

## Harvest Snippets Summary

Harvest Snippet 13, 2026 includes results and associated weather data for the following trial:

- 2025-26 Spring sown milling wheat cultivar performance trial, Cheltenham, Manawatū (Dryland).

### 1. 2025-26 Spring sown milling wheat cultivar performance trial

#### Location: Cheltenham, Manawatū - Dryland

This trial was sown on 17 October 2025 (ex. pasture) resulting in average established plant counts of 277 plants/m<sup>2</sup>. It was harvested on 23 February 2026. At 8.6 t/ha, average yields were higher than the 2022-2025 4-year mean of 8.1 t/ha and last season's yield of 8.4 t/ha.

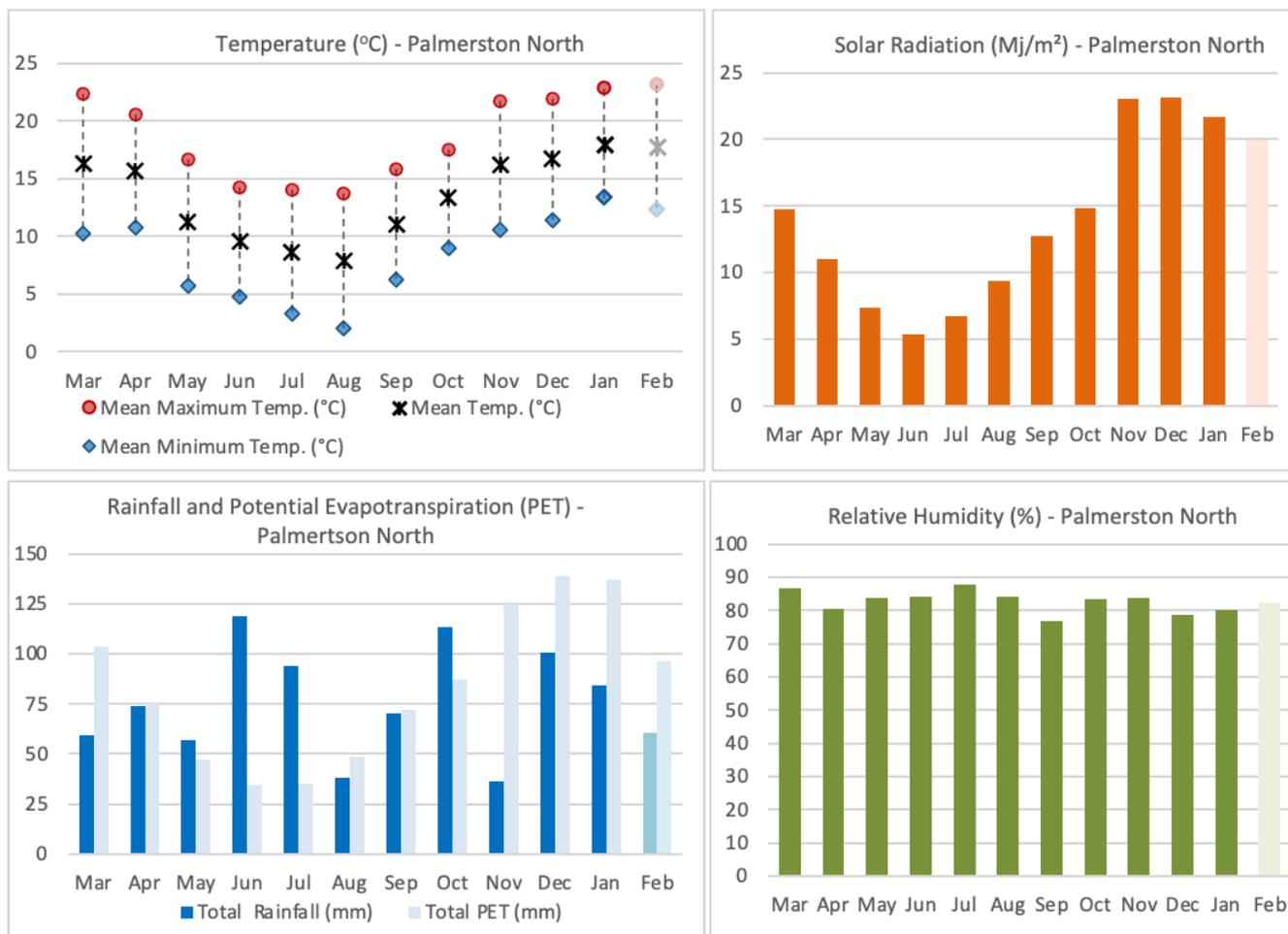
**Table 1.** Preliminary grain yields for the 2026 harvest for 9 milling wheat cultivars grown under dryland conditions at Cheltenham, Manawatū compared with the 4-year mean yields harvested from trials at the site between 2022 and 2025.

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
Kimberley (CRWT278)	Medium	9.8	114	8.8	108
Viceroy	Medium	9.2	107	7.5	93
Reliance	Premium	9.2	107	7.8	96
Cochise	Medium	8.8	102	8.6	106
Conquest	Premium	8.5	99	7.6	94
Sensas	Medium/ Premium	8.4	98	8.2	101
Raffles	Gristing	8.3	96	7.9	98
Aston	Premium	8.1	94	-	-
Discovery	Medium	7.1	83	8.4	103
Site mean yield		8.6	100	8.1	100
P value		<0.001			0.003
LSD (p=0.05)		0.6			6.6
CV (%)		4.6			

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.

Target plant population for trial: 200 plants/m<sup>2</sup>.

**Figure 1.** 2025-26 seasonal weather data from the weather station at Palmerston North, Manawatū. 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.

