Brighton

- Dual purpose winter wheat, suitable for grazing and grain production
- A higher yielding alternative to Illabo$^{\Phi}$ and DS Bennett$^{\Phi}$
- Mid winter maturity, slightly quicker than Illabo$^{\Phi}$
- Improved test weight compared with Illabo$^{\Phi}$
- Improved yellow spot resistance over Illabo$^{\Phi}$
- More susceptible to powdery mildew than Illabo$^{\Phi}$
- AH quality classification in WA

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, where growers are able to help fill the early winter feed gap without missing out on grain income at the end of the season.

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$^{\Phi}$ being a popular release from this program. Illabo$^{\Phi}$ has been a success story, offering mixed farmers a large step up in performance over the mainstay variety EGA Wedgetail$^{\Phi}$, and finding a following among many WA growers.

Our newest variety in this space, Brighton$^{\Phi}$, is poised to offer even more advancements in productivity, offering improvements in yield, yellow spot resistance and physical grain quality over Illabo$^{\Phi}$.

Brighton$^{\Phi}$ also offers improved yellow spot resistance over Illabo$^{\Phi}$, however is more susceptible to powdery mildew.

Brighton$^{\Phi}$ is a mid maturing winter wheat, reaching head emergence slightly faster than Illabo$^{\Phi}$ across a range of sowing dates.

Brighton$^{\Phi}$ offers a compact plant type and carries aluminium (acid soils) tolerance genes. Like some other varieties, Brighton$^{\Phi}$ may express physiological leaf yellowing throughout winter; however will grow out of these symptoms in spring.

To maximise grain only yield, Brighton$^{\Phi}$ appears ideally suited to early-mid April sowing in the high yield environments of the Great Southern and South Coast, and where early moisture is available in lower rainfall environments of the eastern wheatbelt.

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Table 1. Specifications

Background

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

Disease

Stem Rust resistance*	MRMS
Stripe Rust resistance*	RMR
Leaf Rust resistance*	S
Yellow Spot resistance*	MRMS
Powdery Mildew resistance*	MSS
Septoria Nodorum Blotch (Glume) resistance*	MR
Septoria Nodorum Blotch (Leaf) resistance*	MR

Plant Characteristics

Maturity speed^	Mid
Maturity habit^	Winter
Sowing window^	Early
Novel herbicide tolerance^	None (conventional tolerance)
Head type^	Awned
Plant height^	Short to 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	AH
Grain colour	White
Screenings level^	Low
Test weight^	High
Sprouting tolerance^°	I
Black Point resistance*	MS

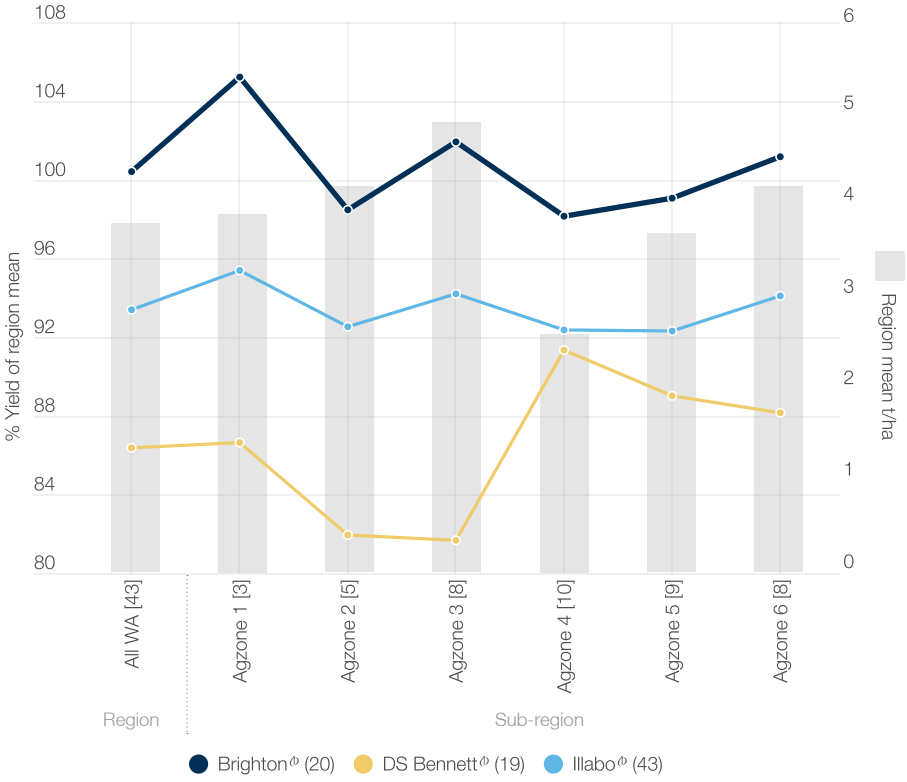
Legend

R	Resistant
MR	Moderately Resistant
MS	Moderately Susceptible
S	Susceptible
VS	Very Susceptible
T	Tolerant
MT	Moderately Tolerant
MI	Moderately Intolerant
I	Intolerant
VI	Very Intolerant
(P)	Provisional rating
NA	Not Available
/	Pathotype differences
-	Range
,	Mixed phenotype
#	May be more susceptible to alternate pathotypes
*	NVT consensus ratings 2025
°	Rating based on Germination Index Values
^	AGT ratings/data interpretation. Comprehensive AGT agronomic trait ratings and data can be found at: https://bit.ly/TraitRatings

Grain yield

In long term NVT early sown trials, Brighton$^{\Phi}$ has produced higher levels of grain yield than Illabo$^{\Phi}$ in most environments, and substantially higher than DS Bennett$^{\Phi}$ (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Predicted grain yield of Brighton$^{\Phi}$ versus comparators across WA regions



Source: NVT long term MET analysis, early sown trial series 2020-2024

[ ] : Total number of trials per region

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

Variety comparisons

Brighton$^{\Phi}$ has an AH quality classification in WA. Brighton$^{\Phi}$ has an excellent physical grain quality package, offering a substantial test weight improvement over main comparator Illabo$^{\Phi}$.

Brighton$^{\Phi}$ offers a robust disease resistance package, including an improvement in yellow spot resistance compared with Illabo$^{\Phi}$.

Table 2. Variety comparisons

		Brighton$^{\Phi}$	DS Bennett$^{\Phi}$	Illabo$^{\Phi}$
Disease	Stem Rust resistance*	MRMS	MS	MR
	Stripe Rust resistance*	RMR	NA	RMR
	Leaf Rust resistance*	S	SVS	S
	Yellow Spot resistance*	MRMS	MRMS	MS
	Powdery Mildew resistance*	MSS	NA	R
	Septoria Nodorum Blotch (Glume) resistance*	MR	NA	NA
	Septoria Nodorum Blotch (Leaf) resistance*	MR	NA	NA
Plant Characteristics	Maturity speed^	Mid	Slow	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	Awnless	Awned
	Plant height^	Short to moderately short	Tall	Short to moderately short
	Coleoptile length^	Moderate	NA	Short
	Lodging tolerance^	MT	NA	MT
Abiotic Stress	Boron tolerance^	Does not carry tolerance gene	NA	Does not carry tolerance gene
	Acid/aluminium tolerance^	Carries tolerance gene	NA	Does not carry tolerance gene
Grain Quality	Quality classification	AH	FEED	AH
	Grain colour	White	White	White
	Screenings level^	Low	NA	Very low
	Test weight^	High	NA	Very low
	Sprouting tolerance^^{o}	I	NA	MII
	Black Point resistance*	MS	MSS	MRMS

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