

Goulburn Valley apple and pear maturity testing program – 2024

Weekly Report – Wednesday, 14 February 2024

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 2024 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
TATURA GALA		TATURA GALA		14/02/2024		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	75.0	10.1	10.1	3.0	15.0	
2	73.0	9.4	9.1	2.0	12.0	
3	70.0	9.5	8.9	2.0	13.0	
4	68.0	9.0	9.4	3.0	12.0	
5	69.0	9.0	9.6	3.0	12.0	
6	70.0	8.5	8.2	3.0	11.0	
7	66.0	9.7	10.1	3.0	13.0	
8	67.0	8.8	9.7	3.5	14.0	
9	65.0	8.1	8.4	2.0	12.0	
10	64.0	9.5	9.5	2.0	12.0	
AVG	68.7	9.2		2.7	12.6	
ALL BLOCKS	68.7	9.3		2.7	13.1	

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	13.4	7.0	11.0	DO NOT STORE
MEDIUM	SEPTEMBER	2.5	4.0	11.3	13.4	6.5	11.0	OK TO STORE
SHORT	JULY	4.0	5.0	11.3	14.0	6.5	11.0	DO NOT STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			12.5		6.9	11.0	OK TO STORE



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SHEPP EAST GALA		SHEPP EAST GALA		14/02/2024		
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	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	75.0	9.7	10.1	2.5	14.0	
2	72.0	9.1	10.5	2.5	13.0	
3	68.0	9.3	9.5	2.5	13.0	
4	69.0	7.9	9.8	5.0	14.0	
5	68.0	10.4	10.4	4.0	14.0	
6	67.0	9.2	9.0	4.0	15.0	
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10	65.0	9.9	10.5	1.5	13.0	
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