

# Goulburn Valley apple and pear maturity testing program – 2026

Weekly Report – Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 PINK LADY |                | KYABRAM PINK LADY |          | 20/05/2026 |             |                                       |
| SAMPLE            | SIZE           | PRESSURE          |          | ACID/PLATE | SUGAR       |                                       |
|                   | (Diameter. mm) | (side a)          | (side b) |            | (oBrix)     |                                       |
| 1                 | 74.0           | 7.5               | 8.1      | 6.0        | 12.0        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pick, Juice or Direct |
| 2                 | 72.0           | 7.7               | 7.2      | 5.5        | 12.8        |                                       |
| 3                 | 69.0           | 7.6               | 8.6      | 6.0        | 12.5        |                                       |
| 4                 | 69.0           | 8.1               | 7.4      | 6.0        | 13.0        |                                       |
| 5                 | 67.0           | 8.2               | 7.7      | 6.0        | 13.0        |                                       |
| 6                 | 67.0           | 7.9               | 8.1      | 5.5        | 13.0        |                                       |
| 7                 | 66.0           | 7.2               | 7.4      | 5.5        | 13.3        |                                       |
| 8                 | 67.0           | 8.2               | 8.1      | 6.0        | 13.2        |                                       |
| 9                 | 65.0           | 8.2               | 8.5      | 5.5        | 12.6        |                                       |
| 10                | 64.0           | 7.8               | 7.6      | 6.0        | 12.8        |                                       |
| <b>AVG</b>        | <b>68.0</b>    | <b>7.9</b>        |          | <b>5.8</b> | <b>12.8</b> |                                       |
| ALL BLOCKS        | 68.7           | 8.2               |          | 5.2        | 13.8        |                                       |

| 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       | 11.7        | 19.0     | 6.8            | 9.9    | DO NOT STORE |
| MEDIUM       | NOVEMBER  | 3.0          | 4.0       | 12.0        | 19.0     | 6.6            | 9.9    | DO NOT STORE |
| SHORT        | SEPTEMBER | 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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| TATURA PINK LADY |                | TATURA PINK LADY |          | 20/05/2026 |             |          |
| SAMPLE           | SIZE           | PRESSURE         |          | ACID/PLATE | SUGAR       |          |
|                  | (Diameter. mm) | (side a)         | (side b) |            | (oBrix)     |          |
| 1                | 72.0           | 8.0              | 8.5      | 5.5        | 15.7        |          |
| 2                | 71.0           | 8.7              | 8.8      | 5.0        | 15.2        |          |
| 3                | 71.0           | 7.5              | 7.5      | 4.5        | 15.1        |          |
| 4                | 70.0           | 8.5              | 8.7      | 4.5        | 14.8        |          |
| 5                | 71.0           | 8.2              | 7.6      | 5.5        | 13.4        |          |
| 6                | 70.0           | 8.9              | 8.3      | 4.5        | 14.3        |          |
| 7                | 70.0           | 8.3              | 8.7      | 5.5        | 15.4        |          |
| 8                | 66.0           | 7.9              | 8.2      | 4.5        | 15.0        |          |
| 9                | 66.0           | 8.2              | 8.1      | 5.0        | 14.0        |          |
| 10               | 52.0           | 8.7              | 8.5      | 5.0        | 14.9        |          |
| <b>AVG</b>       | <b>67.9</b>    | <b>8.3</b>       |          | <b>5.0</b> | <b>14.8</b> |          |
| ALL BLOCKS       | 68.7           | 8.2              |          | 5.2        | 13.8        |          |

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| SHORT        | SEPTEMBER | 4.0          | 5.5       | 13.4        | 19.0     | 6.6            | 9.9    | OK TO STORE  |
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|                      | (Diameter. mm) | (side a)             | (side b) |            | (oBrix)     |          |
| 1                    | 75.0           | 8.2                  | 8.0      | 5.5        | 15.0        |          |
| 2                    | 72.0           | 8.7                  | 8.7      | 4.5        | 13.7        |          |
| 3                    | 72.0           | 7.7                  | 8.6      | 4.5        | 13.3        |          |
| 4                    | 71.0           | 7.9                  | 8.5      | 5.5        | 12.7        |          |
| 5                    | 71.0           | 8.5                  | 8.6      | 4.5        | 14.0        |          |
| 6                    | 70.0           | 8.7                  | 7.6      | 5.0        | 14.1        |          |
| 7                    | 70.0           | 7.7                  | 8.2      | 5.0        | 13.6        |          |
| 8                    | 68.0           | 8.8                  | 8.9      | 4.5        | 13.9        |          |
| 9                    | 68.0           | 8.8                  | 7.9      | 4.5        | 14.7        |          |
| 10                   | 65.0           | 8.0                  | 9.1      | 4.5        | 14.2        |          |
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