

AGT- Rimfire[®]



- DBA Vittaroi[®] replacement
- DBA Vittaroi[®] plant type: shorter stature with good lodging tolerance
- Exceptional performance under high input/high yielding situations
- The best durum option on the market for irrigation production
- Good stripe rust resistance
- ADR quality classification in NSW

Breeder's comments

AGT-Rimfire[®] has been released to offer growers that use irrigation production systems an updated alternative to DBA Vittaroi[®], or those seeking to grow durum under irrigation for the first time.

For many years, durum has been grown throughout the Riverina under irrigation by growers seeking price premiums that durum commands over other cereal crop types. However, most durum varieties have been bred for dryland production and tend to lodge under irrigation and high input circumstances. DBA Vittaroi[®] has a short plant height and low lodging risk and has therefore become the most popular variety used in irrigated situations.

Agronomically similar to DBA Vittaroi[®], AGT-Rimfire[®] offers good lodging tolerance, a short plant height, and good stripe rust resistance. Most importantly, AGT-Rimfire[®] offers exceptional yield performance under high yielding, irrigated situations.

There is an increasing appetite from end users to source high quality durum from Australia, with the Riverina particularly well suited to increase production. A relatively low-risk variety with yield upside such as AGT-Rimfire[®] has arrived at a perfect time to help meet these production demands.

AGT-Rimfire¹

Table 1. Specifications

Background

Tested as	AGTD199
Released	2025
EPR rate	\$4.30/tonne + GST

Disease

Stem Rust resistance*	MR
Stripe Rust resistance*	MR
Leaf Rust resistance*	RMR
Yellow Leaf Spot resistance*	MS
Powdery Mildew resistance*	S (P)
Septoria Tritici Blotch resistance*	MRMS/S
CCN resistance*	MSS (P)
Pratylenchus Neglectus resistance*	MRMS (P)
Pratylenchus Neglectus tolerance*	VI (P)
Pratylenchus Thornei resistance*	MR (P)
Pratylenchus Thornei tolerance*	MT (P)
Crown Rot resistance*	S (P)

Plant Characteristics

Maturity speed^	Mid
Maturity habit^	Spring
Sowing window^	Main & late
Novel herbicide tolerance^	None (conventional tolerance)
Head type^	Awned
Plant height^	Short-moderately short
Coleoptile length^	Short
Lodging tolerance^	MTMI

Abiotic Stress

Boron tolerance^	NA
Acid/aluminium tolerance^	NA

Grain Quality

Quality classification	ADR
Screenings level^	Moderate
Test weight^	Moderate
Sprouting tolerance^o	MII
Black Point resistance*	NA

Legend

R	Resistant	VI	Very Intolerant	o	Rating based on Germination Index Values
MR	Moderately Resistant	(P)	Provisional rating		
MS	Moderately Susceptible	NA	Not Available	^	AGT ratings/data interpretation. Comprehensive AGT agronomic trait ratings and data can be found at: https://bit.ly/Traits_2026
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				

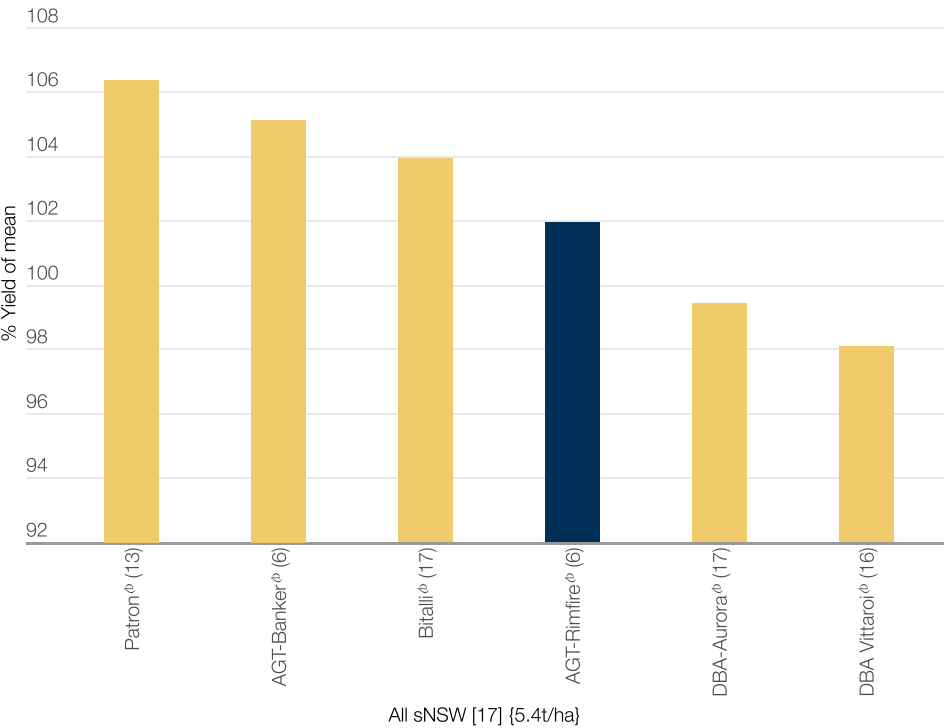
Grain yield

Across southern NSW, AGT-Rimfire[®] has demonstrated high and stable yields, out-yielding closest comparator DBA Vittaroi[®] by 4% (Figure 1). While released primarily to be grown under irrigation, AGT-Rimfire[®] may be grown under dryland conditions, where yields have been competitive with the better ‘dryland’ varieties.

Limited irrigated durum trials are conducted, however, the irrigated NVT trials at Mayrunga and Yenda have highlighted the exceptional top end yield that AGT-Rimfire[®] can produce under high input situations (Figure 2).

An average across the two locations run in 2024 and 2025 saw AGT-Rimfire[®] emerge as the highest yielding durum variety over-all.

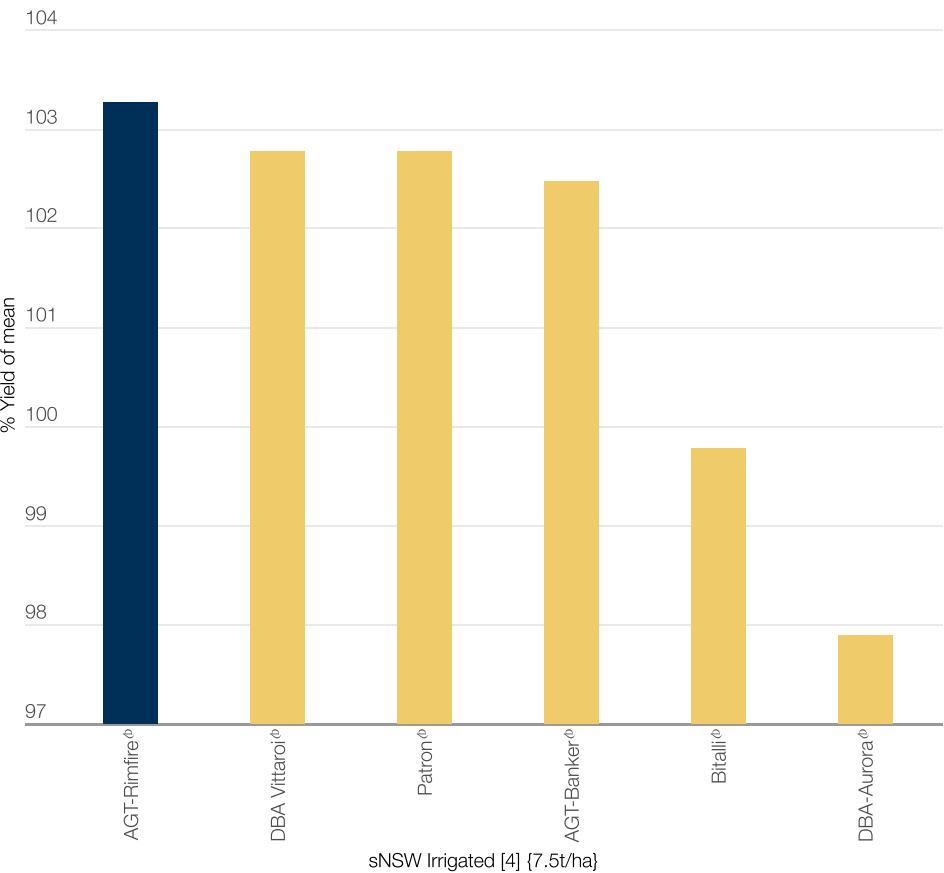
Figure 1. Grain yield of AGT-Rimfire[®] versus comparators across southern NSW - NVT trials



Source: Best linear unbiased predictions from NVT long term MET analysis, 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

Grain yield - Irrigated trials

Figure 2. Grain yield of AGT-Rimfire[®] versus comparators - NVT irrigated trials, southern NSW 2024/2025



Source: NVT irrigated durum trials, average of Mayrung & Yenda 2024/2025

[] : Total number of trials per yield band

{ } : Trial mean

Note: Only trials where all comparators were present are included in this analysis

Variety comparisons

AGT-Rimfire[®] offers a sound disease package, similar to most other durum varieties. Compared with DBA Vittaro[®], AGT-Rimfire[®] holds slightly better stripe rust resistance, with slightly lower levels of yellow leaf spot and powdery mildew resistance. Growers experienced with DBA Vittaro[®] should be able to use the same in-crop management approach when growing AGT-Rimfire[®].

Table 2. Variety comparisons

	AGT-Rimfire [®]	DBA Vittaro [®]
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	Sprouting tolerance^°	MII
	Black Point resistance*	NA



Seed Availability

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