

Goulburn Valley apple and pear maturity testing program – 2025

Weekly Report – Wednesday, April 2nd , 2025

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 2025 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 GRANNY SMITH		KYABRAM GRANNY SMITH		2/04/2025		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	75.0	8.5	8.0	4.0	11.2	Different block from last week
2	75.0	8.5	8.3	3.5	12.0	
3	74.0	7.6	8.2	4.0	11.6	
4	75.0	8.4	7.3	2.0	10.7	
5	74.0	8.8	8.3	3.0	11.9	
6	74.0	8.4	8.6	3.0	11.0	
7	73.0	7.7	7.9	3.5	11.2	
8	74.0	8.1	8.0	3.5	11.5	
9	70.0	7.8	8.7	3.5	10.2	
10	66.0	8.3	7.8	3.0	10.7	
AVG	73.0	8.2		3.3	11.2	
ALL BLOCKS	72.2	8.0		3.6	10.5	

STORAGE TERM	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	10.0	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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ARDMONA GRANNY SMITH		ARDMONA GRANNY SMITH		2/04/2025		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	75.0	7.7	7.9	3.5	10.2	Same block as last week
2	75.0	8.3	8.0	4.0	12.6	
3	76.0	8.0	7.4	3.0	11.2	
4	76.0	7.2	7.2	3.5	11.7	
5	72.0	7.4	8.2	3.5	11.5	
6	72.0	8.2	8.8	3.5	13.2	
7	71.0	7.7	8.1	3.5	10.5	
8	73.0	8.5	9.3	6.0	11.3	
9	70.0	8.1	8.3	3.5	11.7	
10	68.0	8.1	9.0	6.0	12.1	
AVG	72.8	8.1		4.0	11.6	
ALL BLOCKS	72.2	8.0		3.6	10.5	

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LONG	FEBRUARY	2.0	3.0	10.0	16.0	7.0	9.9	DO NOT STORE
MEDIUM	NOVEMBER	3.0	4.0	10.0	16.0	6.6	8.8	OK TO STORE
SHORT	SEPTEMBER	4.0	5.5	10.7	16.0	6.4	8.5	OK TO STORE
MINIMAL	6 WEEKS			13.0		6.4	8.5	DO NOT STORE



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SHEPP EAST GRANNY SMITH		SHEPP EAST GRANNY SMITH		2/04/2025		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	75.0	6.8	7.6	3.0	8.1	different block under net from last week, sugars still low
2	74.0	7.9	7.7	3.0	8.7	
3	72.0	8.1	8.3	3.5	8.9	
4	70.0	7.9	8.1	3.0	9.4	
5	71.0	8.1	8.0	3.0	9.3	
6	73.0	7.9	7.8	3.0	7.9	
7	67.0	7.7	8.2	3.0	8.4	
8	72.0	7.2	7.0	3.0	8.9	
9	69.0	8.3	8.1	3.0	8.5	
10	65.0	7.9	8.1	6.0	8.9	
AVG	70.8	7.8		3.4	8.7	
ALL BLOCKS	72.2	8.0		3.6	10.5	

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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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KYABRAM PINK LADY		KYABRAM PINK LADY		2/04/2025		
SAMPLE	SIZE	PRESSURE		ACID/PLATE	SUGAR	
	(Diameter. mm)	(side a)	(side b)		(oBrix)	
1	75.0	8.4	8.2	1.5	11.0	Perfect Pink
2	73.0	9.0	9.1	1.5	11.2	
3	72.0	8.5	8.4	2.0	11.3	
4	72.0	8.6	8.0	2.5	11.9	
5	74.0	9.4	9.4	1.5	11.7	
6	72.0	8.4	8.5	3.0	12.4	
7	72.0	8.6	8.9	2.5	11.5	
8	67.0	9.0	8.4	1.0	12.5	
9	68.0	8.8	8.9	1.0	11.3	
10	65.0	9.0	9.5	4.5	14.9	
AVG	71.0	8.7		2.1	12.0	
ALL BLOCKS	71.2	9.0		2.0	12.6	

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MEDIUM	SEPTEMBER	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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1	74.0	9.1	10.1	2.5	14.9	Cripps Pink
2	75.0	9.3	9.4	1.0	12.9	
3	72.0	9.6	9.5	1.0	12.5	
4	73.0	9.6	10.2	3.0	14.2	
5	71.0	9.5	9.2	3.0	14.8	
6	71.0	9.2	7.9	3.5	14.6	
7	70.0	8.5	8.7	2.0	12.7	
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2	70.0	8.3	8.4	2.0	12.7	
3	74.0	8.8	8.8	1.0	11.8	
4	74.0	9.0	8.9	1.0	12.2	
5	70.0	9.7	9.6	2.0	12.1	
6	72.0	8.9	8.2	2.5	12.4	
7	72.0	8.5	8.6	2.0	11.9	
8	70.0	8.8	8.9	2.0	12.7	
9	70.0	9.2	9.0	2.0	12.9	
10	68.0	8.5	9.1	2.0	12.8	
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