

Brighton[®]



Variety snapshot

- Dual purpose winter wheat, suitable for grazing and grain production
- A higher yielding alternative to Illabo^Φ, EGA Wedgetail^Φ and LRPB Kittyhawk^Φ
- Mid winter maturity, similar to Illabo^Φ
- Improved test weight compared with Illabo^Φ and EGA Wedgetail^Φ
- Improved yellow leaf spot resistance over Illabo^Φ and EGA Wedgetail^Φ
- APH quality classification in southern NSW

Breeder's comments

Dual purpose, graze and grain wheat varieties have traditionally been very valuable to mixed farmers, providing more than one opportunity to generate income throughout the season. The use of dual purpose varieties has continued to gain in popularity, perhaps due to a shift in earlier sowing of grain-only crops.

We started a winter wheat breeding program at Wagga Wagga in 2014 in acknowledgement of the need for better performing long season and dual purpose varieties, with Illabo[®] being a popular release from this program. Illabo[®] has been a success story, offering mixed farmers a large step up in performance over the mainstay variety EGA Wedgetail[®].

Our newest variety in this space, Brighton[®], is poised to offer even more advancements in productivity, offering improvements in yield and physical grain quality over Illabo[®].

Brighton[®] also offers improved yellow leaf spot resistance over Illabo[®], however is more susceptible to powdery mildew and septoria tritici blotch.

Brighton[®] is a mid maturing winter wheat, reaching head emergence at a similar time to Illabo[®] across a range of sowing dates.

Brighton[®] is derived from popular main season wheat variety Beckom[®], and has inherited Beckom's[®] shorter plant height and aluminium (acid soils) tolerance genes. Like Beckom[®] and many other varieties, Brighton[®] may express physiological leaf yellowing throughout winter; however will grow out of these symptoms in spring.

To maximise grain only yield, Brighton[®] appears ideally suited to mid-late April sowing in high yield environments, and mid April in lower yielding environments. To maximise the length of safe grazing time, Brighton[®] may be sown from mid March through to mid April.

Table 1. Specifications

Background

Tested as	V14051-172
Released	2024
EPR rate	\$4.10/tonne + GST

Disease

Stem Rust resistance*	MRMS
Stripe Rust resistance*	MRMS
Leaf Rust resistance*	S
Yellow Leaf Spot resistance*	MRMS
Powdery Mildew resistance*	SVS
Septoria Tritici Blotch resistance*	S
CCN resistance*	R
Pratylenchus Neglectus resistance*	S
Pratylenchus Neglectus tolerance*	IVI
Pratylenchus Thornei resistance*	MS
Pratylenchus Thornei tolerance*	MTMI
Crown Rot resistance*	S

Plant Characteristics

Maturity speed^	Mid
Maturity habit^	Winter
Sowing window^	Early
Novel herbicide tolerance^	None (conventional tolerance)
Head type^	Awned
Plant height^	Short-moderately short
Coleoptile length^	Moderate
Lodging tolerance^	MT

Abiotic Stress

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

Grain Quality

Quality classification	APH
Grain colour	White
Screenings level^	Very low
Test weight^	Very high
Sprouting tolerance^o	I
Black Point resistance*	MS

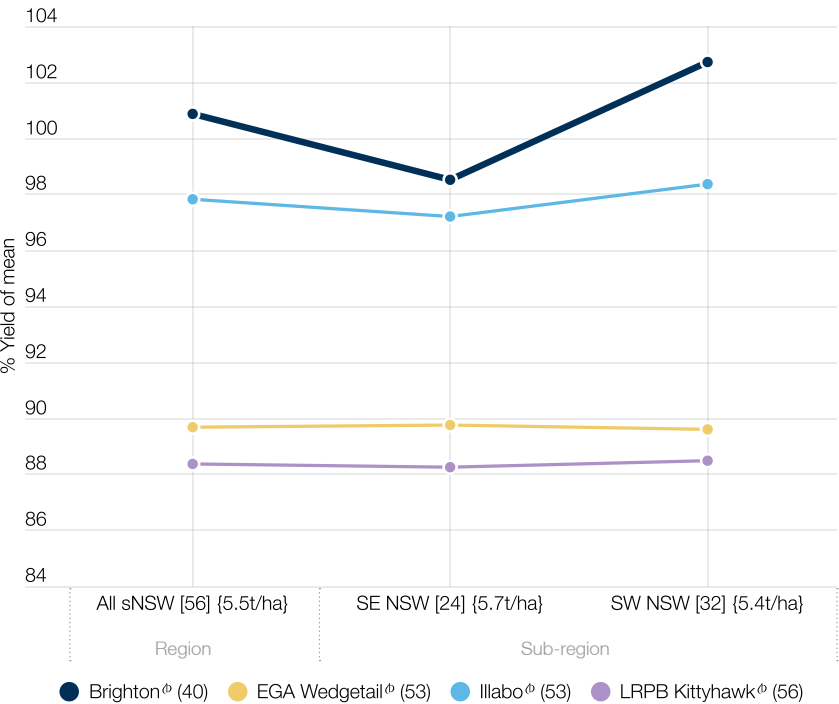
Legend

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

In early sown NVT trials across southern NSW, Brighton[®] has out-yielded Illabo[®] by 3%, whilst yielding a huge 12% more than EGA Wedgetail[®] and 14% above LRPB Kittyhawk[®] (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Grain yield of Brighton[®] versus comparators across southern NSW - NVT early sown trials

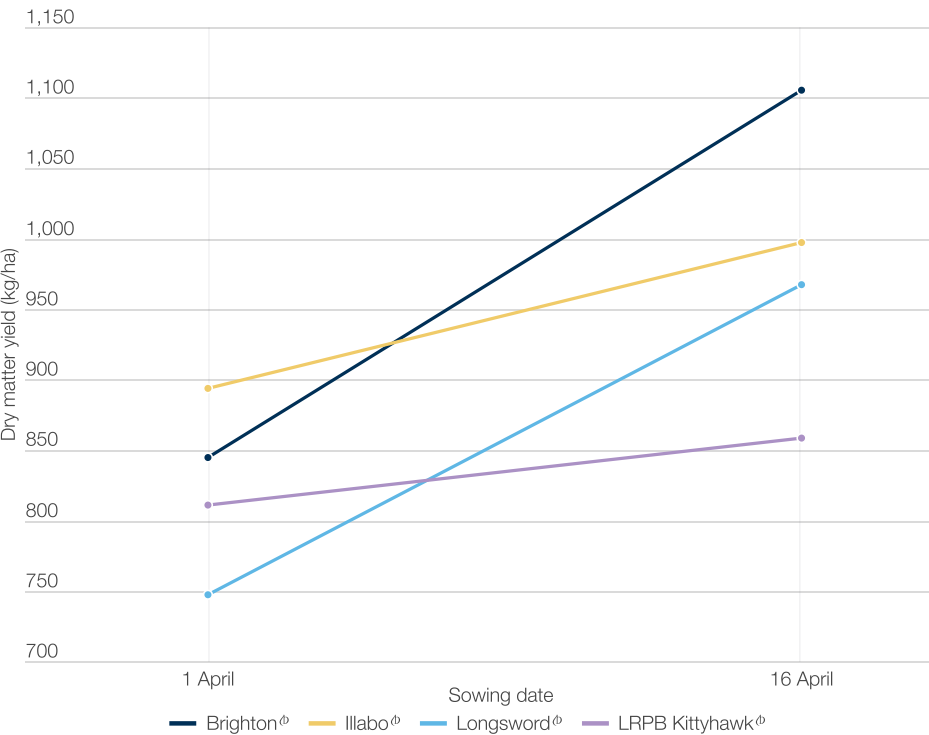


Source: Best linear unbiased predictions from NVT long term MET analysis, early sown trial series 2021-2025
[] : Total number of trials per region
() : Number of trials that each variety was present in across the dataset
{ } : Region mean

Early dry matter production

AGT grazing trial data has demonstrated that up to the appearance of first node, Brighton[®] produced similar amounts of dry matter as Illabo[®], and more than LRPB Kittyhawk[®] and Longsword[®] (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Early dry matter production of Brighton[®] versus comparators in response to sowing date



Source: AGT grazing trial 2022, Collingullie NSW

Variety comparisons

Brighton[®] is a mid maturing winter wheat, reaching head emergence at a similar time to Illabo[®].

Brighton[®] has an APH quality classification in southern NSW with an excellent physical grain quality package, offering low screenings levels and a significant test weight improvement over main comparator Illabo[®].

Brighton[®] offers a good disease resistance package, including good stripe rust resistance and an improvement in yellow leaf spot compared with Illabo[®]. Brighton's[®] powdery mildew and septoria Tritici blotch resistance is lower than Illabo[®].

Table 2. Variety comparisons

	Brighton [®]	EGA Wedgetail [®]	Illabo [®]	LRPB Kittyhawk [®]
Disease	Stem Rust resistance*	MRMS	MRMS	MR
	Stripe Rust resistance*	MRMS	MS	MRMS
	Leaf Rust resistance*	S	MS	S
	Yellow Leaf Spot resistance*	MRMS	MSS	MS
	Powdery Mildew resistance*	SVS	MSS (P)	RMR
	Septoria Tritici Blotch resistance*	S	MSS	MRMS
	CCN resistance*	R	S	MRMS
	Pratylenchus Neglectus resistance*	S	S	MSS
	Pratylenchus Neglectus tolerance*	IVI	MII	MI
	Pratylenchus Thornei resistance*	MS	VS	MSS
	Pratylenchus Thornei tolerance*	MTMI	MII	I
	Crown Rot resistance*	S	S	SVS
Plant Characteristics	Maturity speed [^]	Mid	Mid	Mid
	Maturity habit [^]	Winter	Winter	Winter
	Sowing window [^]	Early	Early	Early
	Novel herbicide tolerance [^]	None (conventional tolerance)	None (conventional tolerance)	None (conventional tolerance)
	Head type [^]	Awned	Awned	Awned
	Plant height [^]	Short-moderately short	Moderately short	Short-moderately short
	Coleoptile length [^]	Moderate	Short	Short
	Lodging tolerance [^]	MT	MI	MT
Abiotic Stress	Boron tolerance [^]	Does not carry tolerance gene	Does not carry tolerance gene	Does not carry tolerance gene
	Acid/aluminium tolerance [^]	Carries tolerance gene	Carries tolerance gene	Does not carry tolerance gene
Grain Quality	Quality classification	APH	APH	APH
	Grain colour	White	White	White
	Screenings level [^]	Very low	Low	Very low
	Test weight [^]	Very high	Very low	Low
	Sprouting tolerance [^]	I	MII	MI
	Black Point resistance*	MS	MS	MRMS



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