

## Harvest Snippets Summary

Harvest Snippet 3, 2026 includes results and associated weather data for the following trial:

- 2025-26 Autumn sown feed and biscuit wheat cultivar performance trial, Fairton, Canterbury (Irrigated)

### 1. 2025-26 Autumn sown feed and biscuit wheat cultivar performance trial

#### Location: Fairton, Canterbury - Irrigated

This trial was sown on 24 April 2025 (ex. spinach) resulting in average established plant counts of 158 plants/m<sup>2</sup>. The trial was harvested on 2 February 2026, with average yields at 14.4 t/ha. This is a new site and therefore there is no comparison to the previous season's data or the 4-year mean for 2022 to 2025.

**Table 1.** Preliminary grain yields for the 2026 harvest for 16 wheat cultivars grown under irrigated conditions at Fairton, Canterbury.

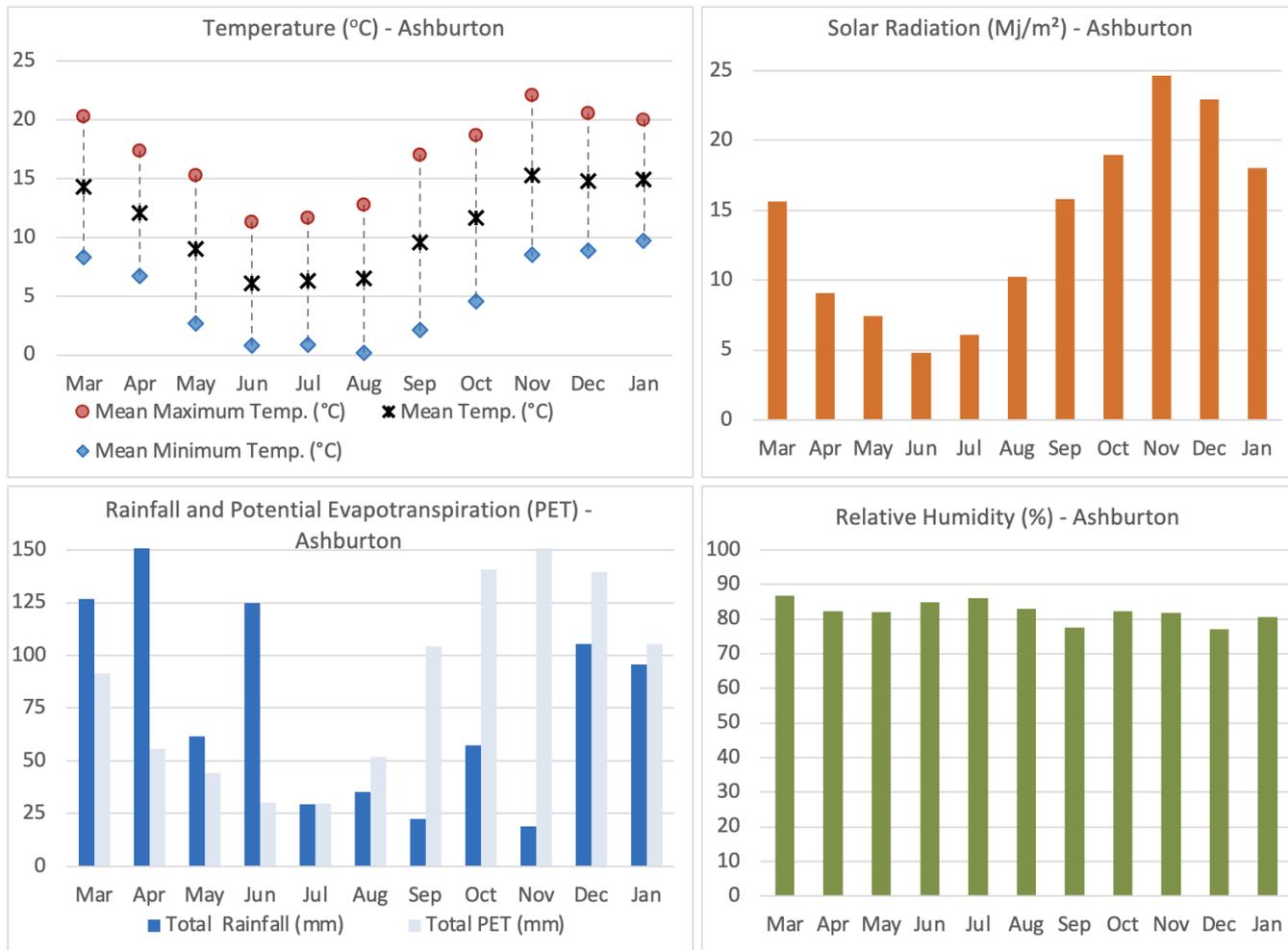
Cultivar	2026 harvest	
	Yield (t/ha)	% of site mean
Whopper <sup>BR</sup>	15.3	107
Skybolt	15.0	104
SY122518	14.9	103
SY121233	14.7	103
Firelight	14.7	102
Kinetic	14.4	100
SY122464	14.4	100
KFW2201	14.3	100
Graham <sup>B, BR</sup>	14.3	100
Aberdeen	14.3	99
Firefly <sup>B</sup>	14.3	99
Voltron <sup>B</sup>	14.3	99
KFW2302 <sup>B</sup>	13.9	97
Ignite <sup>B</sup>	13.8	96
SY Defiant	13.7	95
Kerrin	13.6	95
Site mean yield	14.4	100
P value	<0.001	
LSD (p=0.05)	0.3	2.3
CV (%)	1.6	

Note: Yellow indicates the cultivar was amongst the greatest yielding group of cultivars.

<sup>B</sup> Biscuit wheat, <sup>BR</sup> Bread wheat (treated as a feed wheat).

Target plant population for trial: 150 plants/m<sup>2</sup>.

Figure 1. 2025-26 seasonal weather data from the weather station at Ashburton, Canterbury. Source: MetWatch.



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