.6	9.9	DO NOT STORE
SHORT	JULY	4.0	5.5	13.4	19.0	6.6	9.9	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			13.6		6.6	9.9	DO NOT STORE



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS
TATURA PINK LADY		TATURA PINK LADY		8/04/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	73.0	10.2	10.1	2.0	13.4	
2	71.0	10.1	9.7	1.0	12.9	
3	69.0	11.5	10.0	1.0	12.8	
4	68.0	10.5	10.1	1.0	13.8	
5	69.0	9.9	9.2	1.0	12.9	
6	68.0	10.2	9.4	1.0	13.0	
7	66.0	9.9	9.4	2.0	13.3	
8	65.0	10.4	9.0	3.5	13.2	
9	66.0	10.5	10.9	1.0	12.5	
10	60.0	9.5	8.7	2.0	13.0	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>10.0</b>		<b>1.6</b>	<b>13.1</b>	
ALL BLOCKS	68.3	9.2		1.7	12.5	

STORAGE TERM	LIMIT	STARCH RANGE		SUGAR RANGE		PRESSURE RANGE		STORAGE
		MIN PLATE	MAX PLATE	MIN BRIX	MAX BRIX	MIN KG	MAX KG	
LONG	DECEMBER	2.0	3.0	11.9	19.0	6.8	9.9	DO NOT STORE
MEDIUM	OCTOBER	3.0	4.0	12.0	19.0	6.6	9.9	DO NOT STORE
SHORT	JULY	4.0	5.5	13.4	19.0	6.6	9.9	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			13.6		6.6	9.9	DO NOT STORE



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SHEPP EAST PINK LADY		SHEPP EAST PINK LADY		8/04/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	76.0	9.0	8.2	1.5	12.1	
2	73.0	9.1	8.6	1.0	11.5	
3	71.0	8.6	8.0	2.0	11.7	
4	69.0	8.9	8.3	1.0	12.4	
5	68.0	9.2	9.2	1.0	13.5	
6	71.0	8.5	9.1	1.0	11.7	
7	69.0	9.0	9.4	1.0	13.0	
8	69.0	9.1	8.4	1.0	13.1	
9	66.0	9.0	8.8	1.0	12.8	
10	65.0	8.1	8.1	1.5	11.6	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>8.7</b>		<b>1.2</b>	<b>12.3</b>	
ALL BLOCKS	68.3	9.2		1.7	12.5	

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LONG	DECEMBER	2.0	3.0	11.9	19.0	6.8	9.9	DO NOT STORE
MEDIUM	OCTOBER	3.0	4.0	12.0	19.0	6.6	9.9	DO NOT STORE
SHORT	JULY	4.0	5.5	13.4	19.0	6.6	9.9	DO NOT STORE
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KYABRAM GRANNY SMITH		KYABRAM GRANNY SMITH		8/04/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	74.0	8.1	8.0	3.0	10.7	
2	74.0	7.3	7.4	3.5	10.6	
3	73.0	8.7	9.1	3.0	11.8	
4	74.0	8.9	8.3	3.5	11.0	
5	71.0	7.2	7.2	3.0	10.5	
6	70.0	7.7	8.2	4.0	11.6	
7	71.0	7.6	7.7	4.0	11.8	
8	70.0	7.8	7.5	4.0	11.5	
9	68.0	7.7	7.4	4.0	12.0	
10	67.0	8.0	7.7	4.0	12.2	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>		<b>3.6</b>	<b>11.4</b>	
ALL BLOCKS	71.5	7.9		3.6	10.8	

.5	LIMIT	STARCH RANGE		SUGAR RANGE		PRESSURE RANGE		STORAGE
		MIN PLATE	MAX PLATE	MIN BRIX	MAX BRIX	MIN KG	MAX KG	
LONG	FEBRUARY	2.0	3.0	10.0	16.0	7.0	9.9	DO NOT STORE
MEDIUM	NOVEMBER	3.0	4.0	10.1	16.0	6.6	8.8	OK TO STORE
SHORT	SEPTEMBER	4.0	5.5	10.7	16.0	6.4	8.5	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			13.0		6.4	8.5	DO NOT STORE



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SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	80.0	7.6	7.8	5.0	12.7	
2	77.0	7.9	7.5	5.0	11.2	
3	75.0	7.0	7.3	4.0	11.0	
4	75.0	7.8	7.9	3.0	11.6	
5	72.0	8.2	9.2	3.0	12.4	
6	71.0	8.2	7.5	3.0	10.6	
7	70.0	7.3	7.5	3.0	11.5	
8	68.0	8.4	7.4	3.0	10.6	
9	68.0	8.3	8.1	4.5	12.2	
10	66.0	7.5	7.5	3.0	11.2	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>		<b>3.7</b>	<b>11.5</b>	
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1	79.0	7.4	8.2	3.0	9.3	OK TO STORE
2	75.0	7.6	8.1	3.0	9.6	
3	74.0	8.5	7.2	3.5	9.4	
4	71.0	8.1	7.5	3.5	9.9	
5	74.0	8.0	7.7	3.5	8.6	
6	70.0	8.0	7.6	3.0	9.9	
7	69.0	7.7	7.9	3.0	9.6	
8	69.0	8.2	8.0	3.0	9.7	
9	67.0	8.6	8.0	6.0	9.4	
10	64.0	8.2	7.8	4.0	8.6	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>		<b>3.6</b>	<b>9.4</b>	
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