

# 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 WBC		KYABRAM WBC		11/02/2026			
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR		
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)		
1	74.0	6.8	6.7		11.9		
2	75.0	7.6	7.3		13.5		
3	73.0	6.6	7.2		13.6		
4	77.0	7.4	7.0		12.3		
5	73.0	7.9	7.5		12.4		
6	68.0	7.4	7.9		13.0		
7	70.0	7.1	7.4		12.8		
8	70.0	8.0	7.5		12.1		
9	65.0	7.6	7.5		12.4		
10	65.0	7.8	7.8		13.2		
<b>AVG</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>			<b>12.7</b>		
ALL BLOCKS	71.1	7.6			12.6		

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	DO NOT STORE
MEDIUM	APRIL			11.5	14.5	7.1	8.0	OK TO STORE
SHORT	MARCH			11.5	14.5	5.6	7.6	OK TO STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			12.0		4.5	7.0	DO NOT STORE



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS	
ARDMONA WBC		ARDMONA WBC		11/02/2026			
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR		
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)		
1	76.0	7.3	7.6		11.9		
2	75.0	7.8	8.0		11.8		
3	74.0	7.2	7.9		11.8		
4	78.0	8.0	7.6		11.3		
5	71.0	7.6	7.7		11.3		
6	68.0	7.5	7.1		12.1		
7	68.0	7.5	8.4		11.7		
8	70.0	8.7	7.1		12.0		
9	64.0	7.7	7.7		11.8		
10	62.0	8.1	7.9		12.0		
<b>AVG</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>7.7</b>			<b>11.8</b>		
ALL BLOCKS	71.1	7.6			12.6		

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	DO NOT STORE
MEDIUM	APRIL			11.5	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	
SHEPP EAST WBC		SHEPP EAST WBC		11/02/2026			
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR		
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)		
1	79.0	8.3	8.2		12.4		
2	79.0	7.4	7.5		12.1		
3	75.0	7.6	8.3		13.9		
4	75.0	7.6	7.3		13.4		
5	73.0	8.2	8.2		13.5		
6	70.0	6.6	7.1		14.8		
7	68.0	8.7	8.2		12.7		
8	67.0	7.3	7.0		14.1		
9	64.0	7.0	7.8		13.1		
10	66.0	9.4	9.2		13.7		
<b>AVG</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>			<b>13.4</b>		
ALL BLOCKS	71.1	7.6			12.6		

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LONG	MAY			10.9	14.5	7.9	10.1	DO NOT STORE
MEDIUM	APRIL			11.5	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



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KYABRAM GALA		KYABRAM GALA		11/02/2026			
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR		
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)		
1	75.0	7.3	6.6	5.0	13.3		
2	75.0	8.3	9.3	4.0	13.5		
3	73.0	6.9	7.3	5.0	12.6		
4	69.0	6.3	5.8	6.0	11.9		
5	73.0	7.0	7.7	4.0	13.7		
6	68.0	8.4	6.9	5.0	13.4		
7	69.0	10.2	9.4	2.0	13.3		
8	68.0	6.5	6.0	5.0	12.7		
9	67.0	7.2	6.8	4.0	11.6		
10	64.0	8.1	7.7	4.0	12.5		
<b>AVG</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>		<b>4.4</b>	<b>12.9</b>		
ALL BLOCKS	69.2	8.5		3.4	12.8		

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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	DO NOT STORE
SHORT	JULY	4.0	5.0	11.3	14.5	6.5	11.0	OK TO STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			12.5		6.9	11.0	OK TO STORE



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TATURA GALA		TATURA GALA		11/02/2026			
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR		
	(Diameter, mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)		
1	74.0	7.8	8.8	2.0	11.6		
2	72.0	9.0	9.2	3.0	13.6		
3	71.0	9.0	8.6	3.0	12.8		
4	71.0	8.7	8.9	3.0	13.2		
5	72.0	8.3	7.5	4.0	12.1		
6	68.0	8.5	9.7	2.5	13.0		
7	68.0	9.2	9.9	3.5	13.5		
8	68.0	9.5	9.4	3.5	11.9		
9	65.0	9.8	9.5	3.0	12.5		
10	64.0	9.3	9.6	2.0	12.5		
<b>AVG</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>9.0</b>		<b>3.0</b>	<b>12.7</b>		
ALL BLOCKS	69.2	8.5		3.4	12.8		

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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
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	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)		
1	72.0	8.9	9.0	2.5	11.7		
2	68.0	9.4	8.9	3.0	13.3		
3	73.0	9.2	9.4	3.0	13.6		
4	70.0	8.7	9.2	3.5	11.5		
5	70.0	7.8	9.3	4.0	14.9		
6	68.0	9.0	9.2	2.0	11.8		
7	68.0	8.4	8.8	3.0	11.5		
8	65.0	8.9	9.9	2.0	13.1		
9	65.0	8.8	9.2	3.0	13.8		
10	64.0	9.6	8.9	3.0	13.0		
<b>AVG</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>9.0</b>		<b>2.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>		
ALL BLOCKS	69.2	8.5		3.4	12.8		

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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	OK TO STORE

