

# Goulburn Valley apple and pear maturity testing program – 2026

Weekly Report – Wednesday, February 18, 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 PACKHAM		KYABRAM PACKHAM		18/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	75.0	7.2	7.4		11.7	
2	72.0	8.2	7.1		12.0	
3	74.0	7.2	7.6		12.1	
4	72.0	8.1	8.3		12.0	
5	71.0	7.3	7.7		11.2	
6	74.0	7.2	7.5		12.5	
7	70.0	7.3	7.2		12.0	
8	73.0	8.3	7.6		11.6	
9	69.0	7.5	7.3		11.4	
10	65.0	6.2	6.5		13.7	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>			<b>12.0</b>	
ALL BLOCKS						

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	11.0	18.0	6.4	8.0	OK TO STORE
MEDIUM	SEPTEMBER	3.0	4.0	12.5	18.0	6.2	7.6	DO NOT STORE
SHORT	JULY	4.0	5.0	12.5	18.0	4.9	6.2	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS							DO NOT STORE



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS
TATURA PACKHAM		TATURA PACKHAM		18/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	77.0	8.8	7.8		12.6	
2	74.0	6.9	7.1		11.7	
3	78.0	7.0	7.2		13.0	
4	75.0	6.9	6.0		12.3	
5	70.0	8.4	8.0		11.3	
6	72.0	7.5	7.9		11.6	
7	70.0	7.9	7.1		12.1	
8	72.0	7.4	7.4		12.6	
9	68.0	7.4	7.2		13.7	
10	64.0	6.9	7.3		12.7	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>			<b>12.4</b>	
ALL BLOCKS						

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	11.0	18.0	6.4	8.0	OK TO STORE
MEDIUM	SEPTEMBER	3.0	4.0	12.5	18.0	6.2	7.6	DO NOT STORE
SHORT	JULY	4.0	5.0	12.5	18.0	4.9	6.2	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS							DO NOT STORE



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS
SHEPP EAST PACKHAM		SHEPP EAST PACKHAM		18/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	77.0	7.4	7.6		13.8	
2	74.0	5.9	5.8		14.5	
3	77.0	6.8	6.7		13.0	
4	76.0	6.5	6.5		14.1	
5	73.0	7.4	7.7		13.5	
6	72.0	6.6	6.9		12.7	
7	70.0	7.2	8.4		13.2	
8	70.0	7.6	8.0		13.0	
9	68.0	6.3	6.5		14.1	
10	63.0	7.6	7.8		14.7	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>			<b>13.7</b>	
ALL BLOCKS						

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	11.0	18.0	6.4	8.0	OK TO STORE
MEDIUM	SEPTEMBER	3.0	4.0	12.5	18.0	6.2	7.6	OK TO STORE
SHORT	JULY	4.0	5.0	12.5	18.0	4.9	6.2	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS							DO NOT STORE



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS
KYABRAM BOSCH		KYABRAM BOSCH		18/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	76.0	8.0	7.9		13.5	
2	68.0	7.2	8.5		10.7	
3	70.0	8.5	9.1		11.9	
4	69.0	7.1	8.0		12.1	
5	68.0	8.9	8.2		11.7	
6	68.0	8.1	9.2		12.1	
7	64.0	7.7	9.2		12.0	
8	62.0	8.8	9.6		12.0	
9	63.0	9.2	9.4		11.4	
10	64.0	9.6	8.8		12.0	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>8.5</b>			<b>11.9</b>	
ALL BLOCKS						

STORAGE TERM	LIMIT	STARCH RANGE		SUGAR RANGE		PRESSURE RANGE		STORAGE
		MIN PLATE	MAX PLATE	MIN BRIX	MAX BRIX	MIN KG	MAX KG	
LONG	DECEMBER			11.8	17.0	6.8	8.9	OK TO STORE
MEDIUM	SEPTEMBER			12.7	17.0	6.2	8.9	DO NOT STORE
SHORT	JULY			13.1	17.0	5.8	6.2	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			12.0		5.5	6.5	DO NOT STORE



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS
TATURA BOSC		TATURA BOSC		18/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	75.0	9.3	8.2		11.8	
2	75.0	7.6	7.8		11.4	
3	71.0	7.9	7.9		12.1	
4	70.0	8.2	10.0		11.6	
5	71.0	9.1	9.8		12.0	
6	68.0	8.4	8.7		11.8	
7	70.0	7.4	7.6		11.4	
8	65.0	7.9	8.7		11.5	
9	67.0	7.4	9.0		11.8	
10	64.0	7.3	8.8		13.0	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>8.3</b>			<b>11.8</b>	
ALL BLOCKS						

STORAGE TERM	LIMIT	STARCH RANGE		SUGAR RANGE		PRESSURE RANGE		STORAGE
		MIN PLATE	MAX PLATE	MIN BRIX	MAX BRIX	MIN KG	MAX KG	
LONG	DECEMBER			11.8	17.0	6.8	8.9	OK TO STORE
MEDIUM	SEPTEMBER			12.7	17.0	6.2	8.9	DO NOT STORE
SHORT	JULY			13.1	17.0	5.8	6.2	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			12.0		5.5	6.5	DO NOT STORE



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS
SHEPP EAST BOSCH		SHEPP EAST BOSCH		18/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	74.0	9.6	9.1		12.6	
2	71.0	7.5	8.9		12.9	
3	67.0	9.8	9.2		11.2	
4	65.0	8.7	8.6		12.5	
5	65.0	10.0	10.3		12.3	
6	63.0	9.0	10.1		12.3	
7	64.0	9.7	9.9		11.4	
8	66.0	10.1	10.4		11.8	
9	63.0	9.1	8.4		13.1	
10	60.0	8.3	10.0		12.7	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>9.3</b>			<b>12.3</b>	
ALL BLOCKS						

STORAGE TERM	LIMIT	STARCH RANGE		SUGAR RANGE		PRESSURE RANGE		STORAGE
		MIN PLATE	MAX PLATE	MIN BRIX	MAX BRIX	MIN KG	MAX KG	
LONG	DECEMBER			11.8	17.0	6.8	8.9	DO NOT STORE
MEDIUM	SEPTEMBER			12.7	17.0	6.2	8.9	DO NOT STORE
SHORT	JULY			13.1	17.0	5.8	6.2	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			12.0		5.5	6.5	DO NOT STORE



ORCHARDIST		BLOCK / VARIETY		DATE		COMMENTS
TATURA GALA		TATURA GALA		18/02/2026		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	76.0	8.2	8.4	2.0	11.9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pick
2	73.0	8.4	8.5	3.0	11.9	
3	73.0	6.8	6.5	5.0	12.2	
4	71.0	8.2	8.3	3.0	11.7	
5	71.0	9.2	8.4	3.0	11.1	
6	71.0	8.5	8.2	3.5	12.4	
7	69.0	8.3	7.7	4.0	13.1	
8	68.0	8.6	7.8	3.5	11.5	
9	65.0	8.4	10.0	2.0	11.6	
10	65.0	9.5	9.1	2.0	12.3	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>		<b>3.1</b>	<b>12.0</b>	
ALL BLOCKS						

STORAGE TERM	LIMIT	STARCH RANGE		SUGAR RANGE		PRESSURE RANGE		STORAGE
		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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1	76.0	6.9	7.3	3.5	11.1	
2	71.0	7.5	7.9	3.0	11.5	
3	71.0	6.2	8.3	4.0	11.4	
4	69.0	8.5	8.0	3.0	11.1	
5	69.0	7.8	6.9	5.0	11.1	
6	70.0	7.7	7.6	3.0	11.1	
7	70.0	7.7	7.4	3.0	11.6	
8	68.0	6.1	5.4	5.0	11.9	
9	79.0	7.8	7.9	4.0	11.5	
10	66.0	8.2	8.7	2.0	11.5	
<b>AVG</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>7.5</b>		<b>3.6</b>	<b>11.4</b>	
ALL BLOCKS						

STORAGE TERM	LIMIT	STARCH RANGE		SUGAR RANGE		PRESSURE RANGE		STORAGE
		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

