

Harvest Snippets Summary

Harvest Snippet 11, 2026 includes results and associated weather data for the following trial:

1. Autumn sown milling wheat cultivar performance trial, Dorie, Mid-Canterbury (Irrigated).

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Location: Dorie, Mid-Canterbury - Irrigated

This trial was sown on 22 May 2025 (ex. ryegrass) resulting in average established plant counts of 243 plants/m². It was harvested on 23 February 2026. At 13.1 t/ha average yields were higher than the 2022-2025 4-year mean of 11.6 t/ha and last season's yield of 10.9 t/ha.

Table 1. Preliminary grain yields for the 2026 harvest for 13 milling wheat cultivars grown under irrigated conditions at Dorie, Mid-Canterbury compared with the 4-year mean yields harvested from trials at the site between 2022 and 2025.

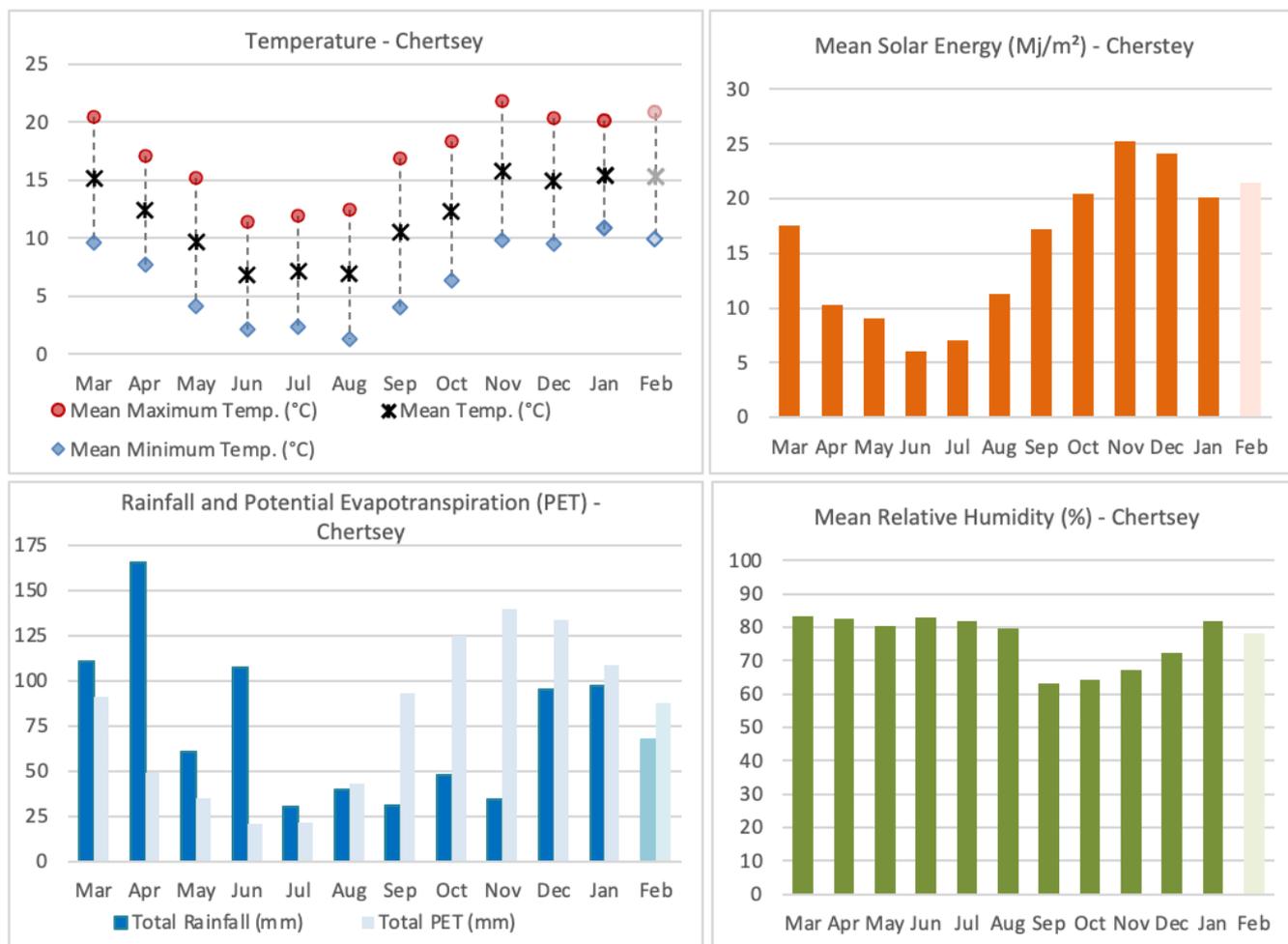
Cultivar	Grade	2026 harvest		2022 to 2025 harvests	
		Yield (t/ha)	% of site mean	4-year mean Yield (t/ha)	% of site 4-year mean
Aston	Premium	14.5	110	12.2	105
Kimberley (CRWT278)	Medium	14.4	109	-	-
Catherine	Medium	14.0	106	12.0	103
Discovery	Medium	13.9	106	11.9	103
Whopper	Medium	13.7	104	12.7	110
SY Medea	Medium	13.6	103	12.4	107
Palladium (CK613)	Medium	13.3	101	-	-
Duchess	Premium	12.9	98	11.2	96
CRWT281	Premium	12.9	98	-	-
Viceroy	Medium	12.6	96	10.9	94
Conquest	Premium	11.9	90	10.5	91
Hanson	Gristing	11.9	90	11.4	98
Reliance	Premium	11.5	88	10.9	94
Site mean yield		13.1	100	11.6	100
P value		<0.001			<0.001
LSD (p=0.05)		0.6			6.0
CV (%)		3.2			

Note: – indicates a new entry at this location. Yellow indicates the cultivar was amongst the greatest yielding group of cultivars. Updated 4-year means including the 2026 harvest will be published in the upcoming CPT Booklets.

Grade has been provided by the breeder/agent and does not guarantee that a contract will be issued for that cultivar.

Target plant population for trial: 175 plants/m².

Figure 1. 2025-26 seasonal weather data from the weather station at Chertsey, Canterbury. Source: MetWatch – February data are incomplete.



Relative Humidity data have been calculated by averaging the hourly 8:00 to 9:00 and 9:00 to 10:00 AM data.

