Calibre

- Elite grain yield, similar to Scepter®
- APH quality classification in southern NSW
- Derived from popular variety Scepter®
- Quick-mid maturity, slightly quicker than Scepter®
- Very widely adapted, suited to most growing regions of southern NSW
- Good sprouting tolerance, similar to Scepter®
- Longer coleoptile than most commonly grown varieties
- Improved powdery mildew resistance over Scepter®

Breeder's comments

Calibre$^{\Phi}$ (tested as RAC2721) is the first variety derived from Scepter$^{\Phi}$ to hit the market, offering offering a number of important improvements over its parent.

Calibre$^{\Phi}$ has an APH quality classification in southern NSW. This is an improvement over both its parent Scepter$^{\Phi}$ and other AH main season yield benchmark Beckom$^{\Phi}$, allowing growers of Calibre$^{\Phi}$ to capitalise on high protein levels when the opportunity arises.

Calibre$^{\Phi}$ also offers growers the opportunity to access longer coleoptile genetics in an elite yielding background. The coleoptile length of a wheat variety is a factor that limits how deep you can plant. So, it's not surprising that there are many instances where a longer coleoptile is needed: when there is a chance of furrow fill by wind or rain; when chasing receding moisture profiles; or when trying to achieve adequate pre-emergent herbicide separation. Calibre$^{\Phi}$ has a longer coleoptile which may offer benefits to growers in these situations.

The yellow leaf spot resistance of Calibre$^{\Phi}$ is good, achieving a similar level of resistance to Scepter$^{\Phi}$. Calibre$^{\Phi}$ also offers a valuable improvement in powdery mildew resistance over Scepter$^{\Phi}$.

With elite grain yield, improved coleoptile length, APH quality, very wide adaptation, and a disease package similar to its parent Scepter$^{\Phi}$, Calibre$^{\Phi}$ makes an excellent replacement for Scepter$^{\Phi}$.

Seed availability

Commercial quantities of Calibre$^{\Phi}$ may be available through AGT Affiliates, or your local retailer. Please consult the AGT website for AGT Affiliate contact details. Calibre$^{\Phi}$ can be traded between growers upon the completion of a License Agreement as part of AGT's Seed Sharing™ initiative.

PBR and EPR

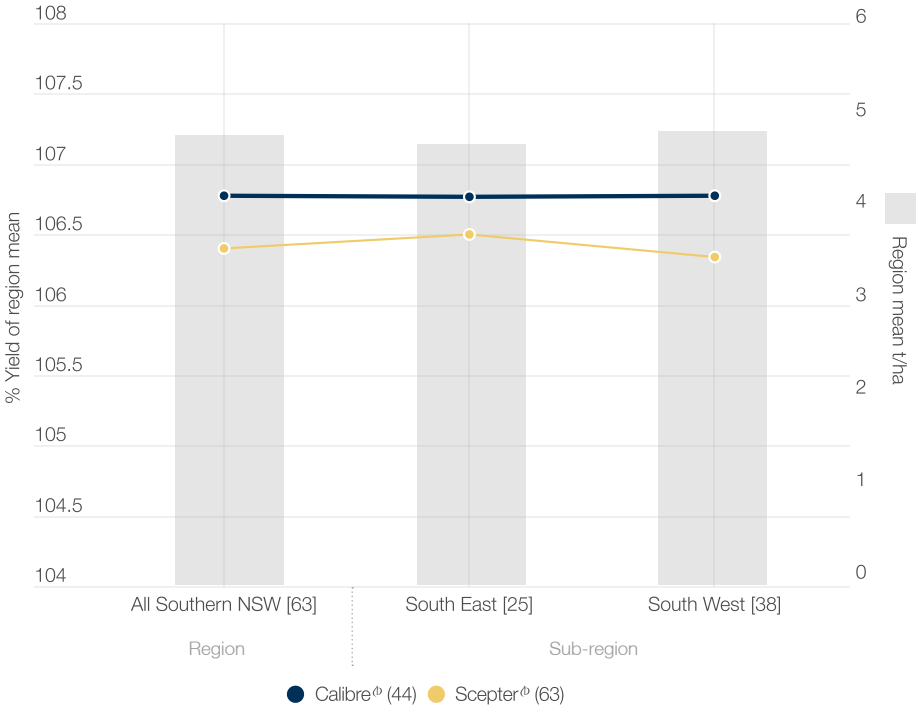
Calibre$^{\Phi}$ is protected by Plant Breeders Rights (PBR) (denoted by the $^{\Phi}$ symbol) and all production (except seed saved for planting) is liable to an End Point Royalty (EPR), which funds future plant breeding. Calibre$^{\Phi}$ growers will be subject to a Growers License Agreement that acknowledges that an EPR of $3.50/tonne + GST must be paid on all production other than seed saved for planting.

Grain yield

NVT long term data shows that Calibre$^{\Phi}$ has yielded slightly higher than Scepter$^{\Phi}$ across southern NSW (Figure 1).

Viewing data by yield potential band, we see that Calibre$^{\Phi}$ has enjoyed a yield advantage over Scepter$^{\Phi}$ in trials that have yielded less than 5t/ha, with Scepter$^{\Phi}$ gaining an advantage over Calibre$^{\Phi}$ in higher yielding environments (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Predicted grain yield of Calibre$^{\Phi}$ versus Scepter$^{\Phi}$ - NVT long term data

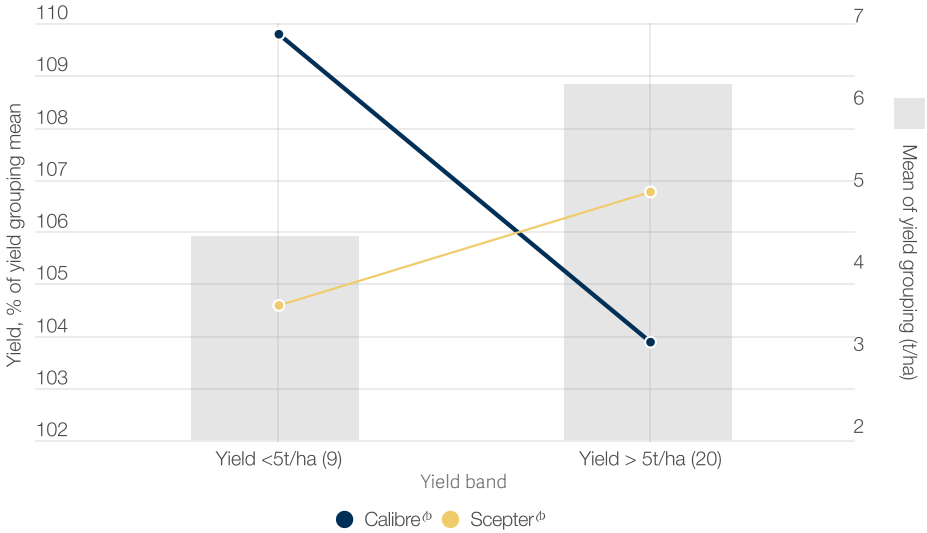


Source: NVT main season series long term MET analysis 2018-2022

[ ] Total number of trials per region

( ) Number of trials that each variety was present in across the southern NSW dataset [63 trials]

Figure 2. Grain yield of Calibre$^{\Phi}$ versus Scepter$^{\Phi}$ - yield bands

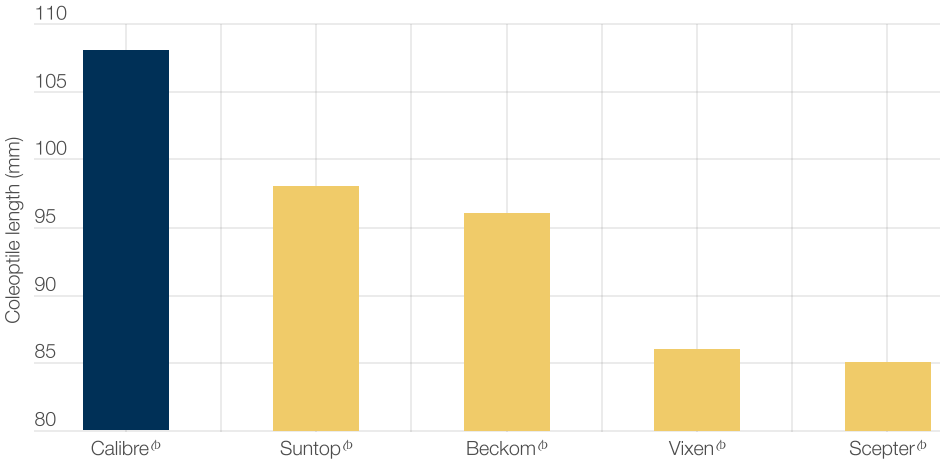


Source: NVT main season series 2020-2022 (29 trials across southern NSW)
( ) Number of trials

Coleoptile length

Calibre$^{\Phi}$ has a much longer coleoptile than Scepter$^{\Phi}$, and many other currently grown varieties, which may prove beneficial in some situations.

Figure 3. Coleoptile length of Calibre$^{\Phi}$ versus comparators



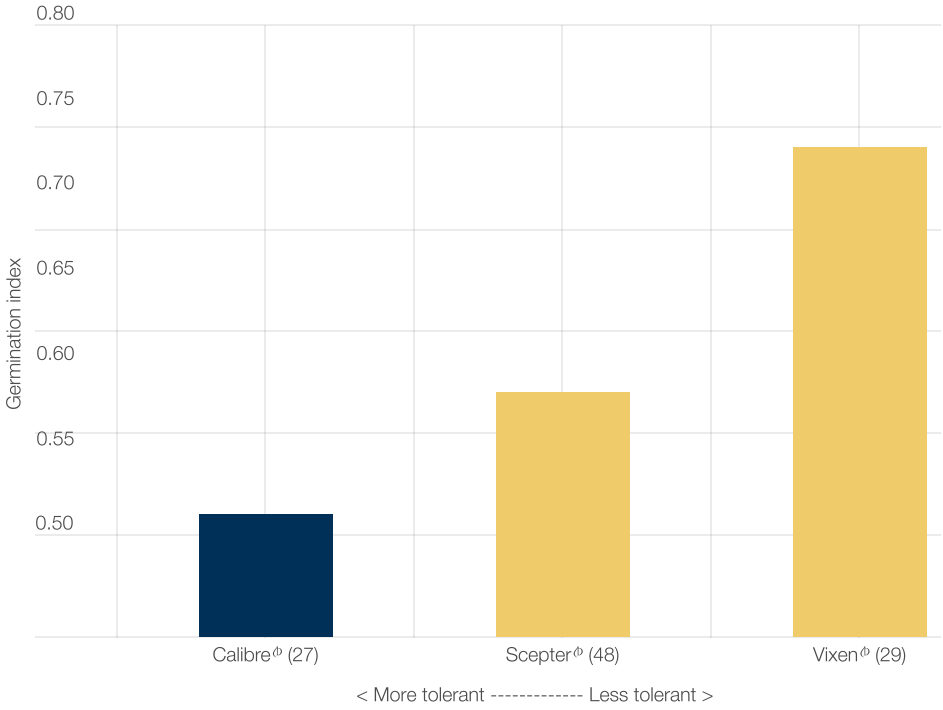
Source: AGT coleoptile MET analysis, 2018 to 2023

Disease resistance & agronomics

Calibre$^{\Phi}$ has a similar disease resistance package to Scepter$^{\Phi}$ but offers improvements in stem rust and powdery mildew resistance (Table 1). The physical grain quality package of Calibre$^{\Phi}$ is similar to Scepter$^{\Phi}$, however Calibre$^{\Phi}$ has an APH quality classification in southern NSW, as opposed to an AH quality classification for Scepter$^{\Phi}$.

The sprouting tolerance of Calibre$^{\Phi}$ is very similar to Scepter$^{\Phi}$, offering an advantage over Vixen$^{\Phi}$ (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Sprouting tolerance of Calibre$^{\Phi}$ versus comparators



Source: AGT Germination Index testing 2018-2022
( ) Number of replicates tested

Table 1. Variety comparisons

	Calibre®	Scepter®
Quality Classification	APH	AH
Maturity	Quick-Mid	Mid
Stem Rust	MR	MRMS
Stripe Rust	S	MSS
Leaf Rust	S	MSS
CCN	MRMS	MRMS
Yellow Leaf Spot	MRMS	MRMS
Black Point	MS*	MS
Septoria *tritici* Blotch	S	S
Powdery Mildew	S	SVS
Sprouting tolerance#	MII	MII

R	Resistant	T	Tolerant	*Provisional rating	
MR	Moderately Resistant	MT	Moderately Tolerant	# Rating from AGT Germination Index trials	
MS	Moderately Susceptible	MI	Moderately Intolerant		
S	Susceptible	I	Intolerant	Source: NVT consensus ratings 2022 and AGT	
VS	Very Susceptible	VI	Very Intolerant		

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