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Yield Prophet® simulations for 8 sites across the Mid North of SA

Hart | Spalding | Condowie
Kybunga | Farrell Flat | Pinery
Eudunda | Tarlee



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HART BEAT definitions

The Hart field site has been characterised for plant available water capacity (PAWC) and bulk density to determine how much of the measured water and nitrogen is available to the crop during the season.

Plant available water capacity (PAWC) – is the difference between the drained upper limit of the soil and the lower extraction limit of a crop over the depth of rooting. It is the maximum water available to a crop from a particular soil type.

Plant available water (PAW) – is the amount of water contained in the soil at a given time minus the crop lower limit.

Growing season rainfall (GSR) – is rainfall for the period between and including April to October.

Decile – is a measure of seasonal rainfall on a scale of 1 to 10. In a Decile 7 year, 70% of previous years were

drier, in a Decile 3 year 30% of previous years were drier.

Yield Prophet® is an internet-based service which uses the APSIM wheat prediction model.

The model relies on accurate soil, crop, historical climate data and up to date local weather

information to predict plant growth rates and final hay or grain yields. These are critical measurements specific to the site being analysed and may not fit closely to individual situations. Instead, the predictions will give a realistic guide to seasonal prospects based on a site with similar rainfall and / or soil type.

Using climate data for the current season, *Yield Prophet®* simulates the soil water, nitrogen processes and crop growth in the paddock. *Yield Prophet®* calculates the amount of water and nitrogen available to the crop as well as the water and nitrogen demand of the crop.

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Yield Prophet® Lite

A **FREE** online tool to predict yield potential and manage in-crop nitrogen

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Yield Prophet® Lite is a free online tool for estimating potential yield values for your crop, taking into account various rainfall scenarios and application rates of nitrogen.

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Location:

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Date of report: August 27, 2026

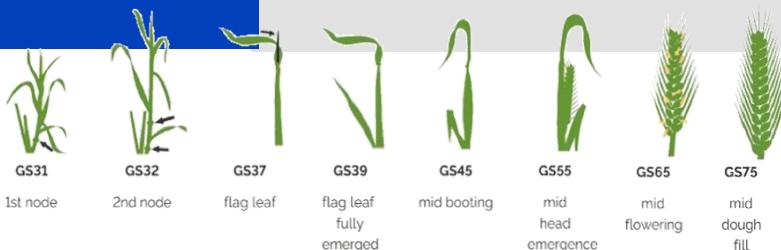
Site information

Soil type: Sandy clay loam

Average annual rainfall: 400 mm

Crop growth

Variety: Scepter wheat
Sowing date: May 06, 2026
Emergence: May 15, 2026
Soil sampling date: March 31, 2026
Starting soil N: 96 kg N/ha
Nitrogen fertiliser: 18 kg N/ha @ seeding
+ 80 kg N/ha in-season

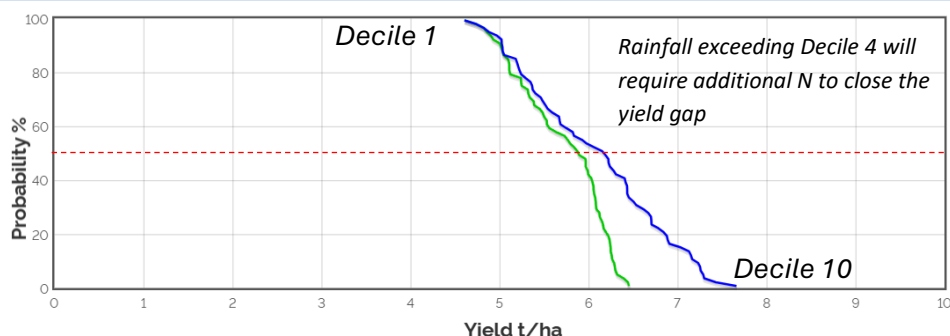


The season so far

Annual rainfall to date: 365 mm
GSR to date: 260 mm
Current GSR decile: 8
Initial PAW (March 31): 44 mm
Current predicted PAW: 117 mm (57% full)
PAWC: 206 mm

Yield Prophet® prediction

Based on 96 kg N/ha starting soil,
seeding N + in season applications:
June 12: 30 kg N/ha
June 23: 50 kg N/ha*



The **green** line in the graph above shows the predicted grain yield at Hart for nitrogen-limited yield (PY_N). The **blue** line represents the grain yield potential for water-limited yield (PY_W). No difference between these two lines indicates the current soil N level is adequate for the crop to reach its yield potential. A large difference between these two lines, indicates additional N fertiliser is required for the crop to reach its yield potential. Site characterisation data from APSoil for Hart has been used, and starting soil available nitrogen and water was measured. The red dotted line represents Decile 5 (or 50% probability of receiving 5.9 t/ha nitrogen-limited yield or 6.2 t/ha water-limited yield – refer to below table).

Based on data from the graph above, this table shows the amount of additional N required to close the yield gap between the nitrogen and water-limited yield across a range of decile seasons.

Equivalent decile finish	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PY _N (t/ha)	4.6	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.5	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.5
PY _W (t/ha)	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.7	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.9	7.2	7.7
Yield difference (t/ha)	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.9	1.2
Difference in PY _W (t/ha) since last report	+ 1.7	+ 1.2	+ 0.9	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
N requirement (kg N/ha)	0	0	4	4	8	12	16	12	28	36	48

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SPALDING

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Soil type: Red brown earth

Average annual rainfall: 430 mm

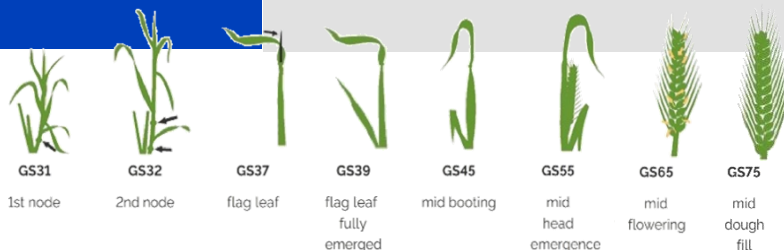
Simulation assumptions

Crop growth

Variety: Scepter wheat
Sowing date: May 1, 2026
Measured starting N: 66 kg N/ha
Nitrogen fertiliser: 20 kg N @ seeding
+ 105 kg N/ha in-season

The season so far

GSR to date: 288 mm
Estimated GSR decile to date: 8
Initial PAW (April 7): 0 mm
Current predicted PAW: 112 mm (78% full)
PAWC: 143 mm



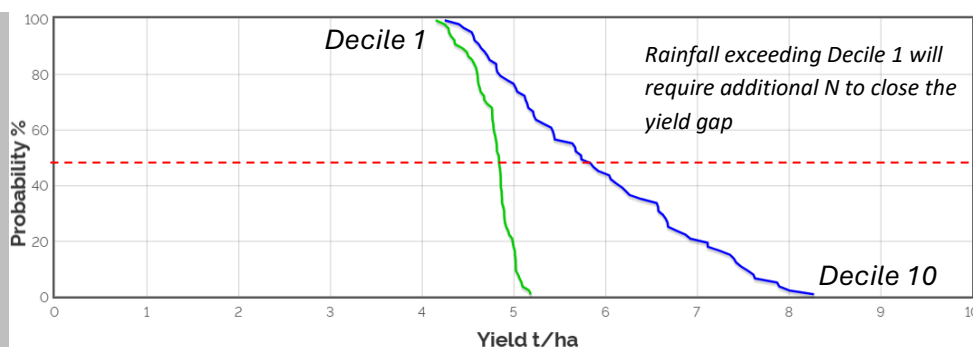
Yield Prophet®

prediction

Based on 66 kg N/ha starting soil,
seeding N + in season applications:

June 22: 45 kg N/ha

July 17: 60 kg N /ha



The **green** line in the graph above shows the predicted grain yield at Spalding for nitrogen-limited yield (PY_N). The **blue** line represents the grain yield potential for water-limited yield (PY_w). No difference between these two lines indicates the current soil N level is adequate for the crop to reach its yield potential. A large difference between these two lines, indicates additional N fertiliser is required for the crop to reach its yield potential. Site characterisation data from APSoil for Spalding has been used, and starting soil available nitrogen and water was measured. The red dotted line represents Decile 5 (or 50% probability of receiving 4.8 t/ha nitrogen-limited yield or 5.7 t/ha water-limited yield – refer to below table).

Based on data from the graph above, this table shows the amount of additional N required to close the yield gap between the nitrogen and water-limited yield across a range of decile seasons.

Equivalent decile finish	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PY _N (t/ha)	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.2
PY _w (t/ha)	4.3	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.4	5.7	6.1	6.6	7.0	7.5	8.3
Yield difference (t/ha)	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.7	2.0	2.5	3.1
Difference in PY _w (t/ha) since last report	+ 1.9	+ 1.4	+ 1.0	+ 1.1	+ 1.1	+ 1.1	+ 1.2	+ 1.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 0.3
Additional N requirement (kg N/ha)	4	8	8	16	24	36	48	68	80	100	124

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Location:

CONDOWIE

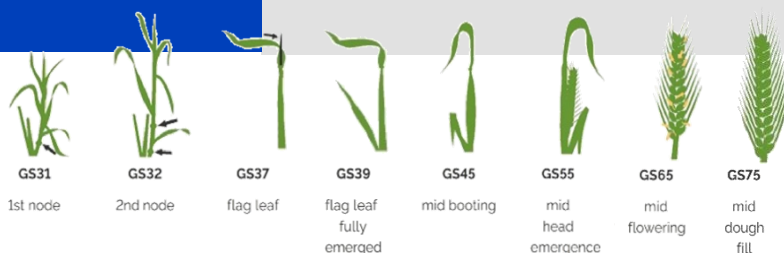
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Date of report: August 27, 2026

Soil type: Sandy loam

Average annual rainfall: 350 mm



Simulation assumptions

Crop growth

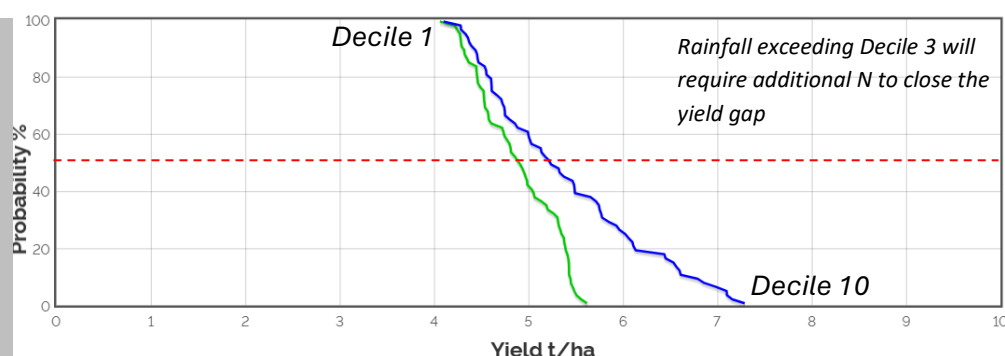
Variety: Scepter wheat
Sowing date: May 1, 2026
Measured starting N: 124 kg N/ha
Nitrogen fertiliser: 20 kg N/ha @ seeding
+ 45 kg N/ha in-season

The season so far

GSR to date: 227 mm
Estimated GSR decile to date: 7
Initial PAW (March 31): 77 mm
Current predicted PAW: 100 mm (87% full)
PAWC: 115 mm

Yield Prophet[®] prediction

Based on 124 kg N/ha starting
soil, seeding N + in season
application:
June 22: 45 kg N/ha



The **green** line in the graph above shows the predicted grain yield at Condowie for nitrogen-limited yield (PY_N). The **blue** line represents the grain yield potential for water-limited yield (PY_w). No difference between these two lines indicates the current soil N level is adequate for the crop to reach its yield potential. A large difference between these two lines, indicates additional N fertiliser is required for the crop to reach its yield potential. Site characterisation data from APSoil for Condowie has been used, and starting soil available nitrogen and water was measured. The red dotted line represents Decile 5 (or 50% probability of receiving 4.9 t/ha nitrogen-limited yield or 5.2 t/ha water-limited yield – refer to below table).

Based on data from the graph above, this table shows the amount of additional N required to close the yield gap between the nitrogen and water-limited yield across a range of decile seasons.

Equivalent decile finish	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PY _N (t/ha)	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.6
PY _w (t/ha)	4.1	4.4	4.6	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.7	7.3
Yield difference (t/ha)	0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.3	1.7
Difference in PY _w (t/ha) since last report	+ 1.6	+ 1.4	+ 1.3	+ 1.1	+ 1.1	+ 1.1	+ 1.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.9	+ 0.2
Additional N requirement (kg N/ha)	0	4	4	8	12	12	20	20	28	52	68

Location:

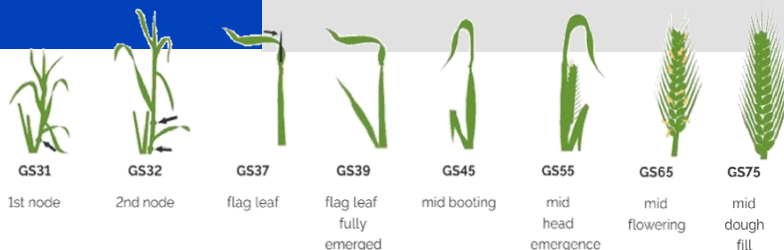
KYBUNGA

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Date of report: August 27, 2026

Soil type: Clay loam

Average annual rainfall: 428 mm



Simulation assumptions

Crop growth

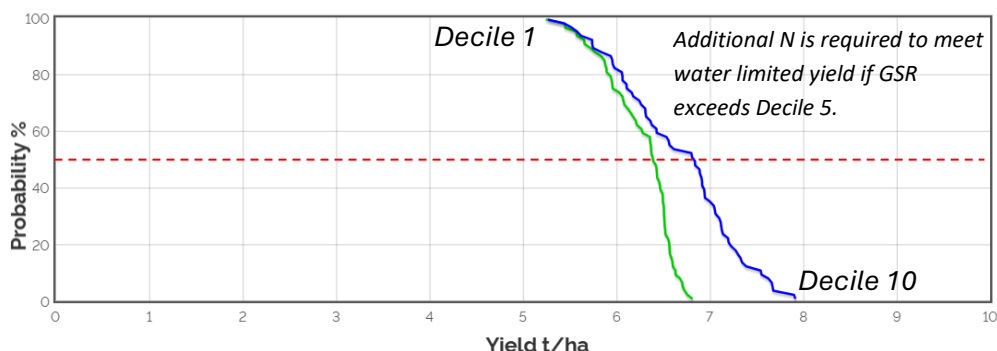
Variety: Scepter wheat
Sowing date: May 1, 2026
Measured starting N: 153 kg N/ha
Nitrogen fertiliser: 20 kg N/ha @ seeding
+ 45 kg N/ha in-season

The season so far

GSR to date: 246 mm
Estimated GSR decile to date: 6
Initial PAW (March 31): 85 mm
Current predicted PAW: 149 mm (57% full)
PAWC: 262 mm

Yield Prophet[®] prediction

Based on 153 kg N/ha
starting soil, seeding N + in
season application:
June 22: 45 kg N/ha



The **green** line in the graph above shows the predicted grain yield at Kybunga for nitrogen-limited yield (PY_N). The **blue** line represents the grain yield potential for water-limited yield (PY_W). No difference between these two lines indicates the current soil N level is adequate for the crop to reach its yield potential. A large difference between these two lines, indicates additional N fertiliser is required for the crop to reach its yield potential. Site characterisation data from APSoil for Kybunga has been used, and starting soil available nitrogen and water was measured. The red dotted line represents Decile 5 (or 50% probability of receiving 6.4 t/ha nitrogen-limited yield or 6.8 t/ha water-limited yield – refer to below table).

Based on data from the graph above, this table shows the amount of additional N required to close the yield gap between the nitrogen and water-limited yield across a range of decile seasons.

Equivalent decile finish	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PY_N (t/ha)	5.3	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.8
PY_W (t/ha)	5.3	5.7	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.9
Yield difference (t/ha)	0	0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.1
Difference in PY_W (t/ha) since last report	+ 1.9	+ 1.4	+ 1.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Additional N requirement (kg N/ha)	0	0	8	8	4	16	16	24	24	36	44

Location:

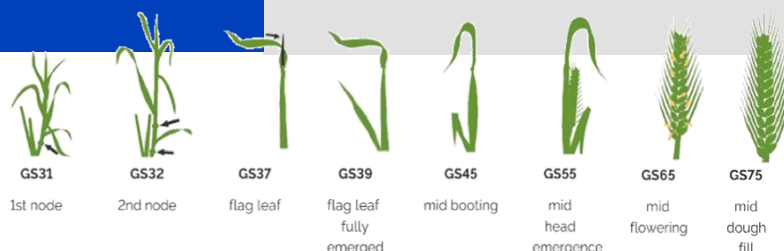
FARRELL FLAT

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Date of report: August 27, 2026

Soil type: Light clay loam

Average annual rainfall: 474 mm



Simulation assumptions

Crop growth

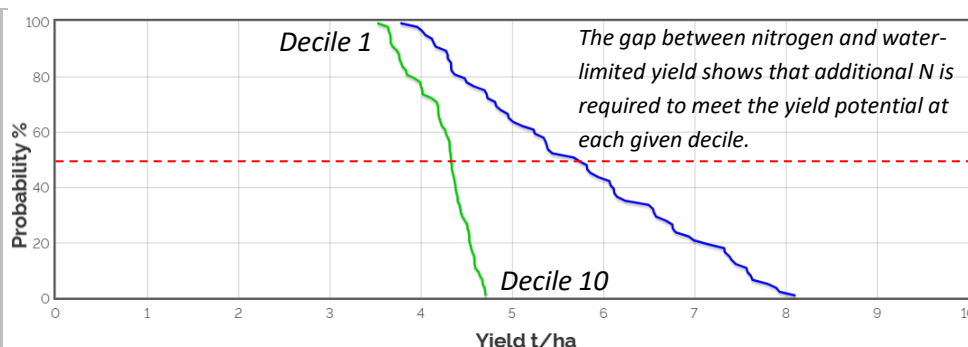
Variety: Scepter wheat
Sowing date: May 1, 2026
Measured starting N: 101 kg N/ha
Nitrogen fertiliser: 20 kg N/ha @ seeding
+ 105 kg N/ha in-season

The season so far

GSR to date: 253 mm
Estimated GSR decile to date: 6
Initial PAW (April 7): 13 mm
Current predicted PAW: 93 mm (54% full)
PAWC: 172 mm

Yield Prophet® prediction

Based on 101 kg N/ha starting soil,
seeding N + in season applications:
June 22: 45 kg N/ha
July 17: 60 kg N/ha



The **green** line in the graph above shows the predicted grain yield at Farrell Flat for nitrogen-limited yield (PY_N). The **blue** line represents the grain yield potential for water-limited yield (PY_W). No difference between these two lines indicates the current soil N level is adequate for the crop to reach its yield potential. A large difference between these two lines, indicates additional N fertiliser is required for the crop to reach its yield potential. Site characterisation data from APSoil for Farrell Flat has been used, and starting soil available nitrogen and water was measured. The red dotted line represents Decile 5 (or 50% probability of receiving 4.3 t/ha nitrogen-limited yield or 5.7 t/ha water-limited yield – refer to below table).

Based on data from the graph above, this table shows the amount of additional N required to close the yield gap between the nitrogen and water-limited yield across a range of decile seasons.

Equivalent decile finish	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PY_N (t/ha)	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7
PY_W (t/ha)	3.8	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.2	5.7	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.6	8.1
Yield difference (t/ha)	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.4	1.7	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.4
Difference in PY_W (t/ha) since last report	+ 1.6	+ 1.3	+ 0.8	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Additional N requirement (kg N/ha)	12	20	20	24	36	56	68	88	104	120	136

Location:

PINERY

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Soil type: Silty clay loam

Average annual rainfall: 374 mm

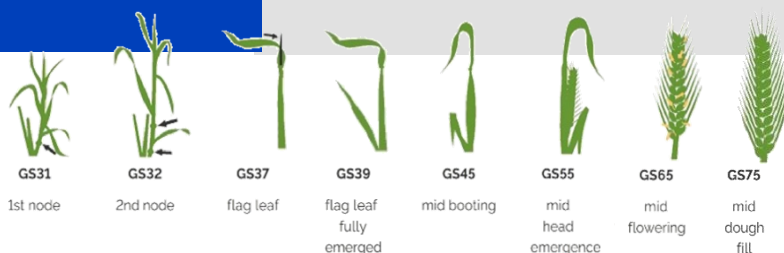
Simulation assumptions

Crop growth

Variety: Scepter wheat
Sowing date: May 1, 2026
Measured starting N: 196 kg N/ha
Nitrogen fertiliser: 20 kg N/ha @ seeding
+ 45 kg N/ha in-season

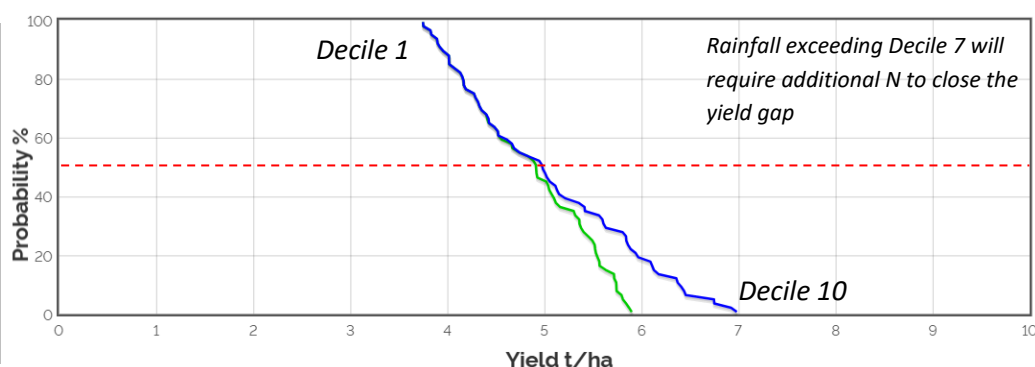
The season so far

GSR to date: 242.5 mm
Estimated GSR decile to date: 7
Initial PAW (April 7): 22 mm
Current predicted PAW: 58 mm (73% full)
PAWC: 79 mm



Yield Prophet[®] prediction

Based on 196 kg N/ha
starting soil, seeding N + in
season application:
June 22: 45 kg N/ha



The **green** line in the graph above shows the predicted grain yield at Pinery for nitrogen-limited yield (PY_N). The **blue** line represents the grain yield potential for water-limited yield (PY_w). No difference between these two lines indicates the current soil N level is adequate for the crop to reach its yield potential. A large difference between these two lines, indicates additional N fertiliser is required for the crop to reach its yield potential. Site characterisation data from APSoil for Pinery has been used, and starting soil available nitrogen and water was measured. The red dotted line represents Decile 5 (or 50% probability of receiving 4.9 t/ha nitrogen-limited yield or 5.0 t/ha water-limited yield – refer to below table).

Based on data from the graph above, this table shows the amount of additional N required to close the yield gap between the nitrogen and water-limited yield across a range of decile seasons.

Equivalent decile finish	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PY _N (t/ha)	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.9
PY _w (t/ha)	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.6	5.0	5.2	5.6	6.0	6.4	7.0
Yield difference (t/ha)	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.1
Difference in PY _w (t/ha) since last report	+ 1.6	+ 1.1	+ 1.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Additional N requirement (kg N/ha)	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	8	20	28	44

Location:

EUDUNDA

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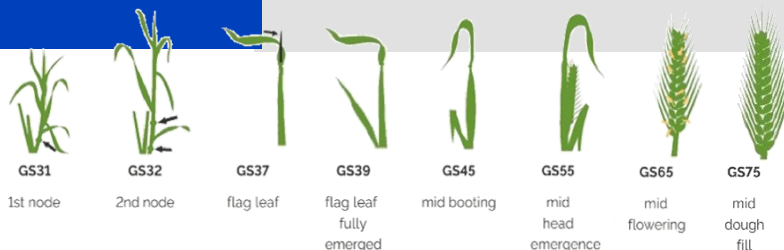
Soil type: Gravelly loam

Average annual rainfall: 445 mm

Simulation assumptions

Crop growth

Variety: Scepter wheat
Sowing date: May 1, 2026
Measured starting N: 229 kg N/ha
Nitrogen fertiliser: 20 kg N/ha @ seeding

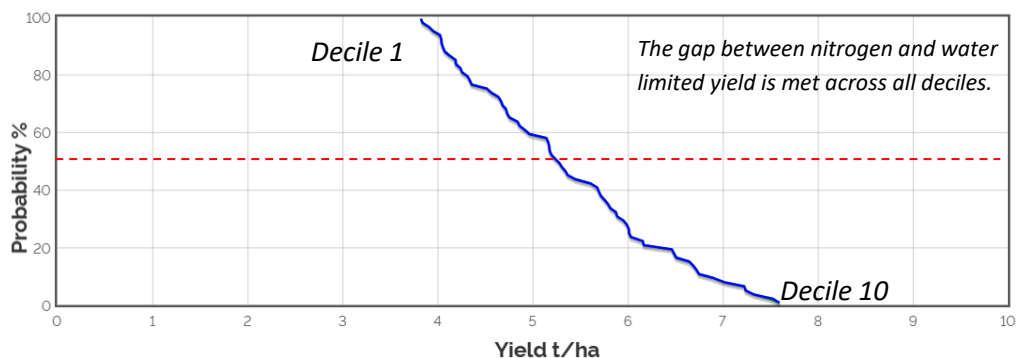


The season so far

GSR to date: 207 mm
Estimated GSR decile to date: 5
Initial PAW (April 7): 30 mm
Current predicted PAW: 81mm (84% full)
PAWC: 96 mm

Yield Prophet® prediction

Based on 229 kg N/ha
starting soil & seeding N



The **green** line in the graph above shows the predicted grain yield at Eudunda for nitrogen-limited yield (PY_N). The **blue** line represents the grain yield potential for water-limited yield (PY_W). No difference between these two lines indicates the current soil N level is adequate for the crop to reach its yield potential. A large difference between these two lines, indicates additional N fertiliser is required for the crop to reach its yield potential. Site characterisation data from APSoil for Eudunda has been used, and starting soil available nitrogen and water was measured. The red dotted line represents Decile 5 (or 50% probability of receiving 5.3 t/ha wheat grain yield – refer to below table).

Based on data from the graph above, this table shows the amount of additional N required to close the yield gap between the nitrogen and water-limited yield across a range of decile seasons.

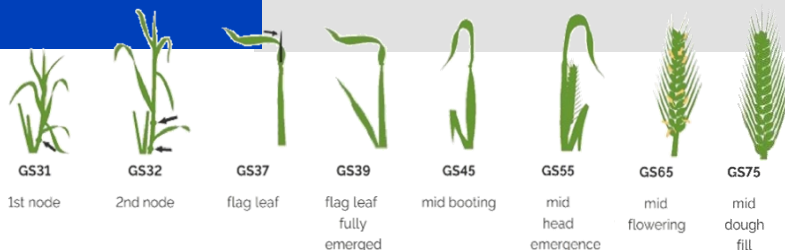
Equivalent decile finish	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PY _N (t/ha)	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.7	5.9	6.3	6.8	7.6
PY _W (t/ha)	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.7	5.9	6.3	6.8	7.6
Yield difference (t/ha)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference in PY _W (t/ha) since last report	+ 1.9	+ 1.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Additional N requirement (kg N/ha)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Location:

TARLEE

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Soil type: Sandy loam

Average annual rainfall: 428 mm

Simulation assumptions

Crop growth

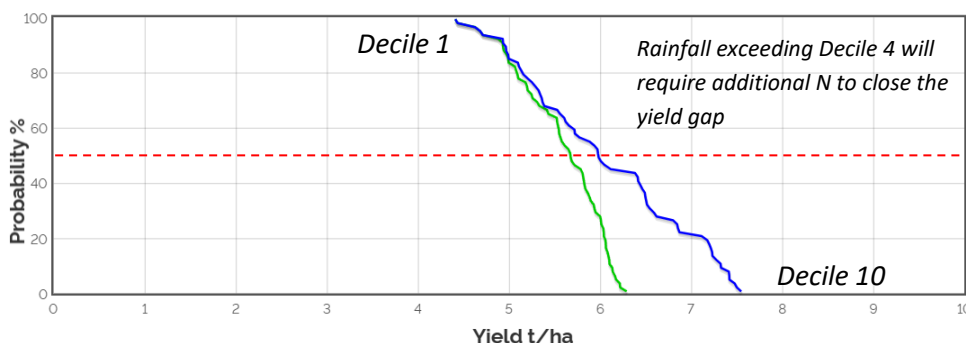
Variety: Scepter wheat
Sowing date: May 1, 2026
Measured starting N: 70 kg N/ha
Nitrogen fertiliser: 20 kg N/ha @ seeding
+ 105 kg N/ha in-season

The season so far

GSR to date: 246 mm
Estimated GSR decile to date: 5
Initial PAW (April 7): 81 mm
Current predicted PAW: 103 mm (91% full)
PAWC: 113 mm

Yield Prophet[®] prediction

Based on 70 kg N/ha starting soil,
seeding N + in season applications:
June 22: 45 kg N/ha
July 17: 60 kg N/ha



The **green** line in the graph above shows the predicted grain yield at Tarlee for nitrogen-limited yield (PY_N). The **blue** line represents the grain yield potential for water-limited yield (PY_W). No difference between these two lines indicates the current soil N level is adequate for the crop to reach its yield potential. A large difference between these two lines, indicates additional N fertiliser is required for the crop to reach its yield potential. Site characterisation data from APSoil for Tarlee has been used, and starting soil available nitrogen and water was measured. The red dotted line represents Decile 5 (or 50% probability of receiving 5.7 t/ha nitrogen-limited yield or 6.0 t/ha water-limited yield).

Based on data from the graph above, this table shows the amount of additional N required to close the yield gap between the nitrogen and water-limited yield across a range of decile seasons.

Equivalent decile finish	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PY _N (t/ha)	4.4	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.3
PY _W (t/ha)	4.4	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.7	6.0	6.4	6.6	7.1	7.3	7.6
Yield difference (t/ha)	0	0	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.3
Difference in PY _W (t/ha) since last report	+ 1.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Additional N requirement (kg N/ha)	0	0	0	4	8	12	24	28	40	48	52