



# TIME OF SOWING – EFFECT ON YIELD OF WHEAT AT MARCHAGEE

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## AIM

Provide growers with useful information to understand the impact of sowing time on the yield and quality of new and current wheat varieties.

## BACKGROUND

This trial is one component of a state wide project ‘Variety specific agronomy for wheat yield and quality in the Western Region’ which is funded through DAFWA and GRDC.

## TRIAL DETAILS

<b>Property</b>	Clint, Ian & Helen Hunt, Marchagee
<b>Plot size &amp; replication</b>	18m x 1.54m x 3 replicates
<b>Soil type</b>	Gravelly Loam
<b>Sowing date</b>	TOS 1: 1/5/08; TOS 2: 16/5/08; TOS 3: 12/6/08
<b>Fertiliser</b>	100 kg/ha Agstar Extra below the seed at seeding; 40 kg/ha Urea topdressed at seeding
<b>Herbicides, Insecticides &amp; Fungicides</b>	Pre: 1.5 L/ha Sprayseed. IBS: 1.5 L/ha Treflan + 1 L/ha Roundup Post: 200 mL/ha Lontrol, 1 L/ha Jaguar 100 ml/ha Talstar, 200 mL/ha Dominex at seeding
<b>Growing Season Rainfall</b>	324mm

## RESULTS

**Table 1:** Yield of wheat varieties sown at three times of sowing at Marchagee.

Variety	Grain Yield (t/ha)			Variety Ave.
	1-May	16-May	12-Jun	
Arrino	4.22	4.83	3.61	4.22
Axe	2.27	3.64	3.35	3.08
Binnu	4.70	4.94	3.61	4.42
Calingiri	<b>5.41</b>	4.89	3.73	4.68
Carinya	4.12	4.34	3.17	3.88
Carnamah	4.94	<b>5.15</b>	3.92	4.67
Catalina	3.40	4.30	3.91	3.87
Derrimut Wt	2.93	4.14	3.51	3.53
EGA Bonnie Rock	4.36	4.50	3.87	4.24
EGA Wentworth	3.99	4.11	3.39	3.83
Espada	4.11	4.59	3.64	4.11
Fortune	5.06	<b>5.13</b>	3.69	4.63
Gladius	4.11	4.63	3.71	4.15
Mace	5.08	<b>5.40</b>	3.66	4.71
Magenta	<b>5.72</b>	<b>5.36</b>	3.98	5.02
Tammarin Rock	3.85	4.70	3.65	4.07
Wyalkatchem	4.76	<b>5.27</b>	3.65	4.56
Yandanooka	4.99	4.97	4.31	4.76
Yitpi	4.61	4.46	3.78	4.28
Young	3.63	4.68	3.73	4.02
Zippy	2.84	4.40	3.55	3.60
Average within each TOS	4.24	4.69	3.66	4.20
TOS (lsd)	0.15			
Var (lsd)	0.24			
Var (lsd) between TOS	0.42			
Var (lsd) within TOS	0.42			
%CV	6			

**COMMENTS**

- The average yields peaked at the mid May sowing.
- Magenta and Calingiri were the higher yielding varieties when sown in early May. Their yields declined 0.4 and 0.5 t/ha respectively by mid May sowing.
- Yields of most of the varieties actually increased with the mid May sowing although the differences between the May sowings is not significant for varieties like Binnu, Carnamah, Carinya, EGA Bonnie Rock, Fortune, Mace, Yandanooka and Yitpi.
- Carnamah, Mace, Magenta and Wyalkatchem were the higher yielding APW or AH varieties when sown in mid May.
- Early maturing varieties Axe and Zippy did not yield well across all the sowing times. However we need more information on the grain quality with the later sowings (data will be available at the Crop Updates) and their value assessed in years with limited finishing rains.
- The new noodle variety, Fortune did not perform better than Calingiri with the early May sowing, however on average across all sowing times it yielded the same as Calingiri. Based on these results, none of the noodle wheat varieties were higher yielding than Calingiri with the early sowing opportunity, but with later sowings, they are a viable option.
- Grain quality results were not available at the time of print, but will be available by the Crop Updates.

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