

## Harvest Snippets Summary

Harvest Snippet 9, 2026 includes results and associated weather data for the following trial:

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

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#### Location: Highbank, Mid-Canterbury - Irrigated

This trial was sown on 13 May 2025 (ex. radish) resulting in average established plant counts of 198 plants/m<sup>2</sup>. The trial was harvested on 12 February 2026. Average yields at 13.8 t/ha were higher than the 2022-2025 3-year mean of 11.2 t/ha and last season's yield of 11.1 t/ha.

**Table 1.** Preliminary grain yields for the 2026 harvest for 13 milling wheat cultivars grown under irrigated conditions at Highbank, Mid-Canterbury compared with the 3-year mean yields harvested from trials at the site between 2022 and 2025 (no harvest 2024).

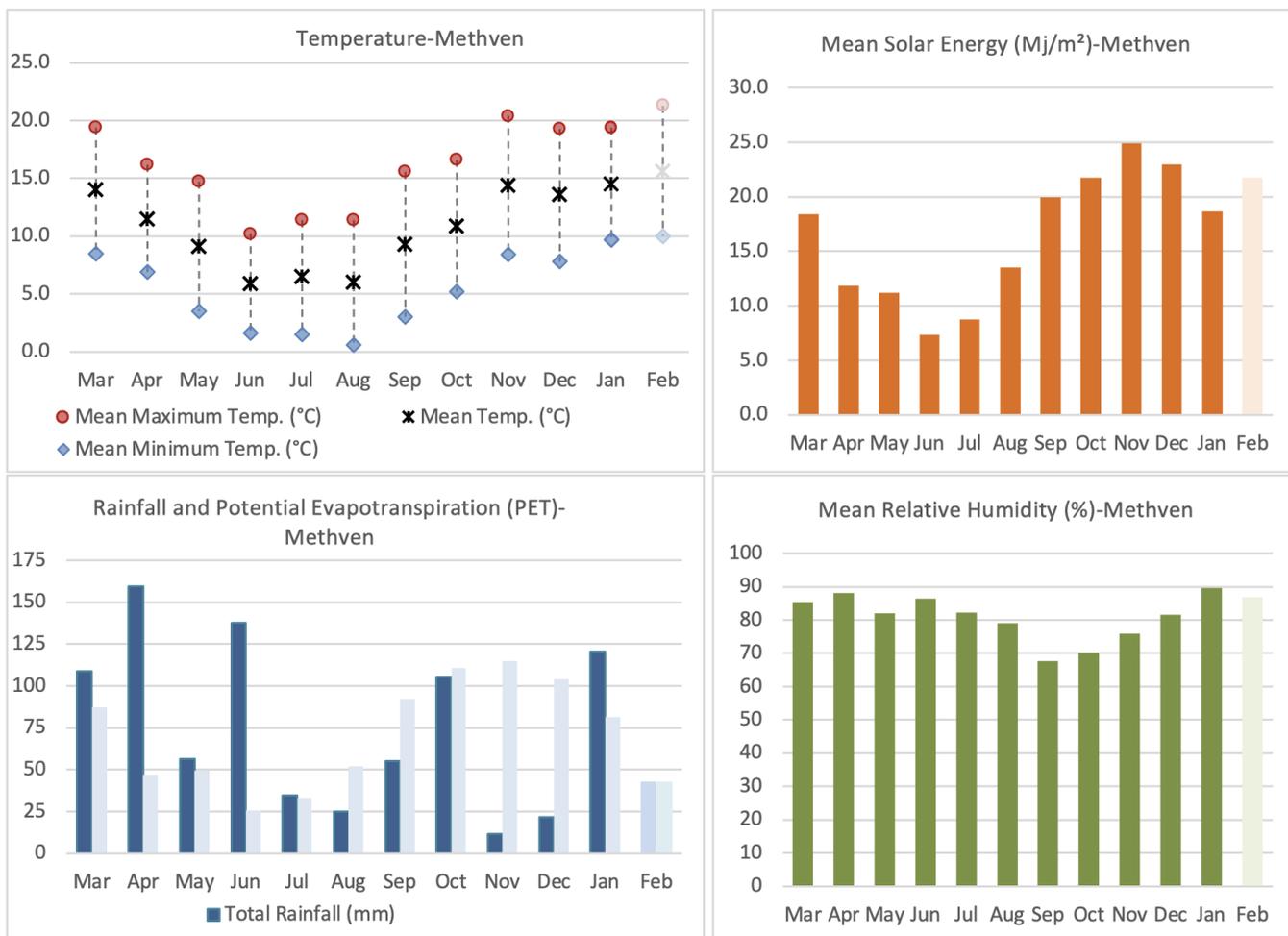
Cultivar	Grade	2026 harvest		2022 to 2025 harvests	
		Yield (t/ha)	% of site mean	3-year mean Yield (t/ha)	% of site 3-year mean
Aston	Premium	15.5	113	12.5	112
Kimberley (CRWT278)	Medium	15.0	109	-	-
Discovery	Medium	14.8	107	11.1	99
SY Medea	Medium	14.3	103	12.1	108
Palladium (CK613)	Medium	14.0	101	-	-
Hanson	Gristing	13.6	98	10.7	96
Viceroy	Medium	13.5	98	10.9	97
Catherine	Medium	13.4	97	11.6	103
Reliance	Premium	13.3	96	10.4	93
Duchess	Premium	13.2	96	10.9	97
Whopper	Medium	13.1	95	11.6	104
CRWT281	Premium	12.8	93	-	-
Conquest	Premium	12.7	92	10.5	93
Site mean yield		13.8	100	11.2	100
P value		<0.001			0.105
LSD (p=0.05)		0.4	3.2	NS	NS
CV (%)		2.2			

Note: – indicates a new entry at this location. Yellow indicates the cultivar was amongst the greatest yielding group of cultivars. Updated 3-year means including the 2026 harvest will be published in the upcoming CPT Booklets. NS, LSD not calculated as P-value not significant.

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/m<sup>2</sup>.

**Figure 1.** 2025-26 seasonal weather data from the weather station at Methven, Mid-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.