

Wheat

Variety fact sheet – South Australia & Victoria

AGT-
Rio[®]



Variety snapshot

- Good disease resistance package for higher yielding environments
- Excellent stripe rust and powdery mildew resistance
- High yields in medium-high rainfall or disease-pressured environments
- An alternative to RockStar[®], Brumby[®] and Catapult[®]
- Moderately short plant height with good lodging tolerance
- APW quality classification in SA/Vic with an excellent physical grain quality package

Breeder's comments

Varieties suited to the traditional 'early sowing' window of late April to early May are consistently used by growers to help maximise over-all farm yield. AGT-Rio[®] fits this sowing window, and offers improvements over varieties such as RockStar[®], Brumby[®] and Catapult[®] which have been used for this purpose.

AGT-Rio[®] has a maturity similar to RockStar[®], Brumby[®] and Catapult[®], and is particularly well suited to medium-high rainfall situations.

A key requirement for success in higher rainfall environments is disease resistance, and AGT-Rio[®] holds excellent stripe rust and powdery mildew resistance in particular.

Compared with RockStar[®], AGT-Rio[®] offers vast improvements in stripe rust resistance, better sprouting tolerance, higher levels of powdery mildew resistance, and higher test weights.

Versus Catapult[®], AGT-Rio[®] is much higher yielding, has better lodging tolerance, and offers much higher stripe rust and powdery mildew resistance.

Relative to Brumby[®], AGT-Rio[®] provides better stripe and leaf rust resistance, a more compact plant height, improvements in test weight, and higher yield when sown early.

AGT-Rio[®] exhibits a compact plant type with good tolerance to lodging which is a key trait for success in higher yielding environments.

AGT-Rio[®] has an APW quality classification in SA/Vic and produces grain with low screenings losses and high test weights.

Table 1. Specifications

Background

Tested as	V15019-88
Released	2025
EPR rate	\$3.90/tonne + GST

Disease

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

Plant Characteristics

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

Abiotic Stress

Boron tolerance^	Does not carry tolerance gene
Acid/aluminium tolerance^	Carries tolerance gene

Grain Quality

Quality classification	APW
Grain colour	White
Screenings level^	Low
Test weight^	High
Sprouting tolerance^°	MII
Black Point resistance*	NA

Legend

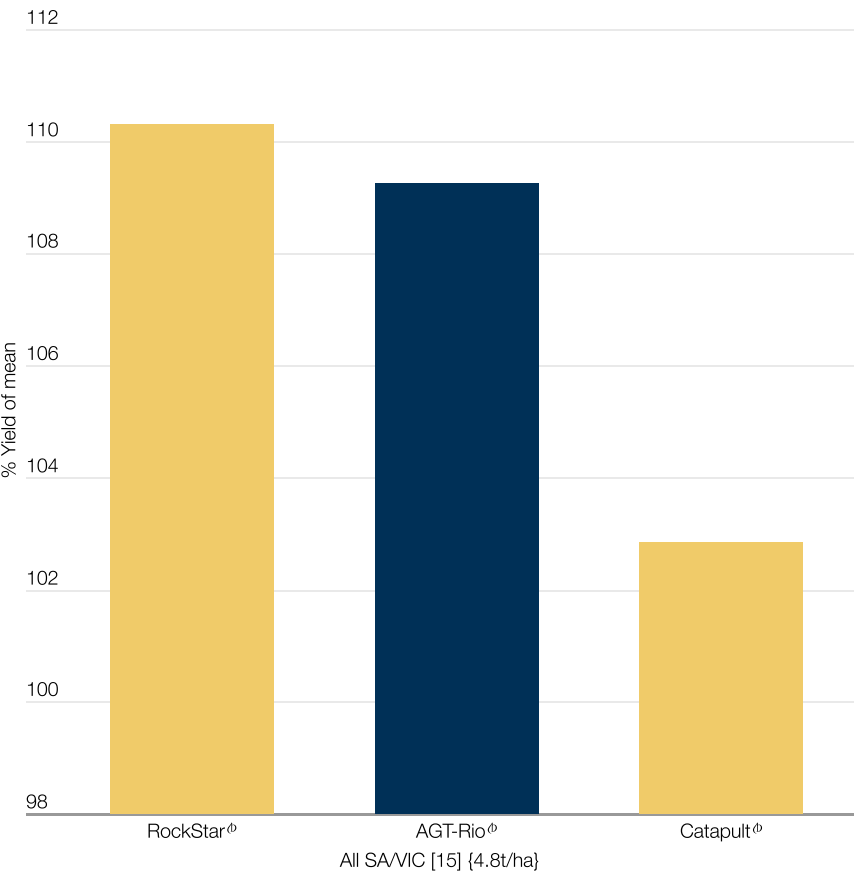
R	Resistant	VI	Very Intolerant	o	Rating based on Germination Index Values
MR	Moderately Resistant	(P)	Provisional rating	^	AGT ratings/data interpretation. Comprehensive AGT agronomic trait ratings and data can be found at: https://bit.ly/Traits_2026
MS	Moderately Susceptible	NA	Not Available		
S	Susceptible	/	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 data has shown that AGT-Rio[®] performs similarly to RockStar[®] when sown in the 'early' window (Figure 1), while yielding a little lower than RockStar[®] in both early NVT and main season NVT trialling (Figures 2 & 3).

It appears that relative to Brumby[®], AGT-Rio[®] has performed better sown early, rather than later.

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



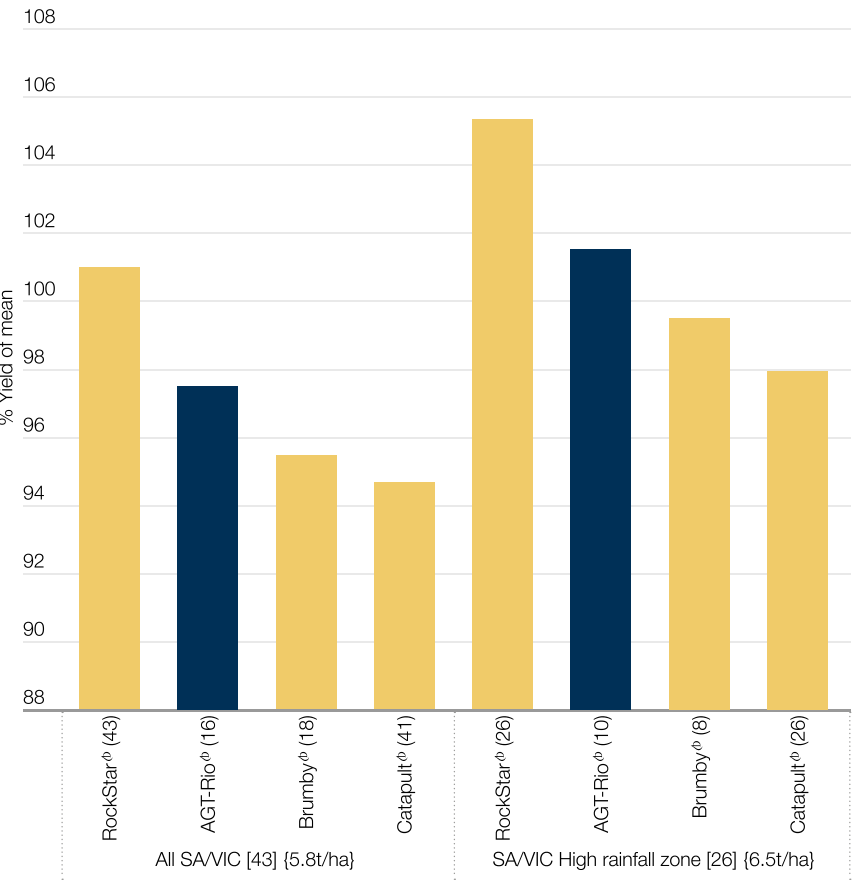
Source: Best linear unbiased predictions from AGT long term MET analysis, early sown trial series 2023-2025

[] : Total number of trials per region

{ } : Region mean

Grain yield

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



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

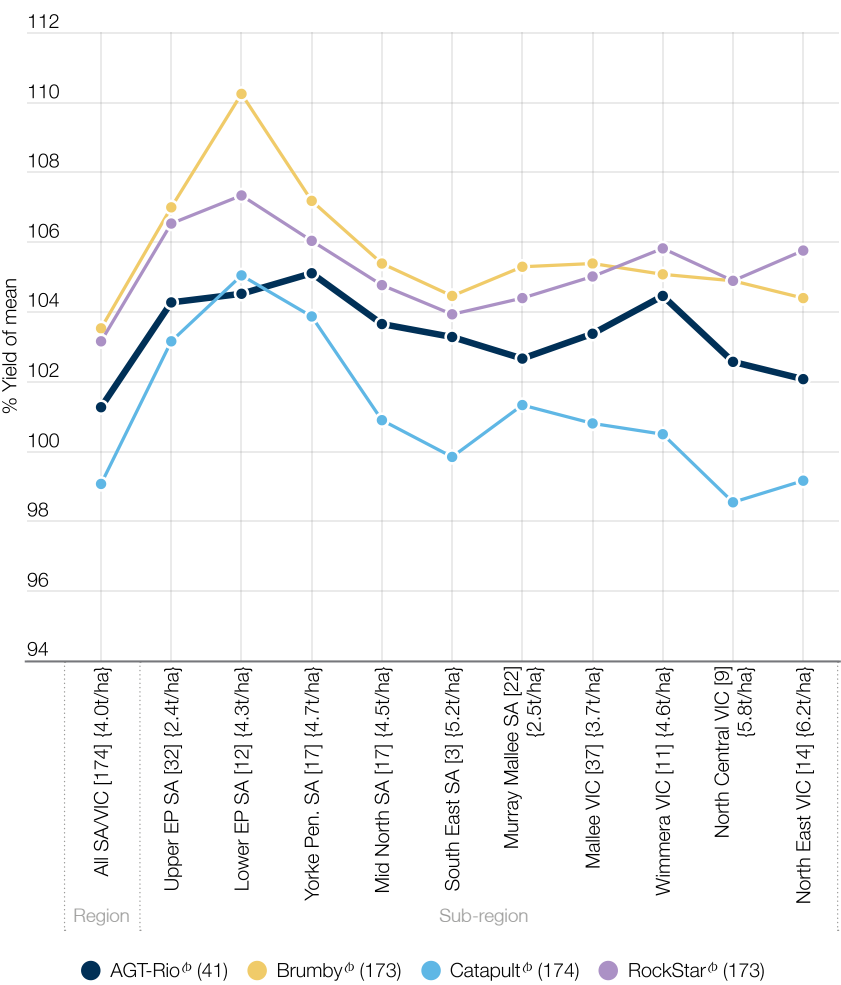
[] : Total number of trials per region

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

{ } : Region mean

Note: 'High rainfall zone' includes South-East SA, South-West Vic & North-East Vic

Figure 3. Grain yield of AGT-Rio[®] versus comparators across SA/VIC - NVT main season trials



Source: Best linear unbiased predictions from NVT long term MET analysis, main season trial series 2021-2025
[] : Total number of trials per region
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{ } : Region mean

Variety comparisons

AGT-Rio[®] has an APW quality classification in SA/Vic, and produces grain with low screenings levels and high test weight. AGT-Rio[®] offers improvements in test weight and sprouting tolerance over RockStar[®].

Disease resistance is a strength of AGT-Rio[®], importantly holding very good stripe rust resistance, a large improvement over Catapult[®], Brumby[®] and RockStar[®], and excellent powdery mildew resistance.

AGT-Rio[®] reaches head emergence slightly quicker than Catapult[®] and RockStar[®], similar to Brumby[®].

Table 2. Variety comparisons

	AGT-Rio [®]	Brumby [®]	Catapult [®]	RockStar [®]
Disease	Stem Rust resistance*	MS	MR	MRMS
	Stripe Rust resistance*	MR	MS	S
	Leaf Rust resistance*	S	SVS	S
	Yellow Leaf Spot resistance*	MRMS	MRMS	MRMS
	Powdery Mildew resistance* (SA)	MRMS	RMR/MSS	SVS
	Powdery Mildew resistance* (VIC)	MR (P)	MRMS (P)	SVS
	Septoria Tritici Blotch resistance*	S	S	S
	CCN resistance^	MRMS (P)	MRMS	R
	Pratylenchus Neglectus resistance*	MSS (P)	MRMS	S
	Pratylenchus Neglectus tolerance*	I (P)	TMT	MII
	Eyespot resistance*	S (P)	S	S
	Crown Rot resistance*	S (P)	S	MSS
Plant Characteristics	Maturity speed^	Mid	Mid	Mid-slow
	Maturity habit^	Spring	Spring	Spring
	Sowing window^	Early & Main	Early & Main	Early & Main
	Novel herbicide tolerance^	None (conventional tolerance)	None (conventional tolerance)	None (conventional tolerance)
	Head type^	Awned	Awned	Awned
	Plant height^	Moderately short	Moderately tall	Moderate
	Coleoptile length^	Short	Moderate	Short
	Lodging tolerance^	MTMI	MTMI	MI
Abiotic Stress	Boron tolerance^	Does not carry tolerance gene	Does not carry tolerance gene	Carries tolerance gene
	Acid/aluminium tolerance^	Carries tolerance gene	Carries tolerance gene	Carries tolerance gene
Grain Quality	Quality classification	APW	APW	AH
	Grain colour	White	White	White
	Screenings level^	Low	Low	Low
	Test weight^	High	Moderate	High
	Sprouting tolerance^o	MII	MII	MI
	Black Point resistance*	NA	MSS	S



Seed Availability

Please contact an AGT Affiliate or your local retailer for seed. Consult the AGT website for AGT Affiliate contact details (www.agtbreeding.com.au/affiliates). AGT varieties can be traded between growers upon the completion of a License Agreement as part of AGT's Seed Sharing™ initiative (www.agtbreeding.com.au/seedsharing)

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