

Wheat

Variety fact sheet – South Australia & Victoria

AGT- Colt[®]



- Very closely related to Yitpi^Φ and Cutlass^Φ
- Best suited to Mallee type environments of SA/Vic where Yitpi^Φ has been grown
- Maturity driven by photoperiod requirement, offering earlier sowing and frost risk mitigation opportunities
- Exceptional disease resistance package, including CCN and yellow leaf spot resistance
- Mid-slow maturity, similar to Yitpi^Φ and Cutlass^Φ
- AH quality classification, with low screenings risk

Breeder's comments

AGT-Colt^ϕ is very closely related to Yitpi^ϕ, and offers many of the same benefits that growers have experienced with that variety, including AH quality, a sound physical grain quality package, photoperiod-driven maturity, CCN resistance, and a taller plant type. However, AGT-Colt^ϕ also offers an exceptional, market leading over-all disease resistance package, with resistance to the three rusts, adequate protection from powdery mildew, and importantly for Mallee growers, good yellow leaf spot.

In recent years, the 'Scepter'^ϕ family of wheats have dominated wheat plantings across SA and Victoria, with varieties from the 'Yitpi'^ϕ family moving aside.

However, the Yitpi^ϕ style of wheat has historically been very popular, particularly in Mallee environments, and for good reason: these varieties, which also include Frame^ϕ and more recently Cutlass^ϕ, offer good early vigour (important on sandy paddocks or those with high weed burdens), increased plant height (favoured in low-biomass producing environments or rocky paddocks), and photoperiod-driven maturity (which allows the plant to delay flowering until the days get longer in spring, therefore potentially mitigating frost risk).

AGT-Colt^ϕ has advanced through our breeding program to answer calls from growers looking for an updated Yitpi^ϕ type; something growers have not had access to since Cutlass^ϕ was released eleven seasons ago.

AGT-Colt^ϕ performs best relative to comparators when subject to an elongated season, either through early germination (late April to early May in SA/Vic) or a longer, favourable spring, and less so in later, main season sowings. Therefore we see AGT-Colt^ϕ as primarily a risk mitigation tool, to be used in areas concerned with high disease pressure or perhaps frost; or for those that are looking to take advantage of earlier planting opportunities into a wet soil profile.

Table 1. Specifications

Background

Tested as	RAC3254
Released	2025
EPR rate	\$3.90/tonne + GST

Disease

Stem Rust resistance*	MRMS
Stripe Rust resistance*	MR
Leaf Rust resistance*	MR
Yellow Leaf Spot resistance*	MRMS
Powdery Mildew resistance* (SA)	S
Powdery Mildew resistance* (VIC)	MR (P)
Septoria Tritici Blotch resistance*	SVS
CCN resistance^	R (P)
Pratylenchus Neglectus resistance*	MSS (P)
Pratylenchus Neglectus tolerance*	MTMI (P)
Eyespot resistance*	MSS (P)
Crown Rot resistance*	S (P)

Plant Characteristics

Maturity speed^	Mid-slow
Maturity habit^	Spring
Sowing window^	Early & Main
Novel herbicide tolerance^	None (conventional tolerance)
Head type^	Awned
Plant height^	Moderately tall
Coleoptile length^	Moderate
Lodging tolerance^	MII

Abiotic Stress

Boron tolerance^	Carries tolerance gene
Acid/aluminium tolerance^	Carries tolerance gene

Grain Quality

Quality classification	AH
Grain colour	White
Screenings level^	Low
Test weight^	Moderate
Sprouting tolerance^o	MI
Black Point resistance*	NA

Legend

R	Resistant	VI	Very Intolerant	o	Rating based on Germination Index Values
MR	Moderately Resistant	(P)	Provisional rating	^	AGT ratings/data interpretation. Comprehensive AGT agronomic trait ratings and data can be found at: https://bit.ly/Traits_2026
MS	Moderately Susceptible	NA	Not Available		
S	Susceptible	/	Pathotype differences		
VS	Very Susceptible	-	Range		
T	Tolerant	,	Mixed phenotype		
MT	Moderately Tolerant	#	May be more susceptible to alternate pathotypes		
MI	Moderately Intolerant	*	NVT consensus ratings 2026		
I	Intolerant				

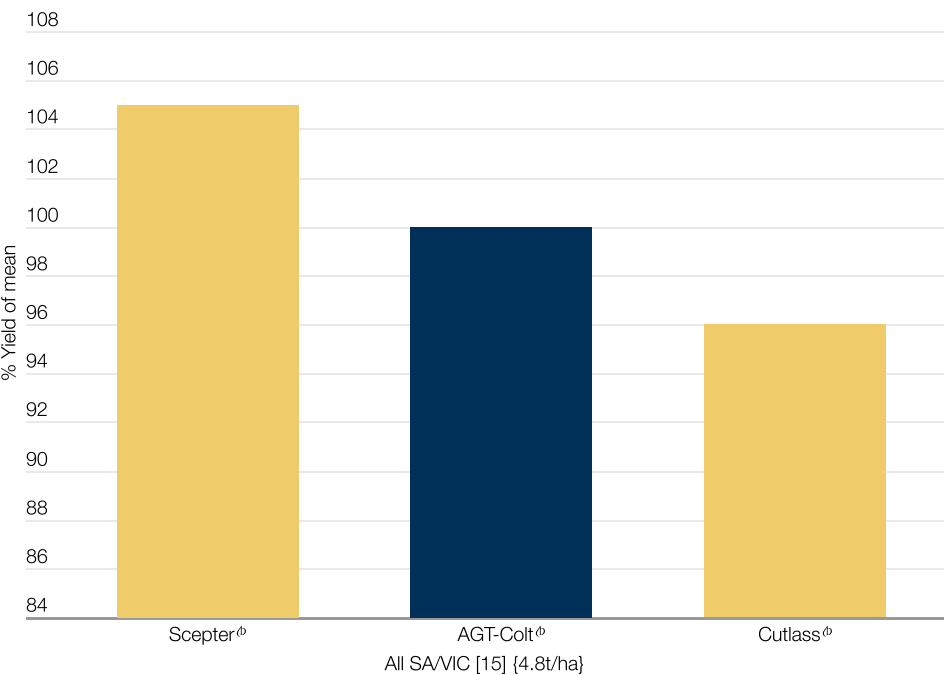
Grain yield

Long term AGT yield results from early sown trials have shown that over-all, AGT-Colt[®] has performed around 4% higher than closest comparator Cutlass[®], and lower than well known variety Scepter[®]. (Figure 1). However, its best performance is recorded in seasons that experience either an early sowing opportunity, or longer finish to the season. In environments and seasons that are shorter or tougher, AGT-Colt[®] does not perform as well as quicker maturing, non-photoperiod responsive varieties like Scepter[®].

NVT data across early and main season plantings shows that AGT-Colt[®] has a yield advantage over Cutlass[®], particularly when sown early (Figure 2).

When sown in the main season NVT trials, AGT-Colt[®] has not yielded as well as Scepter[®]. We believe that AGT-Colt[®] needs to be germinating in late April to early May to extract the most potential out of the variety.

Figure 1. Grain yield of AGT-Colt[®] versus comparators across SA/VIC - AGT early sown trials



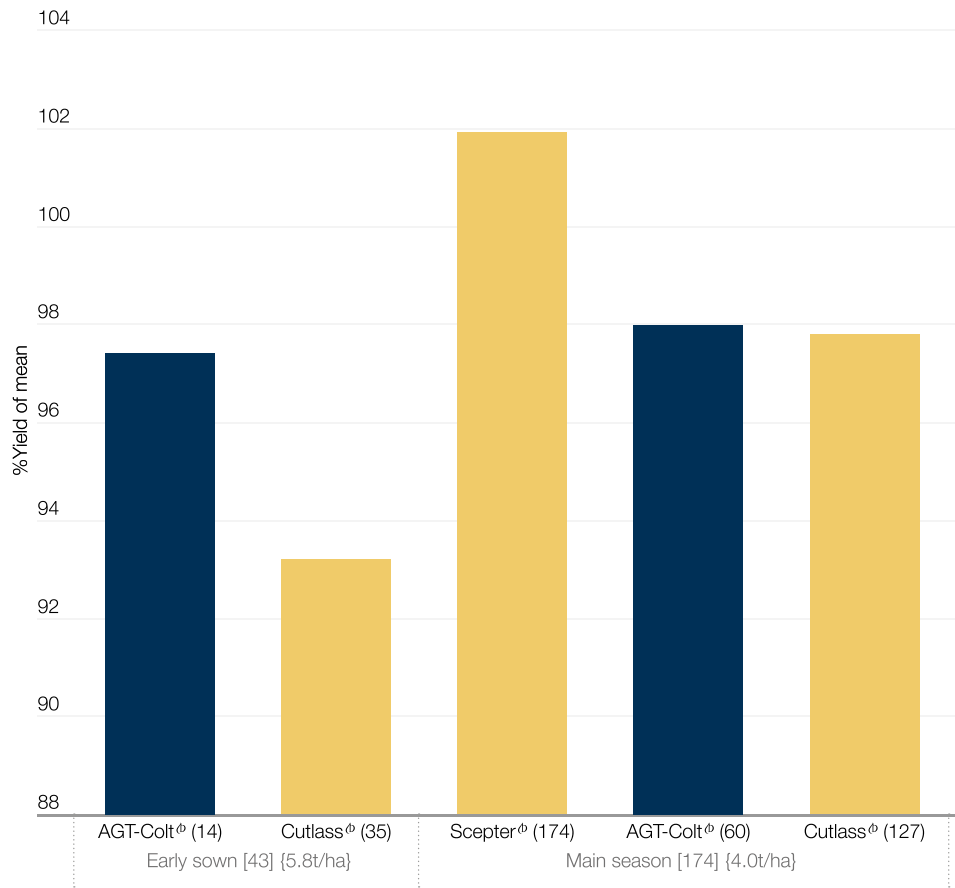
Source: Best linear unbiased predictions from AGT long term MET analysis, early sown trial series 2023-2025

[] : Total number of trials per region

{ } : Region mean

Grain yield

Figure 2. Grain yield of AGT-Colt[®] versus comparators across SA/VIC - NVT trials



Source: Best linear unbiased predictions from NVT long term MET analysis, early sown & main season trial series 2021-2025

[] : Total number of trials per region

() : Number of trials that each variety was present in across the dataset

{ } : Region mean

Note: Scepter[®] was only present in a limited number of early sown trials and therefore has been omitted from the early sown comparison.

Variety comparisons

Reproductive maturity of AGT-Colt[®] is driven by photoperiod (daylength), meaning flowering should be delayed until the days get a little longer in spring. Other photoperiod responsive varieties like Yitpi[®] and Cutlass[®] have been used as frost mitigation tools in the past, and we see AGT-Colt[®] following suit.

AGT-Colt[®] has an AH quality classification in SA and Victoria, and produces grain with low screenings levels and moderate test weight.

AGT-Colt[®] has a spectacular disease resistance profile, offering excellent resistance to the three rusts, adequate resistance to powdery mildew, and importantly for Mallee farmers, good resistance to CCN and yellow leaf spot. AGT-Colt[®] is the first ‘Yitpi[®]’ type variety to hold good resistance to yellow leaf spot.

AGT-Colt[®] is a moderately tall variety and is slightly less tolerant to lodging than Cutlass[®].

Table 2. Variety comparisons

	AGT-Colt [®]	Cutlass [®]	Scepter [®]
Disease	Stem Rust resistance*	MRMS	MRMS
	Stripe Rust resistance*	MR	MSS
	Leaf Rust resistance*	MR	RMR
	Yellow Leaf Spot resistance*	MRMS	MSS
	Powdery Mildew resistance* (SA)	S	SVS
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	Septoria Tritici Blotch resistance*	SVS	SVS
	CCN resistance^	R (P)	MRMS
	Pratylenchus Neglectus resistance*	MSS (P)	S
	Pratylenchus Neglectus tolerance*	MTMI (P)	MTMI
	Eyespot resistance*	MSS (P)	NA
	Crown Rot resistance*	S (P)	MSS
Plant Characteristics	Maturity speed^	Mid-slow	Mid-slow
	Maturity habit^	Spring	Spring
	Sowing window^	Early & Main	Early & Main
	Novel herbicide tolerance^	None (conventional tolerance)	None (conventional tolerance)
	Head type^	Awned	Awned
	Plant height^	Moderately tall	Moderate
	Coleoptile length^	Moderate	Long
	Lodging tolerance^	MII	MTMI
Abiotic Stress	Boron tolerance^	Carries tolerance gene	Carries tolerance gene
	Acid/aluminium tolerance^	Carries tolerance gene	Carries tolerance gene
Grain Quality	Quality classification	AH	APW
	Grain colour	White	White
	Screenings level^	Low	Low
	Test weight^	Moderate	High
	Sprouting tolerance^	MI	MI
	Black Point resistance*	NA	MS



Seed Availability

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